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| Non-Executive Report of the: General Purposes Committee Tuesday, 13 June 2023 |  TOWER HAMLETS |
| Report of: Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer | Classification: Unrestricted |
| Appointment of Member to the Corporate Parenting Board | |

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| Originating Officer(s) | Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services |
| Wards affected | All Wards |

Special Circumstances Justifying Urgent Consideration

This report was not ready at the time of agenda despatch because at that time this solution to correct the error made at the Annual Meeting of Council had not been determined. The report needs to be considered because it is a simple request and the Corporate Parenting Board is an important body and so making an appointment quickly is in the Council's interest. However, the Committee could decide to refer the appointment to the July meeting of Council if it does not feel in a position to make such an appointment.

Executive Summary

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The General Purposes Committee has delegated authority to agree appointments to Committees and Boards and so this report asks the Committee to make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

Recommendations:

The General Purposes Committee is recommended to:

1. Agree an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Corporate Parenting Board.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 A vacancy exists on the Corporate Parenting Board and as an important function of the council it is important to fill it as soon as possible.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Committee can nominate any Member to sit on the Board or it could decide not to make the appointment.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Annual Meeting of Council appoints Members to the Council's Committees as well as making appointments to some Boards and Outside Bodies this included appointing Members to the Corporate Parenting Board.
- 3.2 However, due to an administrative error, three instead of four Members were appointed to the Corporate Parenting Board and so one vacancy remains to be filled. The Terms of Reference allow for the appointment of three Members 'plus' the Cabinet Member for Children. Unfortunately, it was missed that one of three appointments agreed by Council was the Cabinet Member for Children and so Council should have made one further appointment.
- 3.3 The General Purposes Committee has delegated authority to agree appointments to Committees and Boards and so this report asks the Committee to make an appointment to fill the vacancy.
- 3.4 There were two nominations which were presented to the Annual Meeting of Council but which were not considered at that meeting. These are Councillors Mufedah Bustin and Sirajul Islam.
- 3.5 General Purposes Committee could agree to appoint either of these nominees but it is also free to consider any other nominations made at the Committee meeting. The Board is not subject to rules of political proportionality.
- 3.6 The three nominations so far agreed are:
- Councillor Maium Talukdar (also Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children)
 - Councillor Bodrul Choudhury
 - Councillor Musthak Ahmed
- 3.7 Any nomination agreed will join the Board for the remainder of the 2023-24 municipal year.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None specific to this report.

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 None specific to this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 There are no direct financial implications relating to this report.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 The membership of the Corporate Parenting Board is set out in Part D of the Council's Constitution and is stated to include Lead Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People (Chair) and three additional co-opted Members, as well as others who are not Members of the Council.
- 7.2 Whilst the Annual Meeting of Council agrees appointments to committees and panels of the Council, the General Purposes Committee Terms of Reference (Rule 5) allow the Committee to make appointments to Council committees and subordinate bodies.
- 7.3 Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 permits the discharge of a local authority's functions by a committee of the authority.
- 7.4 The matters set out in this report comply with the above legislation and with the Council's Constitution.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- None

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

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A