

## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 28TH MAY, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Councillor K Wakefield in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn (as substitute for D Blackburn), J Blake, S Golton, P Gruen, G Harper, G Latty, A Lowe, E Nash, J Procter, M Rafique and S Varley

Apologies Councillor D Blackburn

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

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

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

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

### **38 Late items**

There were no late items submitted.

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

No declarations were made

### **40 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Blackburn. Councillor A Blackburn was in attendance as substitute.

### **41 Minutes - 4th March 2014**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be approved as a correct record.

### **42 Constitutional Provision for Community Committees**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) submitted a report which requested that the Committee recommended to full Council the changes to the constitution necessary to effect the change from the current Area Committee arrangements to the proposed Community Committee model allowing greater freedom to engage in the locality in the manner most suited to the neighbourhoods, citizens and communities represented. In doing this the report set out the outcome of consultation in relation to the new

community committee arrangements, which followed the resolutions of Executive Board made on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

An amendment to Article 10, detailed in the submitted report was moved, the Kirkstall Ward be transferred from the boundary of the North West (Inner) to the boundary of the West (Inner) Community Committee. This amendment was proposed to balance the respective Community Committee membership owing to the increased responsibilities of Community Committees. All Members present agreed to this amendment.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to recommend that:

- (a) The amendments to the constitution detailed within the submitted report and appendices A to C be considered by full Council subject to the amendment to Article 10 detailed above.
- (b) The principles set out in Annexes 1 and 2 of the submitted report be noted.

#### **43 Review of all Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations**

The Head of Licensing and Registration presented his report which sought to agree the process and timetable for the Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations.

Members discussed accessibility to polling stations and noted that this will be fully considered at the next meeting of the Electoral Working Group.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to:

- (a) Agree the process for the Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations as set out in the submitted report;
- (b) Agree the timetable for the Review as set out at Appendix A of the submitted report; and
- (c) Agree that 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 the submitted report.

#### **44 Webcasting of Council Meetings**

The City Solicitor submitted a report which set out the background and provided information on the webcasting of Council meetings during the last

Municipal Year. The purpose of the report was to seek Member's views on whether Council meetings should continue to be webcast and, if so, asked Members to determine the period of time by which the existing contract should be extended.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to agree to continue webcasting Council meetings and approve the Officer recommendation of an extension of a 12 month period.