



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

# MINUTES

## General Purposes

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Purposes** Committee held on **Wednesday 22nd February, 2017**, Rooms 3 & 4 - 17th Floor, Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6 QP.

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

#### **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 18 January 2017 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

#### **4 APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S EXTERNAL AUDITORS FROM 2018/19 ONWARDS (SEE REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER)**

- 4.1 The City Treasurer introduced the report which set out changes to the way in which external auditors are appointed with effect from 2018-19.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council be recommended to agree to appoint Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) as an "appointing person" to appoint the Council's external auditor from 2018-19 onwards.

**5 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2017/18 (SEE REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNANCE SERVICES)**

- 5.1 The Head of Committee and Governance Services introduced a report which he advised contained one change from the current scheme. This was to provide for a Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairman of the Planning and City Development Committee.
- 5.2 Councillor David Boothroyd advised that the Minority Group wanted to limit the number of SRAs payable to a single member to two. The Chairman advised that a full review, prior to the 2018 elections, would be carried out and include the point raised by Councillor Boothroyd.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council be recommended to approve the Members' Allowances Scheme attached as Appendix A for 2017-2018 with effect from 1 April 2017.

The Meeting ended at 6.16 pm

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

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