

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 18TH MAY, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor J Blake in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, D Blackburn,
S Golton, K Groves, M Harland, M Iqbal,
G Latty, T Leadley, J Lewis, R Lewis,
J Pryor and M Rafique

25 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

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

26 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

27 Late items

There were no late items, however, the agenda set out that the meeting had been called at short notice in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

28 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

29 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Debra Coupar, Alison Lowe, Amanda Carter, Rebecca Charlwood and Mark Dobson.

Councillor Kim Groves, Mohammed Iqbal and Richard Lewis attended the meeting as substitutes for Councillors Coupar, Charlwood and Lowe. Councillor Barry Anderson attended the meeting as substitute for Councillor Carter.

30 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 March 2018 be approved as a correct record.

31 Annual Review of Constitution

The City Solicitor submitted a report which set out proposals following the annual review of the Constitution.

Members sought clarification as to whether the amendment to Council Procedure Rule 28.3 removed the requirement for at least one Member from each ward to be in attendance, for the meeting to be quorate. This was confirmed by the Principal Corporate Governance Officer. Members suggested that a review of Community Committee Procedure Rules be undertaken, particularly in relation to funding specific to individual wards, such as the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money.

Members requested that the reference to the Royal Charter of 1897 in Article 5 remains prominent, as opposed to being referenced as a footnote.

RESOLVED – To recommend to full Council the amendments to the Constitution set out in the report, subject to the change outlined above.

(Councillors Rafique and R Lewis joined the meeting at 9:05am, during consideration of this item.)