

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 22 FEBRUARY 2017

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

1. Appointment of Auditors

- (a) The arrangements for the appointment of external auditors are changing. Regulations made under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 now allow authorities options for appointing an external auditor from 2018/19 onwards.
- (b) The report we considered recommends that a not for profit company – Public Sector Audit Appointments – established by the Local Government Association be formally appointed as the appointing person for the purposes of appointing the Council’s external auditor from 2018/19 onwards. The arrangement has also been endorsed by the Audit and Performance Committee.
- (c) The report we considered is attached as Appendix E.

We recommend: That the Council agree to appoint Public Sector Audit Appointments as an “appointing person” to appoint the Council’s external auditor from 2018/19 onwards.

2. Members Allowances Scheme 2017/18

- (a) We have agreed, for recommendation to the full Council, the Members’ Allowances Scheme with effect from 1 April 2017. The scheme is broadly similar to the current scheme in that it is weighted towards duties actually undertaken. We have had regard to the views of the Independent Remuneration Panel in making our recommendation. We have agreed that one additional Special Responsibility Allowance be paid to a Planning and City Development Committee Chairman. We have also agreed that a full review be undertaken for next year’s scheme in time for the May 2018 elections.
- (b) The report we considered is attached as Appendix F.

We recommend: That the Members Allowance Scheme attached to the report at Appendix F be approved to be effective from 1 April 2017.

Tim Mitchell,
Chairman

Background Documents

Reports and Minutes: General Purposes Committee: 22.2.2017