

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor K Wakefield in the Chair
Councillors S Bentley, J Blake,
Mrs R Feldman (as substitute for J L
Carter), P Gruen and A Lowe

Apologies Councillor A Carter and J L Carter

55 Short Notice

Meeting called at short notice under the provisions of paragraph 4.1 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

56 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

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

57 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

58 Late items

In accordance with his powers under Section 100 B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair admitted to the agenda late supplementary information in relation to Amendments to the Constitution (See Agenda item 7, minute No. 62).

The late item was admitted to the agenda in light of staff changes at the Council which required urgent changes to the Constitution (including to the officer scheme of delegation (council functions)).

59 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made either under this item or at any stage during the meeting.

60 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Carter and Councillor J L Carter.

61 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 23rd March 2011 be approved as a correct record.

62 Amendment to the Constitution

The Head of Governance Services presented a report of the Chief Executive. The report asked the Committee to consider and recommend the proposed amendments to full Council (including to the officer scheme of delegation (council functions)) which are urgently required as a result of staff changes within the Council.

RESOLVED – Members of the General Purposes Committee resolved to recommend to full Council that:

- (a) the delegations to the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) under the officer delegation scheme (Council functions) be withdrawn;
- (b) the delegation to the Chief Executive be amended, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (c) the delegation to the Director of Resources be amended, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (d) the City Solicitor be designated as Monitoring Officer;
- (e) the City Solicitor and the Head of Licensing and Registration be appointed as Deputy Electoral Registration Officers;
- (f) the proposed appointment by the Chief Executive of the City Solicitor and Head of Licensing and Registration as Deputy Returning Officers be noted; and
- (g) the Constitution be amended further as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

63 Work Programme

Head of Governance Services submitted a report notifying Members of the draft work programme for the 2010/11 municipal year.

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