

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor D Coupar in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, Amanda Carter,
W Dixon, E Flint, H Hayden, J Lennox,
J Pryor, R. Stephenson and P Wray

10 Election of Chair

As Councillor Lewis was unavailable for the meeting, a nomination was sought for a Chair.

RESOLVED – That Councillor D Coupar be elected as Chair for the meeting.

11 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

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

12 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

13 Late items

There were no late items.

14 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

15 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Golton, W Kidger and J Lewis.

16 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 26 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

17 Review of polling districts and polling places

The report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment sought approval from General Purposes Committee to plans for a statutory review of polling districts and polling places within the Leeds City Council area.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the compulsory polling district and places review commences on Thursday 19 October 2023

- 2) That the outline timetable for the review at paragraph 34 of this report is approved
- 3) That the Electoral Registration Officer is authorised to undertake the review in accordance with the process described in this report
- 4) That the Electoral Registration Officer is authorised to take the necessary measures as soon as possible to give effect to parliamentary constituency changes, ensuring that the register reflects existing and new constituencies, until the boundaries are fully in force
- 5) That the Electoral Registration Officer is authorised to take the necessary measures to give effect to any new or amended polling districts on completion of the polling district review, ensuring that the register reflects existing and new boundaries, until the boundaries are fully in force

18 Approval of West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Board as a joint committee of Leeds City Council, Council appointments and Terms of Reference

The report of the Director of Adults and provided the Committee with an update as to the need for Full Council to formally establish the Integrated Care Partnership as a statutory joint committee and agree terms of reference.

It was proposed to move the recommendations outlined in the report subject to the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Board's terms of reference being circulated to Members of the Committee following the meeting, to allow for any further comment to be made before submission to Full Council.

RESOLVED –

1. That the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Board's terms of reference be circulated to Members of the Committee to allow for any further comment before submission to Full Council

2. That subject to 1 above, that GPC recommends to Council that:

- (i) It establishes a joint committee (an integrated care partnership) called the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Board for the area of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) together with the ICB and other responsible local authorities in the ICB's area.
- (ii) It approves the proposed Terms of Reference of the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Board (the 'Partnership Board')
- (iii) It notes the separate appointment of the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board Cllr Fiona Venner, and the Council Chief Executive Tom Riordan as members of the Partnership Board, by the Partnership Board.
- (iv) That the necessary changes be made to the Council's constitution.

3. That the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Board is deemed a strategic and key appointment in the context of the Appointments to Outside Body Procedure Rules.

4. That GPC appoints one member of the Partnership Board, namely the Council Leader, Councillor James Lewis, subject to Council resolving to approve recommendations 2 (i) – (iv) above.

19 Review of the Constitution

The report of the City Solicitor informed General Purposes Committee about a review of the Constitution and sought views in respect of the proposed scope of the review.

The report highlighted issues relating to the drivers for the review, scope of the review and next steps. It was proposed that the Committee would receive a further report in December 2023.

In response to Members questions, the following was highlighted:

- The review of Community Committees was to be a separate review and would lead to amendments to the Constitution.
- The review would lead to the Constitution being more accessible and easier to understand with the use of clear and simple language. Training would be provided to Councillors and officers.

RESOLVED – Note the Committee will receive a further report in December 2023 setting out the proposed scope.

20 Elected Member Appointments to Outside Bodies - in year update 2023/24

The report of the City Solicitor provided the Committee with an update on in-year Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies and other bodies made since the July meeting of General Purposes Committee by the City Solicitor pursuant to her delegated authority.

RESOLVED – That the in year Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies and other bodies made since the General Purposes Committee meeting held 26th July 2023 by the City Solicitor pursuant to her delegated authority be noted.

21 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 13 December 2023 at 11.00 a.m.