

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on 23 March 2021

Present:

Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe (Chairman)
Councillor Stephen Wells (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Gareth Allatt, Vanessa Allen, Mary Cooke,
Robert Evans, Kira Gabbert, Josh King,
Christopher Marlow, Russell Mellor, Tony Owen,
Neil Reddin FCCA, Melanie Stevens and Michael Turner

Also Present:

Councillor Keith Onslow

141 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no apologies for absence.

142 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

143 QUESTIONS

No questions had been received.

144 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9TH AND 25TH FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 9th and 25th February 2021 be confirmed.

145 MINOR CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Report CSD21037

The report presented three minor changes to the Constitution for reference to full Council – (i) a request from the Chairman of the Pensions Investment Sub-Committee for the Sub-Committee to be appointed as a full Committee, reporting direct to the Council, from the next Council year onwards; (ii) some changes to allow electronic sealing and signing of documents and (iii) to clarify executive and non-executive delegations concerning joint arrangements and partnerships.

Some Members considered that a wider review of the status of the Committee's Sub-Committees should be carried out, particularly the Audit

Sub-Committee. It was confirmed that no changes were proposed to the Members Allowances Scheme.

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to –

(1) Agree the appointment of a Pensions Investment Committee from the start of the 2021/22 Council year to replace the Pensions Investment Sub-Committee.

(2) Amend the terms of reference of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee and agree the terms of reference of the new Pensions Investment Committee as set out in Appendix A to this report.

(3) Agree to modify Articles 14.4 and 14.5 of the Constitution to permit electronic execution and sealing of documents.

(4) Agree to Modify Article 11 of the Constitution to clarify the separation between Executive and Non- Executive functions.

(Councillor Russell Mellor requested that his abstention be recorded.)

146 LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2021 - REFERRAL REGARDING THE ANNUAL STAFF SURVEY

The Committee received the minutes of the Local Joint Consultative Committee held on 24th February 2021. At its meeting, the Consultative Committee had received a report on the Council's staff survey; consideration of the report had been referred to this Committee, but Members proposed that the issue be considered at the LJCC's next meeting (scheduled to be 13th July 2021.).

RESOLVED that the minutes of the LJCC meeting on 24th February 2021 be received and noted, and consideration of the staff survey be referred to the LJCC's next meeting.

147 WORK PROGRAMME AND MATTERS ARISING
Report CSD21038

The Committee considered its draft work programme for the 2021/22 Council year, and matters outstanding from previous meetings. It was confirmed that there would be the usual review of the election – this report would be submitted in autumn 2021.

RESOLVED that the draft work programme be noted.

**148 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 item 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**

149 FUNDING OF HISTORIC GLC/ILEA PENSION LIABILITIES

The Committee considered a report on options for the funding of historic GLA/ILEA pension liabilities.

The Meeting ended at 7.43 pm

Chairman