

## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2012

**PRESENT:** Councillor K Wakefield in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, J Blake, P Gruen,  
J Jarosz (as substitute for A Lowe),  
J Lewis, J Matthews, E Nash, J Procter and  
M Rafique

Apologies Councillors S Golton and A Lowe

### **82 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents**

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

### **83 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public**

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

### **84 Late items**

There were no late items submitted to the agenda for consideration.

### **85 Declaration of Interests**

There were no late items submitted to the agenda for consideration.

### **86 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lowe and Golton.

### **87 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be approved as a correct record.

### **88 Interim Review of Polling Arrangements for Garforth & Swillington and Calverley & Farsley Wards - Final Proposals Report**

The Head of Licensing and Registration presented his report which considered the representations made during the public consultation on the authority's Initial Proposals for the polling arrangements for Garforth and Swillington and Calverley and Farsley. The report also considered Elections Working Group's (EWG) recommendations for the authority's Final proposals for the polling arrangements for Garforth and Swillington and Calverley and Farsley.

**RESOLVED** – Members of the General Purposes Committee resolved to agree:

- the final proposals as proposed by the Electoral Working Group and set out in Appendix A to the report for Calverley and Farsley Ward; and
- the final proposals as proposed by the Electoral Working Group set out in Appendix C to the report for Garforth and Swillington Ward.

## **89 Work Programme**

The Director of Resources submitted a report notifying Members of the work programme for the Committee.

The Chair proposed that two further items be added to the work programme as detailed below:

- a scoping report exploring the preparatory work which may be necessary in the event of support for an elected mayor for Leeds in the forthcoming referendum; and
- an assessment of the Council's existing governance arrangements and whether they remain fit for purpose in providing democratic accountability, particularly where Council services will be provided through other agencies at arms length to the Council such as social enterprises, the voluntary sector, Academies and free schools.

In addition the Chair drew Members' attention to proposals to bring forward the Annual Council Meeting date by three days for this and subsequent years<sup>1</sup>.

**RESOLVED** – The General Purposes Committee resolved;

- to note the work programme and add the two further reports detailed above.
- to note the intention to seek full Council's approval to bring forward the Annual Council meeting date by three days for this and subsequent years.

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<sup>1</sup> A report being listed for consideration at the full Council meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012  
Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting  
to be held on Monday, 19th March, 2012