

## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Blake in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, Mrs A Carter,  
R Charlwood, G Latty, J Lewis, A Lowe,  
A Ogilvie, J Pryor and Rafique(substitute)

Apologies Councillors S Golton, Varley and Yeadon

### **23 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents**

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

### **24 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public**

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

### **25 Late items**

There were no late items.

### **26 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **27 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Yeadon (Councillor Rafique attended as substitute), Councillor Golton and Councillor Varley.

### **28 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be approved as a correct record.

### **29 Joint Review of all Polling Districts, Places and Stations and Community Governance Review of Parish and Town Council Arrangements**

The Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration submitted a report asking General Purposes Committee to agree the process and timetable for the joint Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations and Community Governance Review of all Parish and Town Council arrangements.

## **RESOLVED -**

- a) That the process for the Joint Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations and Community Governance Review of all Parish and Town Council arrangements be agreed as set out in the report;
- b) That the timetable for the Joint Review as set out at Appendix A to the report be agreed.
- c) That the Terms of Reference for the Community Governance Review of all Parish and Town Councils as set out in Appendix B to the report; be agreed and
- d) Agreed that the Elections Working Group will be used as a working group to discuss the results of any representations received in response to both consultation exercises, and provide recommendations for General Purposes Committee's consideration as set out in this report.

## **30 Annual Review of the Constitution**

The City Solicitor submitted a report setting out proposed amendments to the Council's constitution to ensure that it remains up to date and fit for purpose.

### **RESOLVED –**

(a) To recommend that Council approves the amendments to the following documents (as set out in this report and shown on the appendices attached to the report):-

- Article 6 (Appendix D)
- Article 15 (Appendix H)
- Officer Delegation Scheme (Council (non-executive) Functions):-
  - Director of Resources and Housing (Appendix B1)
  - Director of Communities and Environment (Appendix B2)
- Scrutiny Board Terms of Reference (Appendix C)
- Council Procedure Rules (Appendix E)
- Community Committee Procedure Rules (Appendix F)
- Chief Finance Officer Protocol (Appendix G)

(b) That in respect of Article 13 – Decision Making (Appendix A) the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee be asked to consider the proposed amendments set out in both the report and Appendix A to the report and that any recommendations be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.