

Committee General Purposes Committee	Date 22nd October 2008	Classification Unrestricted	Report No.	Agenda Item No. 4.1
Report of: Service Head, Democratic Services Originating Officer(s): John S. Williams		Title: APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES Ward(s) affected: All		

SUMMARY

1. General Purposes Committee on 18th June 2008 received nominations from the political groups and agreed the Council's appointments to a wide range of external bodies.
2. This report recommends a number of additional appointments in respect of positions that remained vacant following the 18th June meeting or where the relevant political group wishes to change their nomination; or where new vacancies have arisen since that meeting.
3. Any further nominations or amendments received prior to the committee will be reported at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. That appointments be made to external bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2008/2009 as listed at paragraph 7 overleaf.

BACKGROUND

5. The General Purposes Committee has been established by Council to enable the swift determination of non-executive matters, including appointments to external bodies.
6. The Committee is requested to consider the nominations set out below for appointment to External Bodies, which have been received from the political groups on the Council. Appointments are made for one municipal year unless otherwise indicated.

VACANCIES AND NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

7. The Committee is asked to make appointments to the following vacant positions. Any nominations received from the political groups prior to agenda despatch are listed below. Any further nominations received prior to the Committee will be tabled at the meeting:

Organisation	Reason for vacancy	Current representative(s)	Nominations
Cultural Industries Development Agency	Resignation of existing nominee.	2: Cllr Denise Jones (to May 2009); Cllr Rofique Ahmed (resigned August 2008)	To be notified
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	(i) Resignation of existing nominee. (ii) Deputy position vacant since June 2008.	1: Former Cllr Rupert Bawden (resigned)	To be notified (Member plus deputy)
London Housing Consortium	Revised nomination	2: Cllr Marc Francis and Cllr Alex Heslop	Labour Group nomination: Cllr Waiseul Islam to replace Cllr Alex Heslop
Poplar Harca	Revised board structure. 1 Councillor now invited to serve on each of 4 new Boards (Poplar Harca; Places; Services; and Finance & Audit).	2: Cllr A. A. Sardar and Cllr Motin Uz-Zaman Existing Board Members have been invited to express a preference for	To be notified

	Therefore 2 new places are available. An Appointments Panel will make the final appointments taking into account match of skills, representation etc. The Council is invited to nominate a pool of Councillors to the appointments process.	membership of new Boards.	
Stepney Relief In Need Charity (4 year term)	Retirement of Mr David Byatt as the Council's 3 rd representative.	3: Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed (to June 2009); Cllr Bill Turner (to June 2012); and 1 vacancy	To be notified
Tower Hamlets College	Vacancy unfilled in June 2008. TH College has also asked the Council now to appoint representatives for a three year term, subject to the nominee remaining a Councillor/officer	2: Cllr Claire Hawkins and 1 vacancy	To be notified.
Tower Hamlets Community Transport	No appointment made in June 2008. THCT invites nominee with an interest in community transport and availability for daytime meetings approx 6-weekly. Can be a Councillor or officer.	None (Cllr A. Ali appointment expired June 2008)	To be notified.
Tower Hamlets Sports Council	Only 6 of 7 posts filled in June 2008.	7: Cllrs Ohid Ahmed; Stephanie Eaton; Rupert Eckhardt; Waiseul Islam; Shiria Khatun; Ahmed Omer; and 1 vacancy	Labour Group nomination: Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed to fill vacant position

COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

9. There are no legal comments arising from this report.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no immediate equal opportunity implications arising from this report.

ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no immediate anti-poverty implications arising from this report.

SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT (SAGE)

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

RISK ASSESSMENT

13. The appointment of representatives to external bodies enables the Council to strengthen links with community. The appointment of representatives to external bodies also contributes to the Council's leadership role in the community.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97) 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**

External Bodies File

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Letter from Poplar Harca 30.9.08