

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor J Blake in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, Amanda Carter,
R Charlwood, D Cohen, D Coupar,
J Dowson, S Golton, H Hayden, J Lewis,
A Lowe, J Pryor and A Smart

17 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

18 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

19 Late items

There were no late items.

20 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

21 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W Kidger and M Dobson, with no substitute Members present.

22 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th December 2018 be approved as a correct record.

23 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

The Chief Officer for Elections and Regulatory Services submitted a report which asked Members to consider initial proposals for the polling district review and to agree the final proposals to be published on 14th February 2019.

The Electoral Services Manager introduced the report, informing Members that the initial proposals had not received any further representation following the previous meeting. However, Members heard that following publication of the report, discussions with representatives of Lawnswood High School had

taken place, and the school was no longer considered to be a suitable site for a polling station in the Weetwood ward.

RESOLVED – That the final proposals set out at Appendix B be approved, subject to the removal of proposal ‘WE1’.

24 Approval of the 2019/20 Pay Policy Statement

The Chief Officer Human Resources submitted a report seeking Members’ views on the revised Pay Policy Statement and for the Committee to make recommendations to Full Council to approve the changes before the start of the 2019/20 financial year.

The Head of Human Resources introduced the report, outlining some of the key messages from the report.

RESOLVED – That the following be recommended to Full Council:

- a) Consideration and approval of the Pay Policy Statement for the 2019/20 financial year as attached in Appendix A.
- b) That any in year requirement to amend the Annual Pay Policy Statement as a consequence of changes to Council Policies is reported to the General Purposes Committee to consider recommending to Full Council for approval.
- c) Delegation to the Chief Officer (HR) of any necessary adjustments to the Council’s pay scales arising from nationally agreed pay awards.

25 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – That the next meeting be held 15th May 2019 at 12pm.

Councillor Alison Lowe informed the Committee that it was her last meeting as a Member, as she would not be seeking re-election for the next municipal year. The Chair took the opportunity to thank Councillor Alison Lowe for her contribution to the Committee during her time as an Elected Member, and wished her well for her future endeavours.