



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

# MINUTES

## General Purposes

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Purposes** Committee held on **Wednesday 25th February, 2015**, Rooms 3 & 4 - 17th Floor, City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP.

**Members Present:** Councillors Melvyn Caplan (Chairman), David Boothroyd, Robert Davis and Tim Mitchell

#### **1 MEMBERSHIP**

1.1 There were no changes to the membership.

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2. There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **3 MINUTES**

3.1 The Chairman, with the consent of the Members present, signed the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2014 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

#### **4 ESTABLISHMENT OF A PENSION BOARD**

4.1 Jonathan Hunt, Director of Corporate Finance and Investment, introduced the report. He advised that the establishment of a pension board was now a legal requirement. He asked that the periods of office for each board member be increased from 2 years to 3 years with the option to increase the term of office by 3 years instead of 2 years.

4.2 The Committee asked, in addition to the changes set out in paragraph 4.1 above, that it be confirmed that the two nominated employer representatives could be Members of the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the establishment of a Pension Board and its terms of reference attached at Appendix 1 of the report be approved subject to the amendments set out in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 above.
- (b) That the approval of the Pension Board Code of Conduct, Conflicts of Interests Policy, Training Policy and the process for selecting non- Councillor members of the Board be delegated to the Chief Executive following consultation with the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee and the Chairman of the Pensions Fund Committee.

**5 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2015/16 (SEE REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)**

- 5.1 Mick Steward, Head of Committee and Governance Services, introduced the report. It was noted that Members were no longer able to obtain a local government pension accordingly that reference in the proposed scheme would be removed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council be recommended to approve the Members Allowances Scheme 2015/16.

**6 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Meeting ended at 6.14 pm

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_