



City of Westminster

Minutes

Meeting:

General Purposes Committee

Date and time of meeting:

Tuesday 13 March 2007 at 6pm

Venue:

**Rooms 5 and 6, 17th Floor, 64 Victoria Street,
London SW1E 6QP**

Attendees:

Councillors:

**Robert Davis (Chairman)
Nicola Aiken
Edward Argar
Tim Joiner
Tim Mitchell
Antony Mothersdale
Nick Yarker**

Apologies:

**Councillors David Boothroyd, Melvyn Caplan,
Christabel Flight and Alastair Moss**

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1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The Director of Legal and Administrative Services advised that Councillor Edward Argar had replaced Councillor Alastair Moss.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 The Committee were advised that the Code of Conduct provides that Members may regard themselves as not having a prejudicial interest in a matter if it relates to Members' Allowances.

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2006 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

4. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2007/08 (see report of the Director of Legal and Administrative Services)

- 4.1 Noted that the Special Responsibility Allowance payable to Members of the Westminster Scrutiny Commission should read £7,500 and not £7,590.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council be recommended to adopt the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2007/08, attached as Annex A, with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ii) That subject to the Council adopting the Members' Allowances Scheme referred to in recommendation 2.1 above the Cabinet Member for Finance and Support Services is asked to approve an allocation from corporate contingency of £40,000 in 2007/08 to fund the additional costs above the current proposed budget for 2007/08. Members should also note that these proposals will result in £40,000 revenue growth in the Business Plan for 2008/09.

5. CHANGES TO DELEGATIONS CONSEQUENT UPON THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (see report of the Director of Legal and Administrative Services)

RESOLVED:

- (i) That with effect from their respective appointment, the delegated non-executive functions formerly exercised by the Director of Schools and the Director of Lifelong Learning be transferred to the Director of Schools and Learning and the delegated non-executive functions formerly exercised by the Director of Older People, Disabilities and

Health and the Director of Social Care Specialist Services and Development be transferred to the Director of Adult Social Services.

- (ii) That the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services be given delegated authority to exercise the delegated non-executive functions of the Director of Adult Social Services in her absence except where prohibited from so doing by statute or rules of Court.
- (iii) That the Director of Legal and Administrative Services be authorised to revise the Schedule of Delegations to Officers in respect of non-executive functions accordingly.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6.04pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____ DATE: _____