
General Purposes Committee

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH, 2007 at 19:00 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Councillors Griffith (Chair), Adje (Deputy Chair), Dobbie, Patel, Beynon, Bloch, C. Harris and Whyte

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)

2. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any of any late items of urgent business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with at item 13 below. New items of exempt urgent business will be considered at item 17 below).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

To receive any deputations and petitions in accordance with Standing Order 37

5. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 6)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on December 18th 2006.

6. MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES (PAGES 7 - 66)

To note the minutes of recent meetings of the sub-bodies of the General Purposes Committee.

Planning Applications Sub-committee:

- i) 27 November 2006
- ii) 11 December 2006
- iii) 22 January 2007

Pensions Panel:

- iv) 17 October 2006
- v) 20 November 2006
- vi) 29 January 2007

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 (PAGES 67 - 102)

(Report of the Head of Legal Services) To ask the Committee to make recommendations to full Council on proposed arrangements to implement the Gambling Act 2005 involving amendments to the terms of reference of full Council, the Licensing Committee, the Licensing Sub-Committees, the scheme of delegation to officers and the Local Licensing Procedure Rules.

8. MAKING THE SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES (PAGES 103 - 118)

(Report of the Head of Legal Services and Head of Local Democracy) To make the scheme of Members' Allowances for the year 2007/08.

9. IMPLEMENTATION OF A CHILDCARE VOUCHER SCHEME (PAGES 119 - 122)

(Report of the Head of Personnel) To outline the benefits of having a childcare voucher scheme, employee and employer implications and outline further actions required in order to progress with the scheme.

10. CHANGES TO MATERNITY AND ADOPTION LEAVE FROM APRIL 2007 (PAGES 123 - 128)

(Report of the Head of Personnel) To outline the changes to maternity and adoption leave rights in line with the Work and Families Act 2006. This will affect employees where their expected week of childbirth or for those adopting; the date matched with a child is on or after 1 April 2007.

11. EXTENSION TO RIGHT TO REQUEST FLEXIBLE WORKING (PAGES 129 - 132)

(Report of the Head of Personnel) To detail the provisions of the Work and Families Act 2006, which extends the right to request flexible working to those caring for adults.

12. DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (PAGES 133 - 134)

(Report of the Head of Local Democracy) To inform the Committee of a delegated decision taken by the Chief Executive.

13. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items admitted at item 2 above

14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following item is likely to be the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contain 'exempt' information as defined in Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, namely that it contains terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the Authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

15. MINUTES (PAGES 135 - 138)

To confirm and sign the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2006.

16. MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES (PAGES 139 - 144)

To note the following exempt minutes from the meeting of the Pensions Panel held on November 20th 2006.

17. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

Yuniea Semambo
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