



City of Westminster

Title:

Rating Advisory Panel

Meeting Date:

Wednesday 22 February 2012

Time:

10.00am

Venue:

Committee Room 7, 17th Floor, City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1

Members:

**Councillors: Dr Cyril Nemeth MBE (Chairman)
Michael Brahams
Harvey Marshall
Judith Warner
Ahmed Abdel-Hamid**

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Note for Members: Members are reminded that Officer contacts are shown at the end of the report and Members are welcome to raise questions in advance of the meeting. With regard to item 3, guidance on declarations of interests is included in the Code of Governance; if Members or Officers have any particular questions they should contact the Head of Legal Services in advance of the meeting please.

AGENDA

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

To note any changes to the Membership.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To consider the following applications under the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and make a recommendation to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance:-

- All applications for Discretionary relief under Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 that are not within the terms of the delegated authority of the Chief Operating Officer.
- All applications for Hardship relief under Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 that are not within the terms of the delegated authority of the Chief Operating Officer.
- Any appeal against a decision taken by the Chief Operating Officer on Discretionary relief and Hardship relief under delegated powers.
- All applications for Discretionary relief and Hardship relief referred by the Chief Operating Officer

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations by Members and Officers of the existence and nature of any prejudicial interests in matters on this agenda.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

**WARD
(If Applicable)**

5. EXEMPT REPORTS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RECOMMENDED: That under Section 100 (A) (4) and Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information on the grounds shown below and it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information :

| <u>Item No</u> | <u>Grounds</u> | <u>Para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act</u> |
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| 6 | Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). | 3 |

6. VARIOUS RATING MATTERS

6.1 To consider the report of the Chief Operating Officer, attached.

Peter G Large
Head of Legal & Democratic Services

14 February 2012