

Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>General Purposes Committee</b>  Tuesday 13 June 2023	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Janet Fasan, Director Legal and Monitoring Officer	<b>Classification:</b> Open
<b>General Purposes Committee, Terms of Reference 2023/24</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Joel West, Democratic Services Team Leader
<b>Wards affected</b>	(All Wards);

## Executive Summary

All Committees of Council receive a terms of reference report annually asking them to consider and note their terms of reference and delegated powers.

### Recommendations:

The General Purposes Committee is recommended to:

1. Note its terms of reference, quorum, membership and dates of future meetings as set out in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to this report.

### 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 This report is for the information of the Committee and no specific decisions are required.

### 2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 No alternative practice in respect of this report occurs in the Authority.

### 3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Full Council on 17 May 2023, Council re-established General Purposes Committee, appointed its membership and delegated to it a range of duties and responsibilities in accordance with the Constitution. The Annual Meeting also established a new Human Resources Committee. The Human Resources Committee has been delegated some of the functions previously delegated to General Purposes Committee.
- 3.2 Following the Annual Meeting of the Council, the various committees established note their Terms of Reference, quorum and membership for the

forthcoming municipal year. These are set out in the appendices 1 and 2 to this report. Appendix 1 shows the changes made to the Committee's previous terms of reference following the establishment of the Human Resources Committee. Crossed-through text has been removed from the Committee's terms of reference.

3.3 The Committee's meeting dates for the remainder of the year were also agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council. The dates of General Purposes Committee meetings in 2023/24 are attached at Appendix 3.

3.4 In accordance with the calendar, meetings are scheduled to take place at 6.30pm.

3.5 Should the Annual Council Meeting agree any changes to the information presented in the appendices to this report, officers will advise the Committee verbally at the meeting.

#### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 When the calendar of meetings was set up consideration was given to avoiding school holidays and known religious holidays and other important dates where at all possible.

#### **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

5.2 There are no specific statutory implications arising from this noting report.

#### **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

6.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

#### **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 The terms of reference for the General Purposes Committee are as set out in the Council's Constitution agreed by Council.

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**Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

**Linked Report**

- NONE.

**Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Committee Terms of Reference (tracked changes)
- Appendix 2 – Membership of the Committee in 2023/24
- Appendix 3 – Dates of scheduled meetings of the Committee in 2023/24

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)****List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report**

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- NONE.