



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

# MINUTES

## General Purposes

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Purposes** Committee held at 6pm on **Wednesday 4th November, 2015**, Room 7 - 17th Floor, City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

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

#### 1 MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 There were no changes to the membership.

#### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 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 1 July 2015 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

#### 4 REVISIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEES FOR TRI-BOROUGH PURPOSES (SEE REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNANCE SERVICES)

- 4.1 The Committee noted that the report was submitted as a result of discussions between the Leaders of the Tri-borough authorities in an attempt to reduce the total number of Members required to sit on Tri-borough Member level appointments. It was noted that both the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea had completed the formal decision making changes necessary to their constitutions.
- 4.2 Members were of the opinion that a better solution to avoid, in cases where it was desired, a joint panel of 12 was for the Chief Whip of the Majority Group at each borough to only appoint two Members, with the lead Minority party in

each case nominating one Member. It was noted that a larger panel may be required for the upcoming Tri-borough Director of Children's Services. Accordingly, the Committee did not support the recommendations set out in the report.

4.3 **Resolved:** That the recommendations set out in the report be not adopted.

**5 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2016-17 (SEE REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNANCE SERVICES)**

**5.1 Resolved:**

That the Council be recommended to approve the dates of full Council meetings, as follows: 13 July 2016, 9 November 2016, 25 January 2017, 1 March 2017, 3 May 2017, 17 May 2017 (Annual).

That the programme of other formal meetings set out in Appendix A be approved.

**6 CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES: POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (SEE REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNANCE SERVICES)**

**Resolved:**

That the Council be recommended to approve the changes to the Terms of Reference of the Policy and Scrutiny Committees set out in Appendix A.

That the Council be recommended to approve the changes to the Policy and Scrutiny Committees names as set out below:

Westminster Scrutiny Commission (unchanged).  
Children, Sports and Leisure  
Environment and Customer Services  
Housing, Finance and Corporate Services (unchanged)  
Adults, Health and Community Protection (unchanged)

**7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

None.

The Meeting ended at 6.16 pm

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

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