

Committee General Purposes Committee	Date 29th September 2010	Classification Unrestricted	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
Report of: Service Head, Democratic Services		Title: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES		
Originating Officer(s): John S. Williams		Ward(s) affected: All		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The General Purposes Committee has responsibility for appointing Councillors, officers or other nominees as appropriate to represent the authority on outside bodies. On 23rd June 2010 the Committee received nominations from the political groups and agreed the Council's appointments to a range of external bodies for the municipal year 2010/11.
- 1.2 This report sets out further appointments which now fall to be made where vacancies have arisen since the June 2010 meeting and any other matters relating to external appointments that require a decision of the Committee.
- 1.3 The appended table lists the outstanding appointments/decisions required 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.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee agree the appointments and recommendations in relation to external appointments as set out in the table attached at Appendix A to this report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The General Purposes Committee has been established by Council to enable the efficient determination of non-executive matters, including appointments to committees, panels and external bodies.

3.2 The Committee is requested to consider the appointments and related matters attached. Appointments are made until the end of the current municipal year unless otherwise indicated.

4. VACANCIES AND NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

4.1 The table at Appendix A sets out current vacancies and other matters for the Committee's consideration. Any nominations received from the political groups prior to agenda despatch are listed below and any further nominations received prior to the Committee will be tabled at the meeting.

5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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

6. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

6.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. Representatives to outside bodies are provided with guidance notes, as previously agreed by the Committee, addressing the legal issues and duties relating to their role.

7. IMPLICATIONS FOR ONE TOWER HAMLETS

7.1 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.

8. ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

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

9. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT (SAGE)

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

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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Name of organisation, number of places and current/previous appointee(s)	Information on organisation	Reason for vacancy/other information	Recommendations	Nominations received (where applicable)
<p>Action for Bow</p> <p>1 (Member)</p> <p>Cllr Ann Jackson (to June 2010)</p>	<p>Board of trustees managing a community & economic regeneration endowment fund for the Bow area.</p>	<p>This organisation was omitted from the schedule to the June 2010 meeting of GP Committee as the Council was wrongly advised that a representative was no longer required.</p> <p>Action for Bow have now corrected this information and confirmed that they are very keen to have continued Council representation on the Board through the final three years of the organisation's fixed 10 year programme.</p>	<p>To appoint one member to serve as the Council's representative on the Action for Bow board.</p>	<p>To be notified</p>
<p>Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee</p> <p>2 (may be officers)</p>	<p>Committee established by section 15 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1979, to make representations to the City Corporation on any matter concerning the management or operation of the market.</p>	<p>The Committee's constitution includes 4 representatives of the City Corporation, 2 of Tower Hamlets Council and persons representing the traders (4), workers (2) and buyers (1) in the Market.</p> <p>The Committee has met infrequently and no representatives have been nominated for some years. The City Corporation has now been asked to convene a meeting in connection with proposals regarding the market byelaws. The City Corporation nominees are officers and subject to GP Committee's views it is proposed that the Council should also nominate the relevant officers, to be determined by the Corporate Director, CLC.</p>	<p>To agree that the Council will nominate two representatives to the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee; and to delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities & Culture to make those appointments.</p>	<p>To be notified</p>

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<p>Gateway Housing Association</p> <p>1 (Member)</p> <p>Cllr Anwar Khan</p>	<p>Registered Social Landlord. Formerly Bethnal Green & Victoria Park HA. Provides housing accommodation and associated assistance and amenities.</p>	<p>Councillor Anwar Khan was nominated at the June 2010 meeting as the appointee to exercise the Council's shareholding membership in Gateway HA, and is currently in the process of consideration for Board membership.</p> <p>In this regard Gateway HA has informed the Council that, in order to gain the benefits of experience, induction and training etc, their normal expectation is that board appointees should serve for a minimum of three years.</p>	<p>That Councillor Anwar Khan's nomination to the Gateway Housing Association Board be extended to June 2013 in accordance with the Association's request.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>London Thames Gateway Development Corporation</p> <p>1 (Member)</p>	<p>LTGDC is the Government's lead regeneration agency for the Lower Lea Valley and London Riverside.</p> <p>Appointments to the LTGDC Board are made on the basis of relevant knowledge and experience and are subject to ministerial approval.</p>	<p>At the June 2010 meeting, Councillor Kosru Uddin was nominated as the Council's representative on the LTGDC Board.</p> <p>DCLG Officers have now contacted the Council to clarify the process for making the appointment. The Council is invited to nominate three Councillors for consideration by the Commissioner for Public Appointments, who will recommend one of the nominees for appointment to the minister.</p>	<p>To nominate two further Councillors for consideration, alongside Councillor Kosru Uddin, for the vacant position on the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation Board</p>	<p>Cllr Rajib Ahmed (L)</p> <p>Cllr Zenith Rahman (L)</p>

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<p>Parmiter's Almshouses and Pensions Charity</p> <p>3 (can be Members, officers or others)</p>	<p>Charitable fund providing housing and other assistance (Bethnal Green)</p>	<p>No nominations to this organisation were made at GP Committee in June 2010 or for a number of years.</p> <p>The Clerk to the Trustees has now approached the Council, seeking up to 3 nominees.</p>	<p>To appoint up to three representatives to the Parmiter's Almshouses and Pensions Charity</p>	<p>To be notified.</p>
<p>Stepney Relief in Need Charity</p> <p>3 (can be Members, offices or others - 4 year term)</p> <p>Cllr Judith Gardiner, Ms Belle Harris, 1 vacancy</p>	<p>To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Stepney and the LB Tower Hamlets and surrounding area.</p> <p>Meetings take place quarterly at St Dunstons's church (5.00 or 5.30 pm start)</p>	<p>Mr David Bayat was nominated at the June 2010 meeting as the Council's third representative, subject to his agreement.</p> <p>Mr Bayat has subsequently declined the nomination, so an alternative nominee is sought.</p>	<p>To appoint one person to serve, alongside Cllr Judith Gardiner and Ms Belle Harris, as the Council's representative on the Stepney Relief in Need Charity.</p>	<p>To be notified</p>