



Extraordinary Meeting of the

# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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Thursday, 4 November 2010 at 6.30 p.m.

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## A G E N D A

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### VENUE

Room M78, 7th Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent,  
London, E14 2BG

Members:	Deputies (if any):
Chair: Councillor Helal Uddin Vice-Chair: Councillor Abdul Asad	
Councillor Md. Maium Miah Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	Councillor Mizan Chaudhury, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Helal Uddin, Abdul Asad, Lutfa Begum, Aminur Khan, Ahmed Omer and Motin Uz-Zaman) Councillor Peter Golds, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Md. Maium Miah)
<b>[Note: The quorum for this body is 3 Members].</b>	

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**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 4 November 2010**

**6.30 p.m.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Chief Executive.

**3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

<b>PAGE NUMBERS</b>	<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED</b>
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**3.1 APPOINTMENTS TO BILLINGSGATE MARKET  
CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Millwall;**

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# Agenda Item 2

## DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This note is guidance only. Members should consult the Council's Code of Conduct for further details. Note: Only Members can decide if they have an interest therefore they must make their own decision. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending at a meeting.

### Declaration of interests for Members

Where Members have a personal interest in any business of the authority as described in paragraph 4 of the Council's Code of Conduct (contained in part 5 of the Council's Constitution) then s/he must disclose this personal interest as in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Code. Members must disclose the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting and certainly no later than the commencement of the item or where the interest becomes apparent.

You have a **personal interest** in any business of your authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:

- (a) An interest that you must **register**
- (b) An interest that is not on the register, but where the well-being or financial position of you, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association, is likely to be affected by the business of your authority more than it would affect the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision.

Where a personal interest is declared a Member may stay and take part in the debate and decision on that item.

**What constitutes a prejudicial interest?** - Please refer to paragraph 6 of the adopted Code of Conduct.

**Your personal interest will also be a prejudicial interest in a matter if (a), (b) and either (c) or (d) below apply:-**

- (a) A member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think that your personal interests are so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interests; AND
- (b) The matter does not fall within one of the exempt categories of decision listed in paragraph 6.2 of the Code; AND EITHER
- (c) The matter affects your financial position or the financial interest of a body with which you are associated; or
- (d) The matter relates to the determination of a licensing or regulatory application

The key points to remember if you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting:-

- i. You must declare that you have a prejudicial interest, and the nature of that interest, as soon as that interest becomes apparent to you; and
- ii. You must leave the room for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision unless (iv) below applies; and

- iii. You must not seek to improperly influence a decision in which you have a prejudicial interest.
- iv. If Members of the public are allowed to speak or make representations at the meeting, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, by statutory right or otherwise (e.g. planning or licensing committees), you can declare your prejudicial interest but make representations. However, you must immediately leave the room once you have finished your representations and answered questions (if any). You cannot remain in the meeting or in the public gallery during the debate or decision on the matter.

# Agenda Item 3.1

Committee <b>Extraordinary General Purposes Committee</b>	Date <b>3 November 2010</b>	Classification <b>Unrestricted</b>	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
Report of: <b>Service Head, Democratic Services</b>	Title: <b>APPOINTMENTS TO BILLINGSGATE MARKET CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>			
Originating Officer(s): <b>John S. Williams</b>	Ward(s) affected: <b>Millwall</b>			

**REASONS FOR URGENCY:** The Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee needs to meet without delay to discuss proposals to amend the Market's by-laws. The Committee is convened by the City of London Corporation but its constitution provides for two members to be appointed by Tower Hamlets Council. The Committee is not quorate without the Tower Hamlets members and therefore cannot meet until they have been appointed.

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The General Purposes Committee has responsibility for appointing Councillors, officers or other nominees as appropriate to represent the authority on outside bodies. On 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 the Committee received nominations from the political groups and agreed the Council's appointments to a range of external bodies for the municipal year 2010/11.
- 1.2 Subsequently the Council has been invited to appoint two representatives to the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee. An urgent meeting of the Consultative Advisory Committee has been requested in connection with proposed amendments to the Market's by-laws. The Constitution of the Consultative Advisory Committee requires the Tower Hamlets representatives to be appointed before the Committee can convene.
- 1.3 The Committee is therefore asked to appoint to the two vacant positions. The political groups have been notified of the vacancies and any nominations received prior to the Committee will be reported at the meeting. In the event that no such nominations are received before the meeting, the Committee is recommended to delegate to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) authority to make the appointments, after consultation with the Mayor and the political group leaders, in order to avoid the need for a further extraordinary meeting.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Committee consider any nominations received and appoint two representatives to serve on the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee;

or, in the event that no nominations are received before or at the meeting:

- 2.2 That the Committee delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services), after consultation with the Mayor and the leaders of the respective political groups on the Council, to agree the appointment of the Council's representatives on the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee.

## **3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The General Purposes Committee has been established by Council to enable the efficient determination of non-executive matters, including appointments to committees, panels and external bodies. Appointments are made until the end of the current municipal year unless otherwise indicated.

- 3.2 The Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee was established by section 15 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1979, to make representations to the City Corporation on any matter concerning the management or operation of the market. The Committee's constitution includes 4 representatives of the City Corporation, 2 of Tower Hamlets Council and persons representing the traders (4), workers (2) and buyers (1) in the Market.

- 3.3 The Committee has met infrequently and no representatives have been nominated for some years. The City Corporation has now been asked to convene a meeting urgently in connection with proposals regarding the market byelaws. In accordance with its Constitution, the Committee cannot meet unless and until the Tower Hamlets representatives have been appointed. The City Corporation nominees to the Advisory Committee are officers. Tower Hamlets may appoint Councillors or officers to the Committee.

## **4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **5. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. Representatives to outside bodies are provided with guidance notes, as previously agreed by the Committee, addressing the legal issues and duties relating to their role.

**6. IMPLICATIONS FOR ONE TOWER HAMLETS**

6.1 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.

**7. ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS**

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

**8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT (SAGE)**

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

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**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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