

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JULY, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor J Lewis in the Chair

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

1 **Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents**

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

2 **Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public**

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

3 **Late items**

There were no late items.

4 **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

5 **Apologies for absence**

6 **Minutes of the last meeting**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

7 **Use by the Monitoring Officer and her Deputies of power under Article 15.2.3 of Constitution**

Following the adoption of an amended Article 15 by Full Council on 26 May 2022 the report of the City Solicitor updated the Committee of the use of the powers under Article 15.2.3 of the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer on four occasions since the Committee last sat:

1. Consequential changes were made to references to reflect various changes to documents and organisations which have been superseded over time.
2. Changes were made to the Members Allowance Scheme to reflect the findings of the Independent Remuneration Board.
3. Changes were made to the procedure for considering complaints alleging a failure to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. Consequential amendments were made to reflect Council's decision not to appoint a Member Management Committee.

RESOLVED – That the use of the powers of the Monitoring Officer be noted.

8 Elected Member Appointments to Outside Bodies

The City Solicitor submitted a report which outlined the Committee's role in relation to Elected Member appointments to Outside and 'other' bodies and sought agreement of the nominations to those organisations which fall to the General Purposes Committee to make an appointment to.

The report also included a copy of the Outside Body Procedure Rules for the 2023 -2024 Municipal Year and a schedule of Outside Bodies which were proposed to continue to be delegated to the Community Committees to appoint to.

Further information was requested as to why the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership no longer required an Elected Member appointment.

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the process set out in the Outside Bodies Procedure Rules which this Committee follows when making appointments, attached at Appendix 1 of the report,
- b) To note the information contained in paragraphs 11 to 14 of the report relating to organisations that either no longer require Elected Member representation or a change to the number of seats available,
- c) To note the current position with regards to new and existing Outside Bodies which required appointments since the last Member Management Committee and were confirmed through the delegated decision process as outlined in paragraph 16 of the submitted report,
- d) To note the current position in relation to Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies and 'Other Bodies' detailed in paragraph 10 and Appendix 2; and where appointments now fall to General Purposes Committee to make;
 - To confirm that the Council will continue to make an appointment to those organisations listed as Strategic and Key partnerships.
 - That the nominations for 2023-2024 in relation to Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies and 'Other Bodies' as detailed in Appendix 2 be agreed, noting the amendment to the appointments to the Morley Town Deal Fund Board
- e) Confirm those bodies included within the schedule at Appendix 3 as Community and Local Engagement and note that appointments to these bodies will be approved by the relevant Community Committees

9 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Wednesday, 18th October, 2023