


<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p><b>General Purposes Committee</b></p> <p>Thursday, 24 June 2021</p>	 <p><b>TOWER HAMLETS</b></p>
<p><b>Report of:</b> Divisional Director Legal Services and Interim Monitoring Officer</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p><b>Nominations to LGA General Assembly 2021</b></p>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services Officer
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

### **Executive Summary**

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### **Recommendations:**

The General Purposes Committee is recommended to:

1. Nominate the following four members of the Council to the Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly and Annual Conference for 2021: Councillors Rachel Blake, Asma Begum, Asma Islam and Victoria Obaze

## **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 The Council has delegated the function of making appointments to outside bodies, where the activities of those outside bodies relate to Council functions, to the General Purposes Committee. This report asks the Committee to agree any such appointments for 2021/22. Currently, only one outside body relates to Council functions and this is the Local Government Association General Assembly and annual conference.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee could choose not to nominate any Members of the Council to the Local Government Association General Assembly and annual conference or could choose to refer the decision on nominating Members to the full Council.

## **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 Under the terms of the Council's Constitution, the Mayor can make nominations to outside bodies where the activities of the outside body relate to executive functions. This includes almost all current outside body appointments.
- 3.2 The Constitution delegates the function of making appointments to outside bodies, where the activities of those outside bodies relate to Council functions, to the General Purposes Committee. Currently, only one outside body relates to Council functions and this is the Local Government Association' General Assembly and Annual Conference.
- 3.3 The Local Government Association General Assembly is a formal meeting which is part of the LGA's political governance structure. Membership of the General Assembly is restricted to elected members. The General Assembly acts as both the 'parliament of Local Government' and as a formal annual meeting (similar to a council AGM). It considers strategic policy issues of national significance to local government in the England and Wales, as well as formal business such as appointment of Offices Holders of the Association and the annual accounts. The Annual meeting takes place as part of the LGA's Annual Conference and Exhibition which will run from 6 to 8 July 2021. This year the LGA General Assembly will be held virtually at 10.45am on Tuesday 6 July 2021.
- 3.4 The LGA Annual Conference is described by the LGA as "the biggest event in the local government calendar and one of the most well-attended political conferences of the year. The event is essential for Council Leaders and Chief Executives, senior officers, lead members and policy makers across all services provided by local authorities. The conference regularly attracts high numbers from our partners across the wider public sector, the private and voluntary sectors."

3.5 The Committee is asked to nominate up to 4 Members of the Council to the Local Government Association General Assembly/Annual Conference for 2021. All Members of the Council are eligible to be nominated. The Council has seven votes at the General Assembly and is free to allocate these amongst its nominees how it chooses, but must notify the LGA of voting allocations in advance.

#### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from the recommended decision.

#### **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

5.2 There are no statutory implications arising from the recommended decision.

#### **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

6.1 There are no financial commitments arising from this report.

#### **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 In accordance with section 19.9.2 of the Council's Constitution, the General Purposes Committee has delegated authority for the appointment of officers, Members or other persons to external bodies on behalf of the Council. The Local Government Association is an external body of which the Council is an elected member. Appointments to the Local Government Association General Assembly and Annual Conference are appointments which come within the remit of the General Purposes Committee and the Committee is authorised to make the necessary appointments.

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- NONE.

#### **Appendices**

- NONE.

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)**

**List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report**

- NONE.

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