



City of Westminster

# Minutes

Meeting:

**General Purposes Committee**

Date and time of meeting:

**Wednesday 1 July 2009 at 6.30pm**

Venue:

**Room 5, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 64 Victoria Street,  
London SW1E 6QP**

Attendees:

**Councillors:**

**Melvyn Caplan (Chairman)  
David Boothroyd  
Robert Davis  
Tim Mitchell  
Alastair Moss  
Steve Summers  
Nick Yarker**

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## **1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no changes to the Membership of the Committee.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3. MINUTES (6.4.09) and (13.5.09)**

- 3.1 The Chairman with the assent of the Members present, signed the minutes of the meetings held on 6 April 2009 and 13 May 2009 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

## **4. NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS – NEXT STEPS (see report of Head of Legal Services)**

### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the results of the consultation outlined in paragraph 5 of the report, be noted.
- (ii) That the Council be recommended to agree that proposals to amend the Council's extensive arrangements to strengthen the existing role of Leader of the Council be published in accordance with the Local Government Act and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- (iii) That the Council be recommended to agree that a Special Council meeting be held on the rising of the ordinary Council meeting on 4 November 2009.

## **5. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES (see report of the Head of Legal Services)**

### **Resolved:**

- 1. That the Council be recommended to amend the constitution of the Health and Community Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee by the addition of the following:

4 co-opted Members with voting rights ie one co-opted representative each from the Church of England and Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Boards and two Parent Governor Representatives.

NB: The voting rights of the co-opted only extend to matters relating to Education.
- 2. That the Council be asked to note the changes to the terms of reference of Cabinet Members as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report.

**6. ADDITIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION (see report of the Head of Legal Services)**

6.1 Whilst the Committee noted that all three documents were based on existing best practice as the Partnership Manual had not previously been endorsed by Members it asked for a further report on that particular aspect but supported the other two articles.

**6.2 Resolved:**

- (1) That the additional articles, in respect of the Code of Governance and the Employee Code of Conduct be recommended to the Council for approval.
- (2) That a further report be submitted in respect of the Partnership Manual to the next meeting of the Committee.

**5. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 6.46pm.

CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_