

Committee Strategic Development Committee	Date 22nd 2006	June	Classification UNRESTRICTED	Report No.	Agenda Item No. 7
Report of: Head of Democratic Renewal and Engagement			Title: Strategic Development Committee Functions and Terms of Reference		
Originating Officer: Louise Fleming			Ward(s) affected: N/A		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Functions and Terms of Reference for the Strategic Development Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report, are submitted for information.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Functions and Terms of Reference be noted.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (Section 97)
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE DRAFTING OF THIS REPORT**

Brief description of *background paper*	Tick if copy attached	If not supplied, name and telephone number of holder
None		Louise Fleming Senior Committee Officer 020-7364 4878

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At its meeting on 24th May 2006, the Council established a Strategic Development Committee and delegated to this body, a wide range of duties and responsibilities.

3.2 This report deals specifically with the Strategic Development Committee. Details regarding Functions, Terms of Reference, Membership and Quorum and are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

4. OBSERVATIONS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

No financial implications of these recommendations have been identified.

5. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

The Terms of Reference of Committees of the Council are included in the Constitution by virtue of Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended). Functions relating to town and country planning and development control are largely functions which should not be the responsibility of the Cabinet.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct equal opportunity considerations.

7. ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct anti-poverty implications.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Functions and Terms of Reference allow the Committee to conduct its business to comply with the statutory requirements.

APPENDIX 1

EXCERPT FROM THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS CONSTITUTION

3.3.5 Strategic Development Committee Functions and Terms of Reference (February 2006)

<p>Membership: Seven Members of the Council, three of whom shall also be members of the Development Committee and two of whom shall be members of the Cabinet. Up to three substitutes may be appointed for each Member.</p>	
<p>Functions</p>	<p>Delegation of Functions</p>
<p>To consider any matter listed within the Terms of Reference of the Development Committee where any one of the following applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) applications for buildings exceeding 30m in height (25 m on sites adjacent to the River Thames); (ii) applications for schemes with more than 500 residential units, or for residential development on sites exceeding 10 hectares; (iii) applications for employment floor space on sites of more than 4 hectares; (iv) major infrastructure developments; (v) applications not in accordance with the development plan involving more than 150 residential units or more than 2,500 sqm of floor space; (vi) applications on metropolitan open space involving buildings of more than 100 sqm; (vii) applications for developments including 200 or more car parking spaces; (viii) legal proceedings in relation to the matter are in existence or in contemplation; (ix) three or more members of the Development Committee are disqualified in some way from participating in the decision; (x) on an exceptional basis, the Development Committee has decided that a particular application should stand referred to the Strategic Development Committee; and (xi) a proposal raises significant issues of local or borough-wide interest. <p><i>It shall be for the Corporate Director Development & Renewal to determine whether a matter meets any of the above criteria.</i></p>	<p>No delegations</p>
<p>Quorum 3 Members of the Committee</p>	