

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

21ST SEPTEMBER 2011

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
LONDON COUNCILS COMMITTEES AND FORUMS**

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

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report recommends that the Council agree to appointments being made to committees and forums of London Councils by the Mayor, as listed on the attached schedule.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council agree that the appointment of the authority's representatives to the various committees and forums of London Councils, as listed in Appendix A to this report, be made by the Mayor.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Annual Council Meeting on 18th May 2011, the Council noted a number of appointments made by the Mayor of Councillors to serve as Tower Hamlets' representatives on the various committees and forums of London Councils.
- 3.2 Pursuant to the changes in Cabinet appointments made since the Annual Council Meeting, there is a need to amend some of the nominations to the London Councils committees and forums.
- 3.3 Subsequent to the item referred to at 3.1 above, the Council agreed new arrangements for making appointments to outside bodies. These are now the responsibility of the Council, except in cases where the outside body has requested that the nominee be a Cabinet member and with the agreement of the Council, when the appointment shall be made by the Mayor.

- 3.4 In the case of the London Councils committees and forums, London Council has advised authorities that the appointments shall preferably be the relevant Cabinet/Lead Member in each case. In relation to the Grants Committee, it is a legal requirement that the nominee and any deputies are Executive Members.
- 3.5 The Council is therefore recommended to agree that appointments to the London Councils committees and forums, as listed at Appendix A, attached, shall be made by the Mayor.

4. LONDON COUNCILS

- 4.1 London Councils plays a unique role in London Government. It is part think-tank and part lobbying organisation and has also established a number of pan-London bodies and cross-borough partnerships which contribute to the overall governance of London.
- 4.2 London Councils also works with and funds voluntary groups across London to tackle a wide range of problems, including economic and social disadvantage and the promotion of social inclusion, as well as improving the lives of people who live, work in and visit London.
- 4.3 In addition London Councils delivers a range of transport-related services on behalf of London's boroughs, including the Freedom Pass and the Taxi Card Schemes; provides a specialist housing advice and research analysis service on behalf of subscribing boroughs; and acts as the employers' organisation for the 32 London boroughs.
- 4.4 London Councils' main policy committee is the Leaders' and Mayors' Committee, which comprises Leaders and Executive Mayors drawn from all London boroughs including Tower Hamlets. To aid its work the organisation has also established a number of committees and forums covering specific policy and service areas. Each committee/forum reflects the overall political balance of London Councils. The London Councils Executive is not directly appointed by the boroughs but nominations to it come from the party groups. The arrangements for appointment to the London Councils member structures this year remain largely unchanged from 2010/11.

APPENDIX A

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOMINATIONS TO LONDON COUNCILS COMMITTEES/FORUMS 2011/12

Committees	Nominations sought and any guidance provided by London Councils
Leaders' and Mayors' Committee (s101 Joint Committee) & London Councils Limited.	One voting member (usually the Mayor) plus up to two named deputies.
Transport and Environment Committee (Associated Joint Committee)	One voting member (usually the lead member for transport or environment) plus up to four named deputies.
Grants Committee (Associated Joint Committee)	One voting member (preferably the lead member for partnerships and/or the voluntary sector) plus up to four named deputies. NB: Both the voting member and all of the deputies must be members of the Council's Cabinet.
Greater London Provincial Council	No direct nominations - GLPC Employers' Side comprises 15 members nominated from the combined membership of the Leaders' and Mayors' Committee and the Greater London Employment Forum)
Forums	(Nominees will usually be the lead member in the relevant area. Appointment of officer positions are made by the Leaders' and Mayors' Committee)
Health and Adult Services Forum	One member (normally the lead member for health/social services) plus one named deputy.
Housing Forum	One member (normally the lead member for housing) plus one named deputy.
Culture, Tourism and 2012 Forum	One member (normally the lead member for culture, sport or 2012) plus one named deputy.

Crime and Public Protection Forum	One member (normally the lead member for community safety) plus one named deputy.
Economic Development Forum	One member (normally the lead member for regeneration/economic development) plus one named deputy.
Children and Young People Forum	One member (normally the lead member for children's services) plus one named deputy.
Greater London Employment Forum	One member (normally the member responsible for human resources issues) plus one named deputy.
Lead Members	Lead Members for Equalities, Improvement and Sustainability are appointed by the Leaders' and Mayors' Committee. These are not nominated directly by boroughs but appointed from candidates put forward by the party groups at London Councils.