

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**6 January 2003**

Councillors: \*Rice (Chair), \*GMMH Rahman Khan (Deputy Chair) \*Bloch, \*Davies, \*Millar \*Patel Peacock and \*E. Prescott.

\*Members present

**GP26. APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Peacock.

### **GP27. MINUTES:**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2002 and the Special meeting held on 3 December 2002 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **GP28. COMBINING THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ELECTIONS AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN 2004:**

We considered the consultation paper issued by the Government seeking views by 31 January 2003 on combining the Greater London Authority Elections and the European Parliamentary Elections due to be held in 2004. Members favoured the combining of the two elections as there would be cost and administrative savings and less inconvenience to the public. Concerns were expressed that there needed to be a publicity campaign to make the public aware that the elections were to be held on the same day, 10 June 2004, and on the particular voting arrangements for each. Members agreed the response to the consultation in the terms laid out below.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the two elections be combined and held on Thursday 10 June 2004.
2. That an early decision be taken on combining the elections and that any required legislation be introduced as soon as practicable.
3. That the Returning Officer functions for both the Greater London Authority Elections and the European Parliamentary Elections be combined and that the European Parliamentary ballot paper be redesigned.
4. That there be a process of voter education to ensure that electors have a good understanding of what is expected of them before they attend polling stations and in addition there be a comprehensive training programme for election staff.

### **GP29. MINUTES OF SUB BODIES:**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of

Planning Applications Sub Committee - 26 September, 7 October and 12 November 2002

Licensing Sub Committee - 17 September, 28 November and 3 December 2002

Fund Managers Appointments Panel - 4 November 2002

Constitution Advisory Panel - 18 November and 28 November 2002

be adopted.

**GP30. APPOINTMENT TO POST OF DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION:**

Our Chair agreed to admit this item as urgent and late business. The item was urgent and could not wait until the next meeting as the recruitment process needed to get underway. The item was late as the information contained in the report had not been available at the time of the despatch of the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

That the appointments process outlined and the panel comprising Councillors Meehan, Bax, Rice, Brown and Fabian be approved.

REG RICE  
Chair