

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor K Wakefield in the Chair

Councillors M Lobley (As substitute for A Carter) S Bentley, A Blackburn, J L Carter, R Finnigan, P Gruen, A Lowe and J Procter

Apologies Councillor
J Blake, A Carter and S Golton

46 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

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

47 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

48 Late items

There were no late items added to the agenda.

49 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made.

50 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Golton, Blake and A Carter.

51 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4th February 2011 be approved as a correct record.

52 Amendment to Officer Delegation Scheme (Council (non-executive) Functions).

The Head of Governance Services informed the Committee that further work had become necessary on the revisions to the delegation scheme.

RESOLVED - General Purposes Committee resolved to withdraw the report from the agenda.

(Councillor A Blackburn entered the meeting at 9:14pm during the discussion of this item)

53 Changes to the Budget and Policy Framework

The Head of Corporate Policy and Performance presented a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement). The report proposed amendments to the Budget and Policy Framework and made recommendations to full Council to amend Article 4 of the Constitution.

Members discussed changes to the planning framework and noted the need to ensure that accountability for expenditure by the Council on crime and disorder is not adversely affected by any partnerships required to be set up in due course by the Policing Reform Bill when enacted.

RESOLVED - General Purposes Committee resolved to:

- (a) recommend to full Council to approve the amendments to Article 4, as set out in Appendix 2 in the report, and the consequential amendments set out in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 of the report, all amendments to be of effect from the new municipal year 2011/12; and
- (b) receive a briefing note detailing the possible partnership arrangements that may be required to be set up by the Policing Reform Bill.

54 Work Programme

The Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report notifying Members of the draft work programme for the 2010/11 municipal year.

RESOLVED – Members of the General Purposes Committee resolved to agree that the draft work programme for 2010/11 be noted.