

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor K Wakefield in the Chair

Councillors J Blake, P Gruen, G Latty,
J Lewis, A Lowe, E Nash, J Procter,
M Rafique and S Varley

Apologies Councillors D Blackburn

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 items identified where it was considered necessary to exclude the press or public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be considered.

10 Late items

There were no late items

11 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

12 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Blackburn.

13 Minutes 29th July 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th July 2014, were accepted as a true and correct record.

14 The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 - Constitutional Amendments

The City Solicitor submitted a report setting out amendments that she had made to the Council's Constitution to reflect new legislative requirements arising from the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

RESOLVED –

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Thursday, 23rd October, 2014

- (i) To note the amendments to Article 13 of the Constitution, as set out in Appendix A of the submitted report, and also the amendments to the Access and Information Procedure Rules as set out in Appendix B.
- (ii) To note that the City Solicitor, in consultation with group leaders, had reviewed the protocol for third party recording of Committee meetings against the requirements set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, and that no amendments are necessary

15 Polling District Review

The Head of Licensing and Registration submitted a report which requested the Committee to consider initial proposals for the polling district review and to agree the initial proposals to be published on 5th September 2014 for the second consultation period of the review.

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the summary of representations as set out in Appendix A (which had cross-party support by parties who expressed a view) and approve that each case be confirmed as an initial proposal;
- b) To note the summary of representations as set out in Appendix B (which had been rejected by all parties) and to not approve as initial proposals;
- c) To note the summary of representations as set out in Appendix C (where all parties who expressed a view did not agree) and to not approve as initial proposals;
- d) To approve the revised timetable at Appendix E which had been amended to change the dates of the second consultation period from 29th August – 26th September to 5th September – 3rd October; and
- e) To note that the initial proposals agreed today will be published for further consultation from 5th September to 3rd October 2014 and will return to General Purposes Committee in November 2014 to agree on the authority's final proposals.