

Committee <b>General Purposes Committee</b>	Date <b>23 November 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 AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY</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, on behalf of the Council, Councillors, officers or other nominees as appropriate to positions of responsibility and 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 meeting.
- 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 the positions 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, positions of responsibility 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"**

External Bodies File

**Name and telephone number of holder  
and address where open to inspection**

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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>London Councils Health and Adult Services Forum</b></p> <p>1 (Member) - normally the lead member for health/social services - plus 1 deputy.</p>	<p>London Councils is the pan-London representative body for the 32 London borough councils and the City of London Corporation.</p> <p>London Councils has established a number of committees and forums covering specific policy and service areas.</p>	<p>Councillor Ohid Ahmed was appointed in May 2011 as the Council's representative to the Forum.</p> <p>Following the subsequent appointment by the Mayor of Councillor Abdul Asad as Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, it is proposed that Cllr Asad should replace Cllr Ahmed as the authority's nominee to the Forum</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint one Member to serve as the Council's representative to the London Councils Health and Adult Services Forum</p>	<p>Cllr Abdul Asad</p>

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<b>Local Government Group Urban Commission</b>  2 (Members, or 1 Member plus 1 officer)	A forum for urban authorities to discuss matters of common concern and exchange good practice. The Annual Meeting of the Urban Commission took 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)	The General Purposes Committee on 13 <sup>th</sup> October appointed Cllr David Edgar as one of the Council's representatives to the Urban Commission for 2011/12 but the second position remains unfilled.	That the Committee appoint a second person to represent the Council on the Local Government Group Urban Commission alongside Cllr David Edgar.	Cllr Stephanie Eaton
<b>London Youth Games Ltd</b>  2 (Members)	London Youth games are a free season of youth sports events involving all 33 London boroughs.  The games are organised by LYG Ltd, a registered charity made up of representatives from the boroughs, major funding partners and independent trustees.	General Purposes Committee on 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2011 appointed Cllr Kabir Ahmed as one of the Council's two representatives (the other is Cllr Abdal Ullah)  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 Cllr Lesley Pavitt.	That the Committee appoint a Member to serve as one of the Council's representatives on London Youth Games Ltd, alongside Cllr Abdal Ullah.	Cllr Lesley Pavitt

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<p><b>Olympics Ambassador</b></p> <p>1 (Member)</p>	<p>Cllr Anna Lynch was appointed as the Council's Olympics Ambassador at the Annual Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011.</p>	<p>Cllr Lynch has subsequently indicated that she wishes to step down from this position. The Majority Group has nominated Cllr Lesley Pavitt to take Cllr Lynch's place.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint a Councillor to serve as the Council's Olympics Ambassador for the remainder of the municipal year 2011/12.</p>	<p>Cllr Lesley Pavitt</p>
<p><b>Tower Hamlets College Board</b></p> <p>2 (May be Members, officers or lay persons)</p> <p>Term: 3 years</p>	<p>To govern the concerns and aims of the College.</p> <p>Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 appointed Cllr Kabir Ahmed as one of the Council's two representatives (the other is Cllr Bill Turner). 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 Cllr Mizan Chaudhury.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint a Member to serve as one of the Council's representatives on the Tower Hamlets College Board, alongside Cllr Bill Turner.</p>	<p>Cllr Mizan Chaudhury</p>
<p><b>Tower Hamlets Community Housing</b></p> <p>4 (Members)</p>	<p>Registered Social Landlord and Registered Charity operating exclusively in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>Four meetings a year are held at 285 Commercial Road.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 appointed Cllr Kabir Ahmed as one of the Council's four representatives (the others are Cllr Helal Abbas, Cllr Carlo Gibbs and Cllr Sirajul Islam). 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 Cllr Helal Uddin.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint a Member to serve as one of the Council's representatives on Tower Hamlets Community Housing, alongside Cllrs Abbas, Gibbs and Islam.</p>	<p>Cllr Helal Uddin</p>

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<p><b>Tower Hamlets Homes Board</b></p> <p>5 (Members)</p>	<p>Manages homes and estates owned by Tower Hamlets Council. Responsible for the day to day running of the estates.</p> <p>Board meetings/forum held approx. monthly at the Toby Club.</p> <p>Committee meetings also held monthly in the evenings.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 appointed Cllr Kabir Ahmed as one of the Council's five representatives (the others are Cllrs Marc Francis, Judith Gardiner, Sirajul Islam and Amy Whitelock).</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 Cllr Helal Uddin.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint a Member to serve as one of the Council's representatives on the Tower Hamlets Homes Board, alongside Cllrs Francis, Gardiner, Islam and Whitelock.</p>	<p>Cllr Helal Uddin</p>