

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Thursday, 30th August, 2012 at 10.00 am

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

A Blackburn	-	Farnley and Wortley;
J Blake	-	Middleton Park;
R Finnigan	-	Morley North;
S Golton	-	Rothwell;
P Gruen	-	Cross Gates and Whinmoor;
G Latty	-	Guiseley and Rawdon;
J Lewis	-	Kippax and Methley;
A Lowe	-	Armley;
E Nash	-	City and Hunslet;
J Procter	-	Wetherby;
M Rafique	-	Chapel Allerton;
K Wakefield (Chair)	-	Kippax and Methley;

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p>	

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3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	
4			<p>DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS</p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2000 and paragraphs 13-18 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 19-20 of the Members' Code of Conduct</p>	
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting.</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>To receive as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2012.</p>	1 - 4
7			<p>DEPUTATION TO FULL COUNCIL - FALUN GONG</p> <p>To receive the report of the Director of Resources considering the deputation received by full Council on the 11th July 2012 from Ms Man regarding practitioners of Falun Gong and the Council's response to it.</p>	5 - 10

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8			<p>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT ARISING FROM DCLG GUIDANCE</p> <p>To receive a report of the City Solicitor in considering the proposed amendments to the Members' Code of Conduct in accordance with new guidance from the Department of Communities and Local Government.</p>	11 - 34
9			<p>NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION</p> <p>To receive a report of the City Solicitor outlining the new provisions introduced by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, seeking Members' views on proposed amendments to current practice, and to highlight any areas of risk to the authority.</p>	35 - 70
10			<p>REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETINGS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Chief Executive considering the proposals contained in the report and recommend to Full Council adoption of the additional new arrangements, with the necessary consequential changes to Council Procedure Rules being delegated to the City Solicitor in consultation with Group Whips.</p>	71 - 78

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11			<p>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR SCARCROFT PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p>To receive a report of the Head of Licensing and Registration considering EWG's recommendations regarding the request from Scarcroft Parish Council to increase the size of the Parish Council from 7 to 9 Councillors and subsequent Community Governance Review to establish whether such an increase should be approved.</p>	79 - 110
12			<p>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER TO CREATE A NEW PARISH OF RAWDON</p> <p>To receive a report of the Head of Licensing and Registration considering EWG's recommendations regarding the petition from electors in polling districts from the Horsforth, Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon wards and subsequent Community Governance Review to establish whether a new parish for Rawdon should be created.</p>	111 - 148

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13			<p data-bbox="676 181 1409 215">WEBCASTING COUNCIL CHAMBER MEETINGS</p> <p data-bbox="676 286 1409 651">To receive a report of the Chief Officer Democratic & Central Services and Chief Officer ICT Services considering the introduction of webcasting for Council meetings. The purpose of this paper is to present the main issues, a broad summary of the likely costs and benefits in the introduction of webcasting and to seek guidance as to whether Members would wish to introduce webcasting as part of improving engagement and transparency in local democracy.</p>	149 - 160
14			<p data-bbox="676 898 1114 931">REVIEW OF PLANS PANELS</p> <p data-bbox="676 969 1358 1189">To receive the report of the Director of City Development considering proposals for the establishment of a new strategic and city centre plans panel to deal with those planning applications with significant implications for the future prosperity of the City's economy.</p>	161 - 184