

<b>Committee</b> <b>General Purposes Committee</b>	<b>Date</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> October, 2007</b>	<b>Classification</b> <b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>Report of:</b>  <b>Service Head Democratic Services</b>  <b>Originating Officer(s): John Williams and Mark Redhead</b>		<b>Title:</b>  <b>Appointments to External Bodies</b>  <b>Ward(s) affected: ALL</b>		

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report sets out nominations for membership of several external bodies as detailed in the body of the report.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That the following nominations be agreed to serve as the Council's representative(s) on the external bodies shown, for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/2008 except where shown:

<b>External body</b>	<b>Nomination</b>
English Heritage – Historic Environment Champion	Councillor Denise Jones (re-appointment)
Isle of Dogs Community Foundation	Councillor Shiria Khatun and Councillor Tim Archer
Mudchute Association	Councillor Rupert Eckhardt
Thames Gateway London Partnership	Councillor Ohid Ahmed
Older People's Champion	Councillor Ann Jackson
East London Nursing Society Trust	Councillor Anwara Ali – until June 2011 (NB also to note the resignation of Ms L Pavitt, and that two further representatives are already appointed as set out at paragraph 9.)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 SECTION 100D (AS AMENDED)  
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

<b>Brief description of "background paper"</b>	<b>Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection</b>
None.	Mark Redhead 020 7364 4877

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. On 13 June 2007 the General Purposes Committee received nominations from the political groups and agreed appointments to a wide range of external bodies for the municipal year 2007/08. A number of further appointments are now required either where the Council has received a new invitation to nominate a representative, or where a query has arisen in respect of the Council's nomination as set out below:

### 4. ENGLISH HERITAGE - HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT CHAMPION

- 4.1. Councillor Denise Jones, Leader of the Council, was appointed as the Historic Environment Champion for Tower Hamlets by the General Purposes Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Although at that point only 3 months remained of the municipal year, the minutes of the meeting did not stipulate that the appointment should extend beyond May 2007 and due to an administrative oversight this appointment was omitted from the schedule of nominations for 2007/08 submitted to the Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007.
- 4.2. Cllr Jones has confirmed that she is happy to continue to serve as the Borough's Historic Environment Champion and the Committee is therefore **recommended** formally to confirm the re-appointment of **Cllr Denise Jones** to this position for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

### 5. ISLE OF DOGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- 5.1. The Council is invited to nominate two representatives to the Community Foundation. The organisation has asked that these should be one member and one officer, but the appointments are at the discretion of the Council and indeed during 2006/07 two Councillors were appointed.
- 5.2. On 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 the General Purposes Committee appointed Cllr Shiria Khatun and an officer to serve as the Council's representatives. However, Members have now indicated that they feel it would be preferable to revert to the previous position and to nominate two councillors to the Community Foundation, to include one of the local ward councillors.
- 5.3. The Conservative Group has nominated Cllr Tim Archer. The Committee is therefore **recommended** to appoint **Cllr Shiria Khatun** and **Cllr Tim Archer** to serve as the Council's representatives on the Isle of Dogs Community Foundation for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

### 6. MUDCHUTE ASSOCIATION

- 6.1. The Council is invited to appoint a representative to the Mudchute Association and during 2006/07 this was Cllr Rupert Eckhardt. Due to an administrative error the General Purposes Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 received no nomination to serve as the Council's representative during 2007/08.

- 6.2. The Conservative Group have confirmed that Cllr Eckhardt is happy to continue to serve and the Committee is therefore **recommended** to confirm the appointment of **Cllr Rupert Eckhardt** to serve at the Council's representative on the Mudchute Association for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

## 7. THAMES GATEWAY LONDON PARTNERSHIP

- 7.1. During 2006/07, Cllr Ohid Ahmed was appointed to serve at the Council's representative on both the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (LTGDC) Board and the Thames Gateway London Partnership (TGLP).
- 7.2. The LTGDC appointment is made for a 4 year term of office and no appointment was therefore required for 2007/08. However, due to a misunderstanding the General Purposes Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 also did not receive a nomination for Cllr Ohid Ahmed's continued appointment to the TGLP. In the absence of a nomination from the Labour Group, Cllr Peter Golds was appointed.
- 7.3. It has now been clarified that the TGLP appointment needs to be renewed on an annual basis and the Labour Group has confirmed that it wishes to nominate Cllr Ohid Ahmed to continue in this role.
- 7.4. The Committee is therefore **recommended** to appoint **Cllr Ohid Ahmed** to serve as the Council's representative on the Thames Gateway London Partnership for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

## 8. OLDER PEOPLE'S CHAMPION

- 8.1. The Government's National Service Framework (NSF) for Older People introduced the concept of 'Older People's Champions' – individuals (who may be councillors, officers or others) who would play a key role in promoting the interests of older people, particularly in health and social care.
- 8.2. The Government's recommendation is that each local authority should nominate an elected Councillor to lead for older people across their council. This Councillor would aim to ensure that older people become and remain a priority within the council and would support the implementation of the NSF and the wider older people's programme. They would help to ensure that older people are involved in developing services and work with colleagues on the council to promote an active healthy life and challenge age discrimination where it exists.
- 8.3. Councillor Ann Jackson, Mayor of Tower Hamlets, has indicated that she would be happy to be nominated as the Members' Older People's Champion for the Borough. The Committee is therefore **recommended** to appoint **Cllr Ann Jackson** as the Member Older People's Champion for Tower Hamlets.

## 9. EAST LONDON NURSING SOCIETY TRUST

- 9.1. The Council is invited to appoint three representatives to the Trust, each serving for a four year term. The nominees do not have to be Councillors. Existing

appointments are Cllr Oliur Rahman (to January 2009) and Ms Anna Lynch (to November 2010). General Purposes Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 appointed Cllr Anwara Ali and Ms Lesley Pavitt also to serve (to June 2011).

9.2. Ms Lesley Pavitt has indicated that due to other commitments she is unable to devote as much time to this work as she would wish and has had to tender her resignation from the Trust. The Committee is therefore recommended to **note** the resignation of Ms Pavitt; **note** that **Cllr Oliur Rahman** and **Ms Anna Lynch** continue to represent the Council on the East London Nursing Society Trust as above; and **confirm** the appointment of **Cllr Anwara Ali** as the Council's third representative, to serve until June 2011.

## **10. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

10.1. There are no significant financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **11. CONCURRENT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)**

11.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

## **12. ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS**

12.1. There are no direct anti-poverty implications arising from this report.

## **13. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

13.1. There are no direct equal opportunity implications arising from this report.

## **14. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

14.1. There are no immediate SAGE implications arising from this report.

## **15. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

15.1. There are no immediate risk management implications arising from this report.