

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2007

**COMMITTEE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor A A Sardar (Chair)

Councillor Philip Briscoe
Councillor Carli Harper-Penman
Councillor Waiseul Islam (Vice-Chair)
Councillor M. Mamun Rashid

Councillor M. Shahid Ali

Other Councillors Present:

Officers Present:

Isabella Freeman – (Assistant Chief Executive [Legal Services] and
Monitoring Officer)

Kweku Quagraine – (Democratic Services)
John Williams – (Service Head, Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lutfur Rahman, for whom Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali was deputising.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 15th November 2007 be agreed as a correct record.

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Ocean Regeneration Trust Interim Board

Councillor Carli Harper Penman nominated Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed and Councillor Alibor Choudhury as Council representatives to the Interim Board of the Ocean Regeneration Trust.

Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali seconded these nominations.

No further nominations were made.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed and Councillor Alibor Choudhury be appointed as Council representatives to the Interim Board of the Ocean Regeneration Trust for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

4.2 Tower Hamlets Homes - appointment of Shadow Board Member

Councillor Carli Harper Penman nominated Councillor Ohid Ahmed to serve as a Council representative on the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes, replacing Councillor Sirajul Islam.

Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali seconded this nomination.

No further nominations were made.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Ohid Ahmed be appointed as a Council representative on the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

4.3 Appointment of Representatives to outside bodies

a) London City Airport Consultative Committee:

Councillor Carli Harper Penman nominated Councillor Ann Jackson to serve as a Council representative on the London City Airport Consultative Committee to replace Councillor Bill Turner, who had given notice that he was unable to continue in this capacity.

Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali seconded this nomination.

Councillor Philip Briscoe nominated Mr Eric Pemberton to the position. Councillor M. Mamun Rashid seconded this nomination.

The Committee then voted on the nominations made.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Ann Jackson be appointed as the Council representative on the London City Airport Consultative Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

b) East London and the City University Mental Health NHS Trust:

Councillor Carli Harper Penman nominated Councillor Bill Turner to serve as the Council's representative on the East London and the City University Mental Health NHS Trust.

Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali seconded this nomination.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Bill Turner be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the East London and the City University Mental Health NHS Trust for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

c) London Housing Consortium;

d) London Housing Unit Executive Committee (Deputy) and Sub-Committee;

e) London Councils Housing Forum:

John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services advised that pursuant to the appointment of a new Cabinet member by the Council on 28th November 2007 and subsequent changes to Cabinet portfolios, the committee was recommended to appoint a replacement for Councillor Rupert Bawden on each of the bodies listed at (c) to (e) above.

Councillor Carli Harper-Penman nominated Councillor Sirajul Islam to serve on each of the bodies listed. Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali seconded the nominations.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Sirajul Islam be appointed to serve as a Council representative on the London Housing Consortium; London Housing Unit Executive Committee (Deputy) and Sub Committee; and the London Councils Housing Forum for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

f) Greater London Employers Forum;

John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services advised that pursuant to the changes to Cabinet portfolios notified by the Leader of the Council, the Committee was recommended to appoint Councillor Joshua Peck as the Council's representative on the Greater London Employers Forum, with Councillor Sirajul Islam as his deputy.

The Committee agreed to the recommendation.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Joshua Peck be appointed as the Council's representative on the Greater London Employers Forum for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08, with Councillor Sirajul Islam as his deputy.

g) Tower Hamlets Community Transport

Councillor Carli Harper-Penman nominated Councillor Waiseul Islam to serve as a Council representative on Tower Hamlets Community Transport, replacing Councillor Abdal Ullah.

Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali seconded this nomination.

No further nominations were made.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Waiseul Islam be appointed to serve as a Council representative on Tower Hamlets Community Transport for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

4.4 Filling of casual vacancies on committees and panels

a) Audit Committee

Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali nominated Councillor Joshua Peck, Councillor Sirajul Islam, Councillor Marc Francis, and Councillor Carli Harper Penman as the Labour Group members of the Audit Committee.

Councillor Waiseul Islam seconded these nominations.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Joshua Peck, Councillor Sirajul Islam, Councillor Marc Francis and Councillor Carli Harper-Penman be appointed as members of the Council's Audit Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

b) Health Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Carli Harper Penman nominated Councillor Anwara Ali to replace Councillor Shafiqul Haque as a Labour Group member on the Health Scrutiny Panel.

Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali seconded this nomination.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Anwara Ali be appointed as a Labour Group representative on the Health Scrutiny Panel for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08, replacing Councillor Shafiqul Haque.

c) Human Resources Committee

Councillor Carli Harper Penman nominated Councillor Joshua Peck to replace Councillor Shafiqul Haque as a Labour Group member on the Human Resources Committee.

Councillor Mohammed Shahid Ali seconded this nomination.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Joshua Peck be appointed as a Labour Group representative on the Human Resources Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08, replacing Councillor Shafiqul Haque.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next ordinary meeting of the General Purposes Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13th February 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 6.44 p.m.

Chair, Councillor A A Sardar
General Purposes Committee