

## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 2014

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

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

Apologies Councillor G Harper

### 27 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

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

### 28 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

### 29 Late items

There were no late items submitted to the agenda for consideration.

### 30 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

### 31 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Harper. Councillor J Hardy was present as substitute.

### 32 Minutes

**RESOLVED** - The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

### 33 Approval of the 2014/15 Pay Policy Statement

The Chief Officer HR submitted a report which sought the Committee's views on a revised Pay Policy Statement and for the Committee to make recommendations to full Council to approve the changes before the start of the 2014/15 financial year.

**RESOLVED** – The General Purposes Committee resolved to:

- (a) recommend to full Council approval of the Pay Policy Statement for the 2014/15 year as set out in Addendum 1 to the report; and
- (b) note the assurances provided by the Deputy Chief Executive that the senior management pay structure is appropriate and complied with.

**34 Reconfirming support for a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) in relation to the new Congenital Heart Disease Review**

The City Solicitor submitted a report asking the Committee to consider and make recommendations to full Council to reconfirm the mandate previously given by full Council for the establishment of a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and Humber) and subsequently delegate relevant functions in relation to the new review of Congenital Heart Disease services.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to:

- (a) Note the content and detail presented in the report;
- (b) Make the following recommendations to full Council:
  - a. That Council reconfirms its support for the establishment of a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) in relation to NHS England's new review of Congenital Heart Disease services;
  - b. That Council delegates relevant functions, as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report, that shall be exercisable by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber), subject to such terms and conditions therein; and
  - c. That Council asks the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) to nominate a member from within its membership to sit on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) in relation to the new review of Congenital Heart Disease services and, upon nomination, agrees to appoint such member to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber).

**35 Protocol for Third Party Recording of Committee, Board and Panel Meetings**

The Head of Governance Service presented a report submitted by the City Solicitor which requested that the Committee consider and agree the content of a protocol relating to the third party recording of council committee, board and panel meetings. The protocol was attached at Appendix 1 of the submitted report.

The Committee was also asked to consider ancillary matters relating to the adoption of the protocol, including member training, member immunities, civic

hall facilities and consequential amendments that may be necessary to the constitution.

The Head of Governance Services confirmed that training for Members has now commenced. Furthermore Members were advised that Regulations relating to Local Audit and Accountability Bill which would allow people to film, photograph or make sound recording of proceedings have still not been issued.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to:

- (a) Agree the content of a protocol relating to the third party recording of council committee, board and panel meetings attached at Appendix 1 of the submitted report;
- (b) Agree that the protocol be further reviewed by the City Solicitor (in consultation with group leaders) in light of the content of Regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of State; and
- (c) Note the ancillary matters set out in the submitted report relating to the adopting of the protocol, including Member and Officer briefings, Member immunities, Civic Hall facilities and consequential amendments that may be necessary to the constitution.