

## LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

NO. 411

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS  
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE,  
5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON E14 2BG  
ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2005 AT 7.30 P.M.

### PRESENT:

Councillor Manir Uddin Ahmed, Mayor in the Chair	
Councillor Helal Uddin Abbas	Councillor Fanu Miah
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	Councillor Kevin Morton
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	Councillor Muhammad Ghulam Mortuza
Councillor Rofique Uddin Ahmed	Councillor Kumar Murshid
Councillor Louise Alexander	Councillor Timothy O'Flaherty
Councillor Alan Amos	Councillor Hilary Phelps
Councillor Abdul Asad	Councillor Akikur Rahman
Councillor Richard Brooks	Councillor Ataur Rahman
Councillor Betheline Chattopadhyay	Councillor Helal Rahman
Councillor Jainal Chowdhury	Councillor Lutfur Rahman
Councillor David Edgar	Councillor Oliur Rahman
Councillor Judith Gardiner	Councillor Martin Rew
Councillor Ray Gipson	Councillor Simon Rouse
Councillor John Griffiths	Councillor Mohammed Abdus Salique
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	Councillor A. A. Sardar
Councillor Sirajul Islam	Councillor Julian Sharpe
Councillor Denise Jones	Councillor Abdus Shukur
Councillor Michael Keith	Councillor Brian Son
Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan	Councillor M. S. Uddin
Councillor Khaled Reza Khan	Councillor Doros Ullah
Councillor Janet Ludlow	Councillor Salim Ullah
Councillor Nigel McCollum	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman
Councillor Ashton McGregor	Councillor Marian Williams
Councillor Abdul Matin	
Councillor Julia Mainwaring	

## 1. THE MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Mayor, Councillor Manir Uddin Ahmed opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

He continued by informing the meeting that as an outgoing Mayor he was a very proud but tired man. It had been an honour to serve as Mayor of the Borough. During his mayoralty he had carried out a wide range of engagement and had met a wide range of persons, including members of the Royal Family and had attended over 400 events.

During his Mayoralty monies had been raised for a number of deserving causes including the Bangladesh Flood Appeal, the Tsunami Disaster as well as his chosen charity for the year, The Children's Society, for which he had raised nearly £20,000.

Towards the end of his very busy year as Mayor he had made a very productive visit to Bangladesh and had met with the Prime Minister and the Mayors of Dhaka and Sylhet.

He went on to thank his family for their tremendous support which they had afforded him during his year in office and also thanked officers for their unfailing help and advice.

He concluded by thanking his colleagues for their support and encouragement and wished his successor the very best of luck.

Councillor Michael Keith, Leader of the Majority Group on the Council congratulated the Mayor on his achievements. He noted that the Mayor was familiar with a wide range of persons and organisations in the Borough and acknowledged his long-standing commitment to the Borough.

Councillor Janet Ludlow, Leader of the Minority Group on the Council congratulated the Mayor on his year in office.

## 2. ELECTION OF MAYOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY, 2006

The Mayor sought nominations for the position of Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for the Municipal Year 2005/2006. Councillor Michael Keith **MOVED** and Councillor Abdus Shukur **SECONDED** a motion in the following terms:

"That, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and Part IV of the Council's revised Constitution, Councillor Doros Ullah of 11 Hadfield House, Ellen Street, London E1 1PB be nominated as Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to hold office from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2006".

Councillor Janet Ludlow **MOVED** and Councillor Akikur Rahman **SECONDED** a motion in the following terms:

“That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and Part IV of the Council's revised Constitution, Councillor Ray Gipson of 65 Hewison Street, London E3 2H2, be nominated as Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to hold office from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2006.

The Mayor put the nominations to the vote and there voted: -

For Councillor Doros Ullah - 27

For Councillor Ray Gipson - 13

The Mayor declared that Councillor Doros Ullah duly elected as Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and it was:

### **RESOLVED**

That, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and Part IV of the Council's revised Constitution, Councillor Doros Ullah of 11 Hadfiled House, Ellen Street, London E1 1PB be nominated as Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to hold office from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2006.

### **COUNCILLOR DOROS ULLAH, MAYOR IN THE CHAIR**

Councillor Ullah in his acceptance speech began by thanking his colleagues for voting him into office as Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. He hoped that his election would give encouragement and act as a role model to young people across the Borough to come forward and become active in local politics. He continued by informing the meeting that he proposed to use his Mayoralty to promote an inclusive society in Tower Hamlets where discrimination and racism had no place and that the pursuit of equal opportunities would be everyone's goal. He welcomed the Authority's commitment to work for all its citizens to promote education, housing and training opportunities for all. The Mayor acknowledged the steps that the Authority had made and continued to make the Borough a good place to live and work in.

The Mayor also wanted to inform the meeting that his chosen charity was to be CRISIS, a national charity which had its headquarters in Commercial Street E1. It sought to help homeless people, and the socially excluded. He would also take the opportunity to support local projects in need of assistance.

### **3. TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor sought nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to hold office for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

Councillor Michael Keith **MOVED** and Councillor Abdus Shukur **SECONDED** a motion in the following terms:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and Part IV of the Council’s revised Constitution, Councillor Brian Son of 21 Caledonian Wharf, Isle of Dogs, London E14 3EN be nominated as Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to hold office from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2006”.

Councillor Janet Ludlow **MOVED** and Councillor Akikur Rahman **SECONDED** a motion in the following terms:

“That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and Part IV of the Council’s revised Constitution, Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan of 21 Barbanel House, Cephass Street, London E1 4JL, be nominated as Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to hold office from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2006.”

The Mayor put the nominations to the vote and there voted: -

For Councillor Brian Son - 28

For Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan - 13

The Mayor declared that Councillor Brian Son duly elected as Deputy Mayor of London Borough of Tower Hamlets and it was:

#### **RESOLVED**

That, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and Part IV of the Council’s revised Constitution, Councillor Brian Son of 21 Caledonian Wharf, Isle of Dogs, London E14 3EN be elected as Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to hold office from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2006.

### **4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Barrie Duffey and James Sanderson.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the apologies for absence be noted.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

6. **VOTING**

The Mayor informed the meeting, that he would, as usual, deal with all matters at this evening's meeting by way of a show of hands and a formal vote.

7. **MINUTES**

The Mayor **MOVED** and it was:-

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings subject to the inclusion of Councillor Betheline Chattopadhyay's name in the list of apologies for absence received and the Mayor be authorised to sign them accordingly.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY (i) THE MAYOR (ii) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

There were no announcements made under this heading.

9. **TO ELECT A LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

(i) **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Helal Abbas **MOVED** and Councillor Julia Mainwaring **SECONDED** a motion in the following terms and it was: -

**RESOLVED**

That in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 of the Council's revised Constitution, Councillor Michael Keith be elected as Leader of the Council to hold office from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2006.

(ii) **DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Michael Keith, Leader of the Council **MOVED** and Councillor Sirajul Islam **SECONDED** a motion in the following terms and it was: -

**RESOLVED**

That, in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 of the Council's revised Constitution, Councillor Abdus Shukur be elected as Deputy Leader of the Council to hold office from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2006.

**10. TO CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE CABINET AND TO APPOINT MEMBERS THERETO**

Councillor Michael Keith, Leader of the Council **MOVED** and Councillor Abdus Shukur **SECONDED** a motion in the following terms and it was: -

**RESOLVED**

That, in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 of the Council's revised Constitution the Cabinet to comprise ten Members and that those Members set out in the schedule previously circulated and with the named portfolios be appointed thereto, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

**11. TO REVIEW THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES/PANELS TO POLITICAL GROUPS**

The Mayor **MOVED** and it was: -

**RESOLVED**

That the review of the allocation of seats as detailed in the report, be noted.

**12. TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES/PANELS**

Councillor Michael Keith, Leader of the Council **MOVED** and Councillor Abdus Shukur, Deputy Leader of the Council **SECONDED** a motion in the following terms: -

- i) "That, in accordance with the provisions of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, those Members and Deputies be appointed to the various bodies for the Municipal Year 2005/2006, as set out in the tabled schedules, and
- ii) That a Special Responsibility Allowance of £7,613 per annum be agreed for the Chair of the General Purposes Committee"

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and there voted: -

For - 35

Against - 0

The Mayor declared the motion to be **CARRIED** and it was: -

**RESOLVED**

- i) That, in accordance with the provisions of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution those Members and Deputies be appointed to the various bodies for the Municipal Year 2005/2006 as set out in the tabled schedules. A copy of which is attached to these Minutes and,
- ii) That a Special Responsibility Allowance of £7,613 per annum be agreed for the Chair General Purposes Committee.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions, and closed the meeting at 8.04 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR DOROS ULLAH**  
**THE MAYOR**