

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

Friday, 31 July 2015

Mayor's Decision Log No. 104


1. **APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES 201/16 (Pages 1 - 14)**

If you require any further information relating to this meeting, would like to request a large print, Braille or audio version of this document, or would like to discuss access arrangements or any other special requirements, please contact: John S. Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services

Tel: 0207 364 4204, e-mail: johns.williams@towerhamlets.gov.uk

This page is intentionally left blank

Agenda Item 1

Individual Mayoral Decision Decision Log No: 104	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: John S. Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services	Classification: Unrestricted
Appointments to External Bodies 2015/16	

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	N/A
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As set out in the report to the General Purposes Committee on 3 July 2012, it is the responsibility of the Mayor to appoint representatives to certain External Bodies on behalf of Tower Hamlets Council.

The appendix attached to the report lists the first tranche of proposed appointments for 2015/16 for the terms set out next to each appointment.

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

DECISION

The Mayor is recommended:

1. To agree the appointments to External Bodies as listed in Appendix 1 to the report.

APPROVALS

1. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed  Date 28/7/15

2. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

I confirm that this decision:-


(a) has been published in advance on the Council's Forward Plan OR
(b) is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' or 'Special Urgency' provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed  Date 30/07/2015

3. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in paragraph above for the reasons set out in paragraphs 1 and 3.1, 3.2 in the attached report.

Signed  Date 31/7/15

Individual Mayoral Decision	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: John S. Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services	Classification: Unrestricted
Appointments to External Bodies 2015/16	

Lead Member	Mayor John Biggs
Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager
Wards affected	All wards
Community Plan Theme	All
Key Decision?	No

Executive Summary

The Mayor has responsibility for appointing representatives to certain External Bodies on behalf of Tower Hamlets Council. The appendix to this report sets out the first tranche of appointments made by the Mayor for 2015/16. Most appointments are for one year unless set out in the appointment details. A second report will follow with further appointments.

Where appropriate the appendix also lists appointments to be made by the Mayor of London or Council. In these cases the Mayor may nominate a candidate and the formal appointment(s) will be made by the appropriate person/body.

Recommendations:

The Mayor is recommended to:

1. Agree the appointments to External Bodies as shown in Appendix 1.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 Appointing representatives to outside bodies increases the Council's engagement with the local community and improves its potential to offer leadership and guidance in relation to activities taking place in the Borough.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Mayor could decide not to make appointments to outside bodies at all. However, this is not recommended as it would reduce the Council's opportunity to be involved in and to support good work within the community and it would also reduce the Council's leadership opportunities. There are also a number of bodies where the Council is required, or expected to provide a representative.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 Participating in the work of external bodies is an important part of the role of elected members but is different in nature from other aspects such as being a member of a local authority executive or sitting on regulatory committees. In some cases it will involve actively representing and defending the authority's interests on local authority associations. In others it will involve becoming a trustee of a charity or a director of a company limited by guarantee. In this case Members have a duty to act in the best interests of the organisation to which they have been appointed rather than exclusively pursue the authority's interests. There are potential tensions in carrying out this role effectively. To this end guidance will be sent to all those appointed to external bodies.
- 3.2 A key part of this role is ensuring that information about the activities of external bodies is communicated to the Council. Much of this may take place through day to day contact with colleagues or with officers responsible for that area of work.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. Pursuant to section 9D(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, any function of the Council which is not specified in regulations is to be the responsibility of the Council's executive under executive arrangements. The relevant regulations which specify non-executive functions are the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 ("the Functions Regulations").
- 5.2. The Functions Regulations specify a category of functions which may be (but need not be) the responsibility of a local authority's executive. These are

sometimes referred to as local choice functions. Included in the category of local choice functions is the appointment of any individual to anybody, other than the Council or a joint committee, and the revocation of any such appointment. The Council's Constitution (part 3.2.2) specifies that responsibility for such appointments lies with the Mayor if the appointment is made in relation to or in support of an executive function.

- 5.3. The majority of the appointments in Appendix 1 relate to local choice functions and are the responsibility of the executive. The Mayor therefore has responsibility for these appointments under the Constitution.
- 5.4. The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) and London Legacy Development Corporation Planning Decisions Committee are established under section 198 of the Localism Act 2011. Although these bodies carry out planning functions, these have been transferred to the LLDC by the London Legacy Development Corporation (Planning Functions) Order 2012. Consequently the LLDC is not exercising non-executive functions on behalf of the Council, and the nominations to those Boards fall within the Mayor of Tower Hamlets' executive powers.
- 5.5. Tower Hamlets Homes Ltd (THH) is a company limited by guarantee, established by the Council to exercise some of its housing management functions. The functions exercised by THH are identified in a management agreement made pursuant to section 27 of the Housing Act 1985 and approved by the Secretary of State. THH's Articles of Association specify that the Board will comprise 10 Members, of which four shall be Council Board Members and be Councillors appointed by the Council's Executive. As THH is concerned with exercising housing management functions which are executive functions, appointments to THH's board are considered to be made in relation to or in support of executive functions and thus within the responsibility of the Mayor.
- 5.6. When considering appointments or the approach to be taken to appointments, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who don't (the public sector equality duty). It is important to be satisfied that any process followed is supportive of equal opportunity.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 Appointing representatives to outside bodies increases the Council's engagement with the local community and improves its potential to offer leadership and guidance in relation to activities taking place in the Borough.

7. BEST VALUE (BV IMPLICATIONS)

- 7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Where appropriate it is important that any training/support needs of new appointees are identified by the bodies concerned and that appropriate training and support is delivered.

9.2 The appointment of representatives to external bodies enables the Council to strengthen links with the community. The appointment of representatives also contributes to the Council's leadership role in the community.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – List of Appointments to External Bodies

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- None.

Officer contact details for documents:

- N/A

APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES 2015/2016

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s) for 2014/15	Appointment(s) for 2015/16	Nomination agreed:
Action for Bow Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Marc Francis	Cllr Marc Francis	
Docklands Sailing & Water Sports Centre Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Maium Miah	Cllr Dave Chesterton	
East End Homes Term: 1 year	2 Board Members Plus corporate membership nominee (members)	Mayor	Cllr Gulam Robbani (Corporate Member) Cllr Suluk Ahmed	Cllr Andrew Cregan Cllr Khales Uddin Ahmed	
East London & The City University Mental Health NHS Trust Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Abdul Asad	Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs	
English Heritage – Historic Environment Champion Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Shahed Ali	Cllr Denise Jones	

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s) for 2014/15	Appointment(s) for 2015/16	Nomination agreed:
Green Candle Dance Company <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Mufti Miah	Cllr Candida Ronald	
Greenwich & Docklands Festival <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Maium Miah	Cllr Amina Ali	
Jagonari Women's Education & Resource Centre Board Member <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Gulam Robbani	Cllr Sabina Akhtar	
London City Airport Consultative Committee <i>Term: 3 years</i>	1 + 1 Deputy (Can be Members, officers or lay persons)	Mayor	Cllr Shahed Ali Cllr Suluk Ahmed (deputy)	Cllr Amina Ali Cllr Clare Harrisson (Deputy)	
London Legacy Development Corporation <i>Term: As determined by Mayor of London</i>	1 (Member)	<i>Mayor of London appointment</i> <i>(nomination by Mayor)</i>	Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Ongoing)	Mayor John Biggs	

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s) for 2014/15	Appointment(s) for 2015/16	Nomination agreed:
London Legacy Development Corporation Planning Decisions Committee <i>Term: As determined by Mayor of London</i>	1 + 1 deputy <i>(Members, officers or others)</i>	<i>Mayor of London appointment (nomination by Mayor)</i>	Cllr Rabina Khan Cllr Maium Miah (Deputy)	Cllr Rachel Blake Cllr Amina Ali (Deputy)	
Merchant Navy Welfare Board <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Abdul Asad	Cllr Amina Ali	
Mile End Park Partnership Company <i>Term: 1 year</i>	2 (Members)	Mayor	Cllr Oliur Rahman Cllr Alibor Choudhury	Cllr Denise Jones Cllr David Edgar	
Mudchute Association (Park and Farm) <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Maium Miah	Cllr Clare Harrisson	

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s) for 2014/15	Appointment(s) for 2015/16	Nomination agreed:
Norton Folgate Almshouse Charities Term: 4 years	3 (Can be Members, Officers or Lay Persons)	Mayor	N/A	Cllr John Pierce	
Ocean Regeneration Trust Board Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Mayor	Cllr Alibor Choudhury Cllr Mahbub Alam	Cllr Ayas Miah Cllr Sabina Akhtar	
Older People's Member Champion Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Abdul Asad	Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs	
Parmiters Bethnal Green Education Trust Term: 4 years	1 (May be Member, Officer or lay person)	Mayor	Cllr Gulam Robbani	Cllr Clare Harrisson	

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s) for 2014/15	Appointment(s) for 2015/16	Nomination agreed:
Poplar Harca Boards Term: 1 year	4 (must be Members) One on each of 4 boards: - PH Board; - Places; - Services - Finance & Audit	Mayor	Cllr Mufti Miah Cllr Ohid Ahmed Cllr Shah Alam Cllr Gulam Kibriya Choudhury	Cllr Helal Uddin Cllr Danny Hassell Cllr Shiria Khatun Cllr Khales Uddin Ahmed	
Rich Mix Cultural Foundation Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Mayor	Cllr Abjol Miah Cllr Mahbub Alam	Cllr Candida Ronald Cllr Asma Begum	
Spitalfields Market Community Trust Term: 1 year	3 (Members)	Mayor	Cllr Gulam Robbani Cllr Suluk Ahmed Cllr Aminur Khan	Cllr Sirajul Islam Cllr Abdul Mukit Cllr Amina Ali	
Stepney Relief in Need Charity Term: 4 years	3 (Can be Members, officers or Lay Persons)	Mayor	Cllr Alibor Choudhury Cllr Oliur Rahman Cllr Mahbub Alam	Cllr Sabina Akhtar Cllr Ayas Miah (One Position to be filled)	

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s) for 2014/15	Appointment(s) for 2015/16	Nomination agreed:
St. Paul's Way School Foundation Trust – Member Authorised Representative Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Gulam Robanni	Cllr Rachael Saunders	
Tower Hamlets Homes Board Term: as determined by Mayor	4 (Members)	Mayor	Cllr Gulam Robbani Cllr Alibor Choudhury Cllr Suluk Ahmed Cllr Maium Miah	Cllr Helal Uddin Cllr John Pierce Cllr Sabina Akhtar Cllr Marc Francis	
V & A Museum of Childhood Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Mayor	Cllr Shafiqul Haque Cllr Aminur Khan	Cllr Clare Harrisson Cllr Denise Jones	
Whitechapel Art Gallery Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Cllr Shafiqul Haque	Cllr Amina Ali	

Name of Committee & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s) for 2014/15	Appointment(s) for 2015/16	
London Councils Leaders Committee Term: 1 year	1 Member and up to 2 deputies	Mayor	Mayor Lutfur Rahman Deputies: Cllr Oliur Rahman, Cllr Gulam Robbani	Mayor John Biggs Deputies: Cllr Shiria Khatun Cllr Rachael Saunders	
London Councils Transport and Environment Committee Term: 1 year	1 Member and up to 4 deputies	Mayor	Cllr Shahed Ali, Cabinet Member for Clean and Green	Cllr Ayas Miah	
London Councils Grants Committee Term: 1 year	1 Member and up to 4 deputies (NB: All must be cabinet members)	Mayor	Cllr Gulam Robbani, Cabinet Member for Children's Services	Cllr Rachael Saunders Cllr Amina Ali (Deputy)	
Greater London Employment Forum Term: 1 year	1 Member	Mayor	Cllr Oliur Rahman, Dep. Mayor and Cabinet Member for Economic Development	Cllr David Edgar	

Name of Committee & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s) for 2014/15	Appointment(s) for 2015/16	
London Councils Pensions CIV Sectoral Joint Committee	1 Member	Mayor	N/A	Cllr Clare Harrisson	