

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2010

**COMMITTEE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor M. Shahid Ali (Chair)

Councillor Clair Hawkins

Councillor A A Sardar (Vice-Chair)

Officers Present:

John Williams – (Service Head, Democratic Services)

Louise Fleming – (Acting Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lutfa Begum, Philip Briscoe and Waiseul Islam.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Abdul Aziz Sardar declared a personal interest in item 4 "Appointments to Outside Bodies: St Paul's Way School Foundation Trust" as it related to the issue of a school governing body; and Councillor Sardar was a governor of Marner Primary School.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

Members requested further information on the decision regarding a further polling station in the Millwall Ward, as there was concern expressed over the proposal to establish a polling station in the car park of the City Pride public house. Mr John Williams, Service Head Democratic Services, advised

Members that he would seek this information from the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) and circulate to Members.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES: ST PAUL'S WAY SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

Mr John Williams, Service Head Democratic Services, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points and advised that one nomination had been received for the appointment of a Member Authorised Representative on the St Paul's Way School Foundation Trust. Mr Williams also responded to Members questions regarding the makeup of the Foundation Trust.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Rachael Saunders be appointed to serve as the Council's Member Authorised Representative on the St Paul's Way School Foundation Trust for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2009/10.

5. URGENT ITEM: APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

Mr John Williams, Service Head Democratic Services tabled an urgent item relating to two vacancies for Council representatives on the Ocean Regeneration Trust Board and the Tower Hamlets Homes Board. However, he reported that no nominations had been received and it was therefore proposed to defer consideration of the vacancies to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the appointments to the Ocean Regeneration Trust Board and the Tower Hamlets Homes Board be deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

Chair, Councillor M. Shahid Ali
General Purposes Committee