

Committee General Purposes Committee	Date 18 th October, 2007	Classification Unrestricted	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
Report of: Service Head Democratic Services Originating Officer(s): John Williams x 4204		Title: Appointments to the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes Ward(s) affected: ALL		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report sets out the nominations received for membership of the Tower Hamlets Homes Shadow Board following discussion of this matter at the General Purposes Committee on 29th May 2007, and makes proposals in relation to the appointment of the Council's representatives to the Shadow Board.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That the Committee **note** the appointment of Councillors Marc Francis, Alex Heslop and Shafiqul Haque to the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) following their nomination by the Majority Group pursuant to the Committee's decision of 29th May 2007.
- 2.2. That the Committee **note** that no nominations for membership of the THH Shadow Board have been received from the minority groups.
- 2.3. That in view of 2.2 above the Committee **agree** to remove the condition that 2 of the Council representatives be drawn from the minority group(s) and further **agree** that Councillors Sirajul Islam and Denise Jones be appointed as additional Council representatives to the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 SECTION 100D (AS AMENDED)
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
None.	John Williams 020 7364 4204

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The General Purposes Committee on 29th May 2007 considered a report setting out the steps involved in the establishment of the Arms Length Management Organisation, Tower Hamlets Homes (THH). The Committee agreed the process for the appointment of Councillors to the Shadow Board of THH.
- 3.2 There is no legal requirement for these appointments to be made on the basis of political proportionality. Nevertheless the Committee agreed that the 5 Council representatives to the Shadow Board be drawn 3 from the Majority Group and 2 from the Minority Parties, and authorised the Assistant Chief Executive to agree the appointment of Members in accordance with this allocation following receipt of nominations from the political groups.
- 3.3 Councillors Marc Francis, Alex Heslop and Shafiqul Haque have been appointed to the Shadow Board following nomination by the Majority Group. However, in the event, no nominations have been received by the Assistant Chief Executive from the minority parties. It is important for the effective operation of the THH Shadow Board that there is a full complement of Council nominees and in order to ensure this it is **recommended** that the Committee remove the condition relating to allocation of the places between the political groups.
- 3.4 The Majority Group has indicated that they wish to nominate Councillors Sirajul Islam and Denise Jones as additional representatives to the Shadow Board and the Committee is further **recommended** to approve these nominations.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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

5. CONCURRENT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

- 5.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

6. ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

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

7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1. There are no immediate SAGE implications arising from this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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