

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor J Lewis in the Chair

Councillors S Arif, D Blackburn,
Amanda Carter, D Cohen, D Coupar,
S Golton, J Lennox, J Pryor and F Venner

8 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

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

9 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

10 Late items

There were no late items.

11 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

12 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor H Hayden

13 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 11 July 2022 be approved as a correct record.

14 Proposed Community Governance Review of Thorp Arch Parish Council

The report of the Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory informed the Committee of a request to increase the number of Parish Councillors for Thorpe Arch Parish Council. The Council must consider this request and decide whether a Community Governance Review should take place with a view to increasing the number of Councillors from 5 to 6.

John Mulcahy, Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory and Susanna Benton, Head of Electoral Services were in attendance.

Members were informed that the request had been made due to a new housing development which would increase the size of the electorate. The request was supported by local Ward Councillors.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That a Community Governance Review of Thorp Arch Parish Council be undertaken.

- (2) That the terms of reference and timetable for the review as detailed in Appendix A be approved.

15 To inform General Purposes Committee of the use by the Monitoring Officer and her Deputies of her power under Article 15 15.2.3

Following the adoption of an amended Article 15 by Full Council on 26 May 2022 the report of the City Solicitor updated the Committee of the use of the powers under Article 15.2.3 of the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer on two occasions since the Committee last sat:

1. On 15 July to re-align 2 scrutiny functions to correct a historic inconsistency on alignments; and
2. On 26 September 2022 to further update Article 15 following a decision of Executive Board on 27 July 2022 to delegate future changes to the Protocol for the Roles of Members and Officers in Decision Making to the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED – That the use of the powers of the Monitoring Officer be noted.

16 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at 10.00 a.m.