

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor J Lewis in the Chair

Councillors S Arif, D Blackburn,
Amanda Carter, D Coupar, W Dixon,
E Flint, H Hayden, J Lennox,
R. Stephenson and P Wray

22 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

23 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

24 Late items

There were no late items.

25 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Golton and J Pryor.

27 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 18 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

28 Approval of Pay Policy Statement 2024/25

The report of the Chief Officer, Human Resources set out the Council's Annual Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25 (Appendix A). This was required under the Localism Act 2011 and must be annually approved by Full Council before 31 March each year.

The Head of Human Resources was in attendance to present the report.

Further information was sought regarding employer contributions to the pension scheme. This information would be provided to Members following the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the contents of the Pay Policy Statement 2024/25 at Appendix A and the content as set out in Appendix B be noted.
- (2) That the Full Council be recommend to:

- (a) Approve the Pay Policy Statement for the 2024/25 financial year as attached in Appendix A.
- (b) Resolve that the data in the Pay Policy Statement be updated once national pay negotiations for the 2024/25 financial year are concluded.
- (c) Note that the Chief Officer (HR) has existing delegated authority to make any necessary adjustments to the Council's pay scales arising from nationally agreed pay awards.

29 Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations

The report of the Director of Housing, Communities and Environment asked the General Purposes Committee to consider representations made during the consultation period of the review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations (the review), and the recommendations made by the Electoral Working Group in relation to those representations.

The Head of Electoral Services was in attendance to present the report.

There had been a total of 66 representations received and these had been detailed in Appendix B of the report. Recommendations of the Electoral Working Group were detailed in Appendix C.

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Electoral Working Group as detailed in Appendix C be approved to allow the Electoral Registration Officer to finalise the polling scheme for the elections on 2 May 2024, and republish the electoral register taking into account any changes to polling district boundaries on 1 March 2024. Where the representations had not reached the overall agreement of the Electoral working Group (representations 31, 47, 48 and 49, the existing position of these polling districts to remain unchanged.

30 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 17 April 2024 at 1.30 p.m.