

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2010**

**COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP, REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report sets out the membership of the Council following the elections held on 6 May 2010 and reviews proportionality as required by section 15 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 ('The 1989 Act'). The report further recommends the establishment of committees and panels as set out in the constitution and proposes the allocation of places on those committees and panels between the political groups on the Council.
- 1.2 The nominations of the groups for membership of those committees and panels in accordance with the allocation of places; and certain other bodies not covered by the proportionality rules, will follow at agenda item 10.
- 1.3 Part 4 of the constitution states that the Annual Council Meeting will establish an Overview & Scrutiny Committee, a Standards Committee and such other committees/panels as it considers appropriate to deal with matters which are neither Executive Functions nor reserved to the Council. The committees, panels and other bodies appointed by the Council are listed at Part 3 of the constitution.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Council note the membership of the Authority following the Council elections on 6 May 2010 as set out at Appendix A; and the review of proportionality as at section 3 of the report overleaf.
- 2.2 That committees and panels be established for the Municipal Year 2010/11, and places be allocated on those committees and panels, as set out at paragraph 3.4 overleaf.
- 2.3 That part 3 of the Council's constitution be amended as necessary to reflect the changes agreed to the membership of committees and panels.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The membership of Tower Hamlets Council following the local elections held on 6 May 2010 is listed at Appendix A to this report, showing for each Councillor the ward represented and the political group of which he/she is a member.
- 3.2 Section 15(1) of the 1989 Act requires the Council at, or as soon as practicable after, the Annual Meeting to carry out a review to determine the allocation to the political groups of seats on the committees/panels of the Council. The principles which must be adopted are:
- (i) that all seats are not allocated to the same political group;
  - (ii) that the majority of seats go to the political group with the majority on the Council;
  - (iii) that subject to (i) and (ii) the number of seats on the total of all the ordinary committees/panels of the authority allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the full Council; and
  - (iv) that subject to the above three principles, the number of seats on each ordinary committee/panel of the authority allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the full Council.
- 3.3 Following the Council elections on 6 May, notice has been received in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 that the following groups have been constituted:-

| Group             | seats     | %             |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Labour            | 41        | 80.39         |
| Conservative      | 8         | 15.69         |
| Liberal Democrat* | 1         | 1.96          |
| Respect*          | 1         | 1.96          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>51</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

\* NB: For the purposes of the 1989 Act an individual councillor cannot constitute a 'political group'. However in the interests of inclusion and good governance it is recommended that the Council allocate committee places to the individual Liberal Democrat and Respect members as overleaf.

- 3.4 The Council is recommended to establish the committees and panels listed below for the municipal year 2010/11. The principles at paragraph 3.2 above have been applied where necessary as closely as is reasonably

practicable in arriving at the following proposed allocation of places on those committees and panels:

(a) Committees/panels covered by the requirement for proportionality:

| Committee/panel                                     | Total | Labour | Conservative | Liberal Democrat | Respect |
|---|-------|--------|--------------|------------------|---------|
| Overview & Scrutiny Committee<br>(plus 5 co-optees) | 9     | 6      | 1            | 1                | 1       |
| Health Scrutiny Panel                               | 7     | 6      | 1            | -                | -       |
| Appeals Committee                                   | 7     | 6      | 1            | -                | -       |
| Audit Committee                                     | 7     | 5      | 1            | 1                | -       |
| Development Committee                               | 7     | 6      | 1            | -                | -       |
| Strategic Development Committee                     | 7     | 6      | 1            | -                | -       |
| General Purposes Committee                          | 7     | 6      | 1            | -                | -       |
| Human Resources Committee                           | 7     | 6      | 1            | -                | -       |
| Licensing Committee                                 | 15    | 11     | 3            | -                | 1       |
| Pensions Committee                                  | 7     | 6      | 1            | -                | -       |

(b) Committee not covered by the requirement for proportionality:

| Committee   | Total | Labour | Conservative | Liberal Democrat | Respect |
|---|-------|--------|--------------|------------------|---------|
| Standards Committee<br>(plus 9 independent members) | 5     | 3      | 2            | -                | -       |

3.5 The size of some of the committees/panels listed above varies from that which applied during 2009/10 and appropriate amendments will therefore be required to part 3 of the Council's constitution.

#### 4. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASST. CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

4.1 The legal position is set out in the main body of the report.

#### 5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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#### 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

None.

**APPENDIX A**

**MEMBERSHIP OF TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL – MAY 2010**

| Name                | Ward                    | Political Group  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Stephanie Eaton     | Bethnal Green North     | Liberal Democrat |
| Carlo Gibbs         | Bethnal Green North     | Labour           |
| Zenith Rahman       | Bethnal Green North     | Labour           |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Mizanur Chaudhury   | Bethnal Green South     | Labour           |
| Sirajul Islam       | Bethnal Green South     | Labour           |
| Lesley Pavitt       | Bethnal Green South     | Labour           |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Tim Archer          | Blackwall & Cubitt Town | Conservative     |
| Peter Golds         | Blackwall & Cubitt Town | Conservative     |
| Gloria Thienel      | Blackwall & Cubitt Town | Conservative     |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Marc Francis        | Bow East                | Labour           |
| Carli Harper-Penman | Bow East                | Labour           |
| Ahmed Adam Omer     | Bow East                | Labour           |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Ann Jackson         | Bow West                | Labour           |
| Anwar Khan          | Bow West                | Labour           |
| Joshua Peck         | Bow West                | Labour           |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Khales Uddin Ahmed  | Bromley By Bow          | Labour           |
| Rania Khan          | Bromley By Bow          | Labour           |
| Helal Uddin         | Bromley By Bow          | Labour           |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Ohid Ahmed          | East India & Lansbury   | Labour           |
| Rajib Ahmed         | East India & Lansbury   | Labour           |
| Shiria Khatun       | East India & Lansbury   | Labour           |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Craig Aston         | Limehouse               | Conservative     |
| Lutfu Begum         | Limehouse               | Labour           |
| David Edgar         | Limehouse               | Labour           |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Rofique Uddin Ahmed | Mile End & Globe Town   | Labour           |
| Bill Turner         | Mile End & Globe Town   | Labour           |
| Amy Whitelock       | Mile End & Globe Town   | Labour           |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Rachael Saunders    | Mile End East           | Labour           |
| Kosru Uddin         | Mile End East           | Labour           |
| Motin Uz-Zaman      | Mile End East           | Labour           |
|                     |                         |                  |
| Zara Davis          | Millwall                | Conservative     |
| Maium Miah          | Millwall                | Conservative     |
| David Snowdon       | Millwall                | Conservative     |

| <b>Name</b>                 | <b>Ward</b>                  | <b>Political Group</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
|                             |                              |                        |
| Alibor Choudhury            | Shadwell                     | Labour                 |
| Rabina Khan                 | Shadwell                     | Labour                 |
| Harun Miah                  | Shadwell                     | Respect                |
|                             |                              |                        |
| Helal Abbas                 | Spitalfields & Banglatown    | Labour                 |
| Shelina Akhtar              | Spitalfields & Banglatown    | Labour                 |
| Lutfur Rahman               | Spitalfields & Banglatown    | Labour                 |
|                             |                              |                        |
| Judith Gardiner             | St Dunstan's & Stepney Green | Labour                 |
| Oliur Rahman                | St Dunstan's & Stepney Green | Labour                 |
| Abdal Ullah                 | St Dunstan's & Stepney Green | Labour                 |
|                             |                              |                        |
| Shafiqul Haque              | St Katharine's & Wapping     | Labour                 |
| Denise Jones                | St Katharine's & Wapping     | Labour                 |
| Emma Jones                  | St Katharine's & Wapping     | Conservative           |
|                             |                              |                        |
| Kabir Ahmed                 | Weavers                      | Labour                 |
| Anna Lynch                  | Weavers                      | Labour                 |
| Mohammed Abdul Mukit<br>MBE | Weavers                      | Labour                 |
|                             |                              |                        |
| Shahed Ali                  | Whitechapel                  | Labour                 |
| Abdul Asad                  | Whitechapel                  | Labour                 |
| Aminur Khan                 | Whitechapel                  | Labour                 |