

## **GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 9 December 2015

### **Present:**

Councillor Tim Stevens J.P. (Chairman)  
Councillor Diane Smith (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillors Teresa Ball, Kathy Bance MBE,  
Nicholas Bennett J.P., Alan Collins, Ellie Harmer,  
Russell Mellor, Keith Onslow, Charles Rideout QPM CVO,  
Pauline Tunnicliffe, Michael Turner and Stephen Wells

### **118 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mary Cooke and David Livett.

### **119 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **120 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING**

No questions had been received.

### **121 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be confirmed.

### **122 MODEL PAY POLICY FOR CENTRALLY BASED TEACHERS**

From 1 September 2015 revised arrangements came into force in relation to Teachers' Pay and Conditions through the publication of the statutory 2015 School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. The report set out the main changes and proposed a model pay policy (at Appendix 1) for all centrally based teachers.

It was confirmed that no responses had been received during the consultation period, although the Joint Teachers' Committee had advised that their position remained that they were in dispute with the Secretary of State regarding this matter. The number of teachers affected was reducing year by year as more schools transferred to academy status; currently 51 teachers in specialist support services and 397 in community and voluntary controlled schools were affected.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted and the attached model pay policy in respect of centrally based teaching staff employed by the Local Authority be agreed.**

**123 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES**

Report CEO15013

The last update to the council's Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules had been over three years ago. Both documents had now been updated as a result of changes in legislation, government requirements, organisational change and technology.

**RESOLVED that Council be recommended to approve the updated Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules.**

**124 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Report CSD15133

The Council has received a request from Liveability, a national charity which runs Nash College, an independent specialist college providing specialised high quality care and education for students aged 18 – 25 in Croydon Road, Hayes, for a local authority representative to sit on the College's newly re-formed governing body. As no candidates had been nominated the matter was deferred.

**RESOLVED that the matter be deferred.**

**125 OUTCOME OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS APRIL TO OCTOBER 2015**

Report ES15089

The Chairman had requested that regular reports be made to the Committee summarising the outcome of Licensing Sub-Committee hearings. The first report, covering hearings between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, was received. During this period 15 hearing had been held, and it was expected that the number of hearings per annum would reduce from about forty five to about thirty.

The Committee noted in particular that following the decision to suspend the license at Vu Vu, East Street, Bromley, an appeal had been made and the case was due to be heard at Bromley Magistrate's Court on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Members were concerned at the length of time taken for this hearing to be listed, but this was in the hands of the Court. It was proposed that the Chairman write to the Court to convey the Committee's concern. Members also asked officers to establish whether any benchmarking information could be obtained.

It was noted that a new Police Licensing Officer was due to start and it was suggested that PC O'Donnell be invited to attend the Committee's meeting on

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The Committee also noted the staffing situation in the Environment and Community Services Department.

The Committee recorded its thanks to David Candeland, who had retired from the Council after twenty five years' service as a Licensing Officer.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted, and a further report be presented to the Committee's meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

**126        PENSIONS INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015, EXCLUDING EXEMPT INFORMATION**

The minutes of the Pensions Investment Sub-Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 (excluding exempt information) were received.

**127        LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2015**

The minutes of the Local Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 were received.

**128        LOCAL PENSION BOARD: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2015**

The minutes of the Local Pension Board meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were received.

**129        LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006 AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**RESOLVED that the Press and public be excluded during consideration of the items of business referred to below as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the Press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.**

**The following summary  
refers to matters  
involving exempt information**

**130        PENSIONS INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE: EXEMPT MINUTES - 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015**

The exempt minutes of the Pensions Investment Sub-Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 were received.

The Meeting ended at 7.20 pm

Chairman