

Extraordinary Meeting of the

# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, 23 November 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

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## A G E N D A

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### VENUE

Committee Room 1,1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove  
Crescent, London, E14 2BG

Members:	Deputies (if any):
Chair: Councillor Shiria Khatun Vice-Chair: Councillor Sirajul Islam	
Councillor Mizan Chaudhury Councillor Mohammed Abdul Mukit MBE Councillor Md. Maium Miah Councillor Gloria Thienel 1 Vacancy	Councillor Peter Golds, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Gloria Thienel) Councillor Craig Aston, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Gloria Thienel) Councillor Marc Francis, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Shiria Khatun, Mizan Chaudhury, Mohammed Abdul Mukit, MBE and Sirajul Islam) Councillor David Edgar, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Shiria Khatun, Mizan Chaudhury, Mohammed Abdul Mukit, MBE and Sirajul Islam) Councillor Khaled Uddin Ahmed, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Shiria Khatun, Mizan Chaudhury, Mohammed Abdul Mukit, MBE and Sirajul Islam)

**[Note: The quorum for this body is 3 Members].**

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### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Chief Executive.

### 3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

	PAGE NUMBERS	WARD(S) AFFECTED
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#### 3.1 Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review 2013 - Council Response to Consultation

(Report to follow)

#### 3.2 Local Electoral Review 2012 - Update

To receive a verbal update on the local Electoral Review 2012.

#### 3.3 Appointments to Outside Bodies

(Report to follow)

# Agenda Item 2

## DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This note is guidance only. Members should consult the Council's Code of Conduct for further details. Note: Only Members can decide if they have an interest therefore they must make their own decision. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending at a meeting.

### Declaration of interests for Members

Where Members have a personal interest in any business of the authority as described in paragraph 4 of the Council's Code of Conduct (contained in part 5 of the Council's Constitution) then s/he must disclose this personal interest as in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Code. Members must disclose the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting and certainly no later than the commencement of the item or where the interest becomes apparent.

You have a **personal interest** in any business of your authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:

- (a) An interest that you must **register**
- (b) An interest that is not on the register, but where the well-being or financial position of you, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association, is likely to be affected by the business of your authority more than it would affect the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision.

Where a personal interest is declared a Member may stay and take part in the debate and decision on that item.

**What constitutes a prejudicial interest?** - Please refer to paragraph 6 of the adopted Code of Conduct.

**Your personal interest will also be a prejudicial interest in a matter if (a), (b) and either (c) or (d) below apply:-**

- (a) A member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think that your personal interests are so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interests; AND
- (b) The matter does not fall within one of the exempt categories of decision listed in paragraph 6.2 of the Code; AND EITHER
- (c) The matter affects your financial position or the financial interest of a body with which you are associated; or
- (d) The matter relates to the determination of a licensing or regulatory application

The key points to remember if you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting:-

- i. You must declare that you have a prejudicial interest, and the nature of that interest, as soon as that interest becomes apparent to you; and
- ii. You must leave the room for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision unless (iv) below applies; and

- iii. You must not seek to improperly influence a decision in which you have a prejudicial interest.
- iv. If Members of the public are allowed to speak or make representations at the meeting, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, by statutory right or otherwise (e.g. planning or licensing committees), you can declare your prejudicial interest but make representations. However, you must immediately leave the room once you have finished your representations and answered questions (if any). You cannot remain in the meeting or in the public gallery during the debate or decision on the matter.