

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

**ADDENDUM REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD,  
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

(i) **AGENDA ITEM 4.2**

**Tower Hamlets Homes – Appointment of Shadow Board Member**

On 18 October 2007 the General Purposes Committee appointed Councillor Sirajul Islam and Councillor Denise Jones as additional Council representatives to the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes (THH), joining Councillors Marc Francis, Alex Heslop and Shafiqul Haque who had been appointed to the Shadow Board on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

As a result of changes to Lead Member portfolios notified by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Sirajul Islam has now assumed Cabinet responsibility for Housing matters in addition to his role as Deputy Leader of the Council. It is therefore inappropriate for Councillor Islam to continue as a THH Shadow Board member.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee appoint a Councillor to serve as a Council representative on the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes, replacing Cllr Sirajul Islam.

(ii) **AGENDA ITEM 4.3**

**Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to appoint Councillors to represent the Council on the following outside organisations:

**(a) London City Airport Consultative Committee: 1 representative**

Pursuant to section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, the London City Airport Consultative Committee (LCACC) is established to facilitate consultation between the Airport management, users and local communities. The London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Newham, Greenwich and Bexley are represented on the LCACC.

On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 Councillor Bill Turner was appointed as the Council's representative on the LCACC. Councillor Turner has now given notice that he will be unable to continue in this capacity. The Committee is therefore asked to appoint a replacement representative.

**(b) East London and The City University Mental Health NHS Trust: 1 representative**

East London and The City University (EL&TCU) Mental Health NHS Trust was established as a Foundation Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007. In accordance with the arrangements for such Trusts a Members Council has been established. The Members Council will meet formally 3-4 times per year to:

- Advise the Trust's Board of Directors on how the Trust can meet the needs of members and local communities;
- Be involved in the strategic and forward plans for the Trust;
- Act as guardians to ensure the Trust complies with its obligations; and
- Act as a link between the Trust and local communities

The Trust has held elections for public and staff members of the Members Council and each of the four local authorities covered by the Trust has an appointed representative. Local authority nominees do not need to be elected members, but their role on the Members Council is to provide a perspective of the wider community and be a knowledgeable source for Council Members to develop a better understanding of the environment in which the Trust operates.

The Committee is asked to nominate Tower Hamlets' representative on the EL&TCU Mental Health NHS Trust Members Council.

**(c) London Housing Consortium**

**(d) London Housing Unit Executive Committee and Sub-Committee**

**(e) London Councils Housing Forum**

Pursuant to the appointment of a new Cabinet Member by the Council on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and subsequent changes to Cabinet portfolios, the Committee is recommended to appoint **Councillor Sirajul Islam** to replace Councillor Rupert Bawden on each of the bodies listed at (c) to (e) above.

**(f) Greater London Employers Forum**

Pursuant to the changes to Cabinet portfolios notified by the Leader of the Council, the Committee is recommended to appoint **Councillor Joshua Peck** as the Council's representative on the Greater London Employers Forum, with **Cllr Sirajul Islam** as his deputy.

(iii) **AGENDA ITEM 4.4**

**Filling of Casual Vacancies on Committees and Panels**

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to appoint Councillors to serve on committees and panels for the remainder of the current municipal year as set out below:

**(a) Audit Committee**

On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 the Committee recommended to the Council the establishment of an Audit Committee. As a non-executive full committee of the Council, the Audit Committee will be subject to the proportionality requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ('the 1989 Act').

The Conservative, Respect and Liberal Democrat members of the Audit Committee were appointed by the Council on 28<sup>th</sup> November as follows:

Councillor Rupert Eckhardt (Conservative, deputy Councillor Tim Archer); Councillor Abjol Miah (Respect, deputies Councillor Shahed Ali and Councillor Harun Miah); and Councillor Louise Alexander (Liberal Democrat, deputy Councillor Stephanie Eaton).

The Committee is now invited to appoint the remaining four members of the Audit Committee in accordance with nominations to be received from the Labour Group.

**(b) Health Scrutiny Panel**

Further to Councillor Shafiqul Haque's appointment as a member of the Cabinet, he is no longer eligible to participate in the Overview and Scrutiny function.

The Committee is asked to appoint a Councillor to replace Councillor Haque on the Health Scrutiny Panel. This Panel is covered by the proportionality requirements of the 1989 Act and the appointment will therefore be made in accordance with the nomination to be received from the Labour Group.