

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor J Blake in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, C Dobson(as substitute for Councillor Lowe), S Golton, G Latty, J Lewis, A Ogilvie, J Pryor, S Varley and L Yeadon

Apologies Councillors R Charlwood A Lowe and J Procter.

1 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

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

2 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

3 LATE ITEMS

No late items were submitted to the agenda for consideration, Members did however consider additional information from the Morley Borough Independent Group Whip in respect of the item on Substitution Arrangements for Council Meetings (minute 7 refers).

4 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Charlwood, Councillor Lowe and Councillor J Procter. Councillor C Dobson attended as substitute for Councillor Lowe.

6 Minutes - 9th May 2016

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2016 be approved as a correct record.

7 SUBSTITUTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The City Solicitor submitted a report recommending amendments to the Council Procedures Rules to allow greater flexibility around the appointment of substitutes to Plans Panels, the report also recommended provision for substitution for the Council's Housing Advisory Board.

Members also considered correspondence from the Morley Borough Independent Group Whip in respect of paragraph 3.3 of the report which set out the current practice between the smaller political groups in respect of substitute arrangements.

In discussing this matter Members agreed that in relation to each Plans Panel, the Council shall appoint a list of substitute members comprising all other members of the other Plans Panels, the Development Plan Panel and the Licensing Committee. In addition the list may include any Members, nominated by their group Whip, who are not members of these committees, but have received appropriate training. A nominated member shall be entitled to attend meetings in place of a regular member, subject to the substitute member having received appropriate training.

RESOLVED – That the proposed amendments to the Council Procedure Rules set out at Appendix A to this report be recommended to Full Council for approval.