

Committee General Purposes Committee	Date 25th March 2009	Classification Unrestricted	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
Report of: Service Head, Democratic Services		Title: APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES		
Originating Officer(s): John S. Williams		Ward(s) affected: All		

SUMMARY

1. The General Purposes Committee has responsibility for appointing Councillors, officers or other nominees as appropriate to represent the Council on external bodies. On 18th June 2008 the Committee received nominations from the political groups and agreed the Council's appointments to a wide range of external bodies for the municipal year 2008/09.
2. This report sets out a number of further appointments which now fall to be made, in respect either of organisations that have newly invited the Council to nominate a representative or where a vacancy has arisen since the June 2008 meeting, for example as the result of the resignation of the existing nominee.
3. The table overleaf lists the outstanding appointments and any nominations received at the time of printing the agenda. The respective political groups have been notified of the vacancies listed and any further nominations or amendments received prior to the committee will be reported at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. That appointments be made to external bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2008/2009 as listed at paragraph 7 overleaf.

BACKGROUND

5. The General Purposes Committee has been established by Council to enable the swift determination of non-executive matters, including appointments to external bodies.
6. The Committee is requested to consider the nominations set out below for appointment to External Bodies, which have been received from the political groups on the Council. Appointments are made for one municipal year unless otherwise indicated.

VACANCIES AND NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

7. The Committee is asked to make appointments to the following vacant positions. Any nominations received from the political groups prior to agenda despatch are listed below. Any further nominations received prior to the Committee will be tabled at the meeting:

Organisation	Reason for vacancy	Current representative(s)	Nominations
Cultural Industries Development Agency	Resignation of Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed as one of the Council's two nominees.	Cllr Denise Jones (ongoing to May 2009) 1 vacancy	Labour Group nomination: Councillor Salim Ullah
East London Nursing Society Trust (4 year term)	Membership of all three of the Council's nominees (Councillor Dr Anwara Ali, Councillor Oliur Rahman and Ms Anna Lynch) has lapsed.	3 vacancies	To be notified. NB: The lapsed nominees are eligible for re-appointment if they wish and if they can confirm availability to attend the Trustees' meetings.
North East London Valuation Tribunal (6 year term)	Expiry (on 1 st January 2009) of Mr Leon Rogers' term of office as one of the Council's three representatives.	Mr Jeffrey Pelta (ongoing to 31 December 2009) Mr Martin Young (ongoing to 31 December 2009) 1 vacancy	To be notified. NB: The Valuation Tribunal has invited the Council to re-appoint all three representatives now to avoid the need for further nominations in December 2009.

Norton Folgate Almhouses Charity (4 year term)	Resignation of Ms Sybil Yates as one of the Council's three representatives.	Cllr Bill Turner (ongoing to June 2010) Ms Rachel Blake (ongoing to June 2012) 1 vacancy	To be notified. NB: The nominee does not have to be a Councillor or officer of the Council.
Parmiters Bethnal Green Education Trust	No nomination made at GP Committee 18 June 2008	1 vacancy	To be notified.
Stepney Relief In Need Charity (4 year term)	Retirement of Mr David Byatt as one of the Council's three representatives.	Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed (to June 2009) Cllr Bill Turner (to June 2012) 1 vacancy	Labour Group nomination: Councillor Oliur Rahman

COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

9. There are no legal comments arising from this report.

IMPLICATIONS FOR ONE TOWER HAMLETS

10. There are no immediate implications for One Tower Hamlets arising from this report.

ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no immediate anti-poverty implications arising from this report.

SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT (SAGE)

12. There are no immediate SAGE implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97) LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "background paper"

**Name and telephone number of
holder and address where open to
inspection**

External Bodies File

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