


<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Wednesday, 21 July 2021</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Janet Fasan: Director of Legal and Interim Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>Classification: Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p>Appointment of a Chair and a Member for the Strategic Development Committee</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
Wards affected	(All Wards);

Executive Summary

Following the sad and unexpected death of Councillor John Pierce, Council is asked to fill the vacancy on the Strategic Development Committee and to appoint a new Chair of the Committee.

To comply with proportionality requirements the new Member must be nominated by the Labour Group. The Chair can be appointed from any member of the Committee (including the member appointed through this report).

Recommendations:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Appoint a new member of the Strategic Development Committee as nominated by the Labour Group.
2. Appoint a Chair of the Strategic Development Committee for the remainder of the 2021-22 municipal year from the members of the Committee.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 A vacancy for a member and a Chair has arisen on the Strategic Development Committee which Council are required to fill.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 There are no alternative options.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 At the Annual Meeting of Council, it was agreed to establish a Strategic Development Committee of 8 members. Following the proportionality rules set out at that meeting, 7 places were nominated by the Labour Group whilst 1 was allocated to ungrouped Councillors.
- 3.2 Council also appointed Councillor John Pierce as the Chair of the Committee.
- 3.3 Following the extremely sad and unexpected death of Councillor John Pierce, there are now vacancies for Chair of the Committee and for a new member of the Committee.
- 3.4 When appointing members of the Committee, Council must follow the proportionality rules which would dictate that this vacancy must be filled by a Labour Group nomination.
- 3.5 When appointing the Chair of the Committee, Council may consider nominations from any of the existing membership or of the member appointed through this report.
- 3.6 At the meeting, the Speaker will ask for nominations first for the vacancy and then for the Chair of the Committee. Where there are multiple nominations for the Chair, these will be voted on in the order in which they are received. Once a nomination receives a majority vote it will be accepted and no further nominations will be considered.
- 3.7 If no nominations for the Chair are received and/or accepted then the Strategic Development Committee will be free to determine its own Chair.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None arising directly from this report.

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.
 - Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

5.2 There would be a risk to the effective functioning of the Strategic Development Committee should a Chair not be nominated.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations within this report

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1 Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 permits a local authority to arrange for discharge of its functions by a committee. Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 require appointments to committees to reflect the representation of different groups in the authority as a whole.

7.2 The matters set out in this report comply with the above legislation.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- Proportionality and Establishment of Committees – report to the Annual Council meeting on 19 May 2021.

Appendices

- None.

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

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

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- None.

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A