



Haringey Council

Corporate Committee

TUESDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 2013 at 19:00 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Councillors Adje, Amin, Diakides, Griffith, Jenks, Khan, Meehan, Whyte, Williams and Wilson

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES (IF ANY)

2. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business. (late items will be considered under the agenda items where they appear. New items will be dealt with at items 21 & 24)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

(i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and

(ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct.

4. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

To consider any requests received in accordance with Part 4, section B, Paragraph 29 of the Council's Constitution.

5. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 8)

To consider and agree the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2012.

Note from the Head of Local Democracy and Member Services

When considering items 6, 7, 8 & 9 the Committee will be operating in its capacity as an "Administering Authority". When the Committee is operating in its capacity as an Administering Authority, Members must have due regard to their duty as quasi-trustees to act in the best interests of the Pension Fund above all other considerations.

When considering Agenda Item 10, the Corporate Committee will be acting according to their responsibility for determining the council's policies as an "Employing authority".

6. PENSION FUND QUARTERLY UPDATE (PAGES 9 - 22)

To receive the quarterly Pension Fund update.

7. PENSION FUND: ASSET ALLOCATION ADVICE (PAGES 23 - 32)

This report considers the Pension Fund's current asset allocation and recommends movements towards the agreed strategic benchmark.

8. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PENSION FUND ACTUARIAL SERVICE (PAGES 33 - 36)

This report seeks approval from Committee to award a contract for Pension Fund actuarial services.

9. EXERCISE OF PENSION DISCRETIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE EMPLOYING BODY (PAGES 37 - 40)

The Committee will be asked to consider that in circumstances where a member's employing body no longer exists and there is no former or successor employing body, the Council in its capacity as Administering Authority of the Haringey Council Pension Fund exercise the employing body discretions arising under Regulations 30 A and 31 of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007.

10. PENSIONS (DISCRETIONARY) POLICY STATEMENT (PAGES 41 - 50)

Following amendments introduced by the Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous) regulations 2012, the Council is required to publish its policy on the discretion to re-instate a suspended tier 3 ill health retirement pension on application from a member on or after age 55 and before age 60. In addition, where this discretion is exercised in favour of a scheme member, the Council has a further discretion to waive any actuarial reduction that might otherwise be applied to the benefits. The Committee will consider a report on these matters and be asked to agree the necessary amendments to the Council's Pensions Policy statement.

11. TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2012/13 QUARTER 3 ACTIVITY & PERFORMANCE UPDATE (PAGES 51 - 60)

This report updates the Committee on the Council's treasury management activities and performance in the third quarter of 2012/13.

12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2013/14 - 2015/16 (PAGES 61 - 86)

An update on the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2013/14 to 2015/16 before it is presented to full Council for final approval.

13. EXTERNAL AUDITORS PROGRESS REPORT (PAGES 87 - 88)

To consider Grant Thornton's progress report for January 2013.

14. EXTERNAL AUDITORS GRANT CERTIFICATION REPORT (PAGES 89 - 100)

Grant Thornton, external auditors, will present the findings of their grant certification work for 2011/12.

15. EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S PROCUREMENT REVIEW (PAGES 101 - 134)

The Committee will consider Grant Thornton's high level review of the overall adequacy of 'the Council's procurement organisation and its capabilities to support the Council in achievement of value for money from procurement activity.

16. TEMPORARY DIRECTOR/SENIOR MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Report of the Chief Executive – **Report to follow**

17. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF TRANSITION (PAGES 135 - 142)

This report details, for information, the arrangements for the local staff transfer. The full report on the overall Public Health Transition was approved by Cabinet on 18th December 2012.

18. INTERNAL AUDIT QUARTER THREE UPDATE (PAGES 143 - 184)

The Corporate Committee is responsible for monitoring the completion of the annual internal audit plan and the implementation of agree recommendations as part of its Terms of Reference. In order to facilitate this, progress reports are provided on a quarterly basis for review and consideration by the Corporate Committee on the work undertaken by the Internal Audit Service in completing the 2012/13 annual audit plan, together with the responsive pro-active fraud investigation work, and housing benefit fraud investigation work. Where further action is required or recommended, this is highlighted in the report and appendices and included in the recommendations for the Corporate Committee.

In addition, the report provides details of the work the Council's Human Resources business unit has undertaken in supporting disciplinary action taken across all departments by respective Council managers.

19. USE OF CONSULTANTS - POLICY UPDATE (PAGES 185 - 196)

To provide the Committee with an update on the processes and systems used for the control and usage of consultants across the council.

20. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY, URGENCY AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (PAGES 197 - 206)

To inform the Corporate Committee of non executive delegated decisions, significant actions taken by Directors and any urgency decisions taken by the Chair.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

To consider any items admitted at item 2 above.

22. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following items are likely to be 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: paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PENSION FUND ACTUARIAL SERVICE (PAGES 207 - 208)

To consider exempt information pertaining to agenda item 8.

24. ANY EXEMPT ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any exempt items of urgent business as set out at item 2.

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