

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor J Lewis in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, Amanda Carter,
D Cohen, H Hayden, W Kidger, J Lennox,
J Pryor and F Venner

18 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

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

19 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

20 Late items

There were no late items.

21 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Coupar and A Scopes.

23 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2021 be approved as a correct record.

24 Amendments to the Constitution - Council Procedure Rules

The City Solicitor submitted a report that set out proposed amendments to Article 26 of the Council Procedure Rules, which sets out the arrangements for substitution to Plans Panels and the Development Plan Panel.

RESOLVED – That the amendments to the Council Procedure Rules as shown at Appendix A be recommended to Full Council.

25 Adoption of the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct and Amendments to the Procedure for Considering Complaints Alleging a Failure to Comply with the Members' Code of Conduct

The City Solicitor submitted a report that presents recommendations from the Standards and Conduct Committee in respect to the Council's ethical framework – specifically the adoption of a new Code of Conduct for local councillors and amendments to the procedure for considering code of conduct complaints.

RESOLVED – That the following be recommended to Full Council:

- a) Adoption of the Councillor Code of Conduct as set out at Appendix 1 with effect from the Annual Council Meeting;
- b) Approval of the amendments to the Procedure for Considering Complaints Alleging a Failure to Comply with the Members' Code of Conduct set out at Appendix 2

26 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th May 2021 at 2.00 p.m.