

Committee <b>General Purposes Committee</b>	Date <b>13<sup>th</sup> October 2011</b>	Classification <b>Unrestricted</b>	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
Report of: <b>Service Head, Democratic Services</b>		Title: <b>APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</b>		
Originating Officer(s): <b>John S. Williams</b>		Ward(s) affected: <b>All</b>		

**REASONS FOR LATENESS AND URGENCY:** This report was not circulated with the Committee agenda as it was not possible to compile the information needed to complete the report at that time. The report is nevertheless recommended for consideration at this meeting in order to avoid delay in making the appointments proposed and ensure continuity of the Council's representation on outside bodies.

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 the Committee received nominations from the political groups and agreed the Council's appointments to a range of external bodies for the municipal year 2011/12.
- 1.2 This report sets out further appointments which now fall to be made where vacancies have arisen since the June 2011.
- 1.3 The appended table lists the outstanding appointments/decisions required and any nominations received at the time of printing. 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 consider the nominations made and agree appointments to outside bodies 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 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 for the Committee's consideration. Any nominations received from the political groups by the time of printing are listed in the Appendix 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.

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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**

External Bodies File

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<p><b>Docklands Sailing and Water Sports Centre</b></p> <p>1 (Member)</p>	<p>Provides recreational water activities for all sections of the community living and working in the local area. Owned by Docklands Sailing &amp; Water Sports Centre Trust and managed by a wholly owned subsidiary company. All directors and trustees are voluntary.</p> <p>Meetings are held 4 times a year at the sailing centre.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June appointed Councillor Maium Miah as the Council's representative.</p> <p>At the time Councillor Miah was a member of the Conservative Group on the Council. He has since become an Independent Councillor and the Conservative Group have asked that the Committee consider this appointment again in the light of any further nominations received.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint one Member to serve as the Council's representative to the Docklands Sailing and Water Sports Centre</p>	<p>Cllr Maium Miah</p> <p>t.b.c.</p>
<p><b>Local Government Group Urban Commission</b></p> <p>2 (Members, or 1 Member plus 1 officer)</p>	<p>A forum for urban authorities to discuss matters of common concern and exchange good practice. The Annual Meeting of the Urban Commission will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and further meetings of the Commission are scheduled on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 (11.00); and of the Steering Group on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (1.00)</p>	<p>The Council's representatives to the Urban Commission in 2010/11 were Councillors Joshua Peck and Sirajul Islam.</p> <p>No nominations for membership in 2011/12 were received by the GP Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and the Council's two positions therefore remain vacant.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint up to two persons to represent the Council on the Local Government Group Urban Commission.</p>	<p>t.b.c.</p>

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<p><b>London City Airport Consultative Committee</b></p> <p>1 + 1 Deputy (Appointees may be Members, officers or lay persons)</p>	<p>An independent Consultative Committee established by London City Airport to discuss Airport issues, keep people informed and monitor the local environment.</p> <p>The Consultative Committee meets quarterly. Forthcoming meetings are scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 (4.30 p.m.)</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 appointed Councillor Joshua Peck as the Council's representative.</p> <p>However, it was not clear at that meeting that the Consultative Committee meetings are scheduled to commence at 4.30 p.m. and Councillor Peck has unfortunately therefore had to stand down due to work commitments.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint one Member to serve as the Council's representative to the London City Airport Consultative Committee; and one Deputy Member to attend in the event that the appointment Member cannot.</p>	<p>t.b.c.</p>
<p><b>St. Katharine's and Shadwell Trust</b></p> <p>1 + 1 Deputy (Formally 2 + 2 Deputies)</p> <p>(Must be Members)</p>	<p>Community foundation raising funds and awarding grants to run and support a wide range of projects in East London.</p>	<p>The Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 appointed Councillors Abdul Asad and Denise Jones as the Council's representatives, with Councillor Dr. Emma Jones as a deputy.</p> <p>Following a change in the political composition of the authority the Labour Group have asked that the Committee reconsider Cllr Asad's appointment and have nominated Cllr Abdal Ullah.</p> <p>However, in the meantime the Trust has informed the Council that</p>	<p>That the Committee note the reduction in the number of Members to be appointed, and appoint one Member and one Deputy Member to the St. Katharine's and Shadwell Trust from amongst the existing Members and nominees.</p>	<p>Cllr Abdul Asad</p> <p>Cllr Denise Jones</p> <p>Cllr Abdal Ullah</p> <p>Cllr Dr Emma Jones</p>

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		<p>following the adoption of new Articles of Association and a broadening of its membership to include representation from across the Trust's area of benefit (the City, Hackney and Newham as well as Tower Hamlets), the Council will be required to nominate only <b>one Member</b> and one Deputy.</p> <p>The Trust asks that all nominated representatives should be able to attend a majority of the four board meetings each year and to play an active part in supporting the development of the Trust.</p>		
<p><b>Thames Gateway London Partnership</b></p> <p>1 (Member)</p>	<p>Concentrates on housing and place making, skills and employment, transport and connectivity.</p> <p>The Board meets four times a year and the Housing committee also meets four times a year.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 appointed Councillor Shafiqul Haque as the Council's representative.</p> <p>Following changes to the political composition of the authority the Labour Group have asked that the Committee consider this appointment again and have nominated Councillor Judith Gardiner.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint one Member to serve as the Council's representative on the Thames Gateway London Partnership.</p>	<p>Cllr Judith Gardiner</p> <p>Cllr Shafiqul Haque</p>

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<p><b>Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Further Education Trust</b></p> <p>2 (Members)</p>	<p>Registered charity launched by LBTH and Canary Wharf Ltd in 1990. Issue grants for the advancement of further/higher education and vocational training for Tower Hamlets residents.</p> <p>Two meetings are held per year – in July for the allocation of funds and in December/January for policy making.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 appointed Councillors Abdul Asad and Abdal Ullah as the Council’s representatives.</p> <p>Councillor Asad has since resigned from this position.</p> <p>The Labour Group have nominated Councillor Lesley Pavitt to take Cllr Asad’s place</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint a Member to replace Cllr Abdul Asad as one of the Council’s two representatives on the Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf FE Trust.</p>	<p>Cllr Lesley Pavitt</p>
<p><b>Tower Hamlets Sports Council</b></p> <p>7 (Members)</p>	<p>Promotes participation and achievement in sport within the Borough by representing the interests of local sports clubs and individuals.</p> <p>Meets four times a year.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June appointed Councillor Maium Miah as one of the Council’s seven representatives to the TH Sports Council.</p> <p>At the time Councillor Miah was a member of the Conservative Group on the Council. He has since become an Independent Councillor and the Conservative Group have asked that the Committee consider this appointment again in the light of any further nominations received.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint one Member to serve as the Council’s seventh representative to the Tower Hamlets Sports Council.</p>	<p>Cllr Maium Miah</p> <p>t.b.c.</p>