

## LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

MINUTES of the meeting of the ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, which was open to the press and public, held on WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2003 at 6.30 p.m. at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD. SE6 4RU.

### Present

Councillor Huntbach (Chair); Councillors Maslin and Massey.

<u>Minute No.</u>		<u>Action</u>
1	<u>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR</u> (page RESOLVED that Councillor Huntbach be appointed Chair of the Committee for the municipal year 2003/04.	
2	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u> (page None was declared.	
3	<u>COMBINING THE GLA AND EUROPEAN ELECTIONS IN 2004 - PRESENTATION</u> (page The Head of Law gave a short presentation on the proposal to combine the GLA/European elections on 10 June 2004. She reported that it would be a complex job and if there was a 40% turnout there would be approximately 350k ballot papers. Each voter would be asked to cast 5 votes; there would be three electoral systems; two counting methods and times; and the count would be spread over at least 4 days. She then presented information on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who runs the election</li><li>• Voting methods for the GLA Mayor, the London Assembly and European elections</li><li>• The Count</li><li>• Communications</li></ul>	

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- Issues relating to Boundaries, Pilots and Ballot Paper design

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4 BID FOR PILOT STATUS (page

The Head of Law amended paragraph 5(d) of the report by deleting "£5,600" and inserting "£7,650".

Councillor Huntbach reported that he was against proposals for an all-postal ballot and would be voting against the recommendations.

With Councillor Huntbach voting against it was

RESOLVED that

(i) the position of political parties in relation to the proposal as set out in paragraph 6 of the report and Appendix 3 be noted;

(ii) the proposal attached as Appendix 1 to the report be approved for submission to the ODPM for pilot status; H of L

(iii) delegated authority be given to the Head of Law to make any minor amendments to the proposal, if so requested by the ODPM or so advised by the Electoral Commission; and

(iv) delegated authority be given to the Head of Law to commission independent research from external contractors as set out in paragraph 4 of the report.

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- 5      POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES (page      and Appendices page

The Head of Law reported that, with the exception of the Liberal Democrat party confirming that they had no comments to make on the proposed boundary changes, no other representations had been received.

RESOLVED      that the creation of the polling districts for parliamentary election purposes only, as set out in Appendix 1 and the nomination of polling places set out in Appendix 2 be agreed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A      VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK (page      and Appendix page  
B      SEEKING VOTER'S VIEWS (page

RESOLVED      that the reports be received.

The meeting ended at 7.25 p.m.

Chair