MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Monday, 8th November 2004 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Coughlin (Vice-Chair in the Chair) and Councillors Lyon, Moher (for D Long), H B Patel and R S Patel.

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillors John, Kagan and D Long.

1. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 14th October 2004 (Special)

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th October 2004 be approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Statement of Accounts 2003/2004 Statement of Auditing Standard (SAS) 610

The Committee received a report introducing the Statement of Auditing Standard (SAS) 610 from the Council's external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), in respect of the Council's 2003/2004 Statement of Accounts. Duncan McLeod pointed out a couple of typographical errors in the report, clarifying that all references should be to the 2003/04 statement of accounts and that the financial implications should refer to the impact on the financial position. He stated that the report did not highlight any significant items in the accounts and that a 'clean' opinion on them was anticipated. It was noted that the audited statement of accounts would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

that the SAS 610 report from PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) be noted.

6. Minutes of Sub-Committee

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the Senior Staff Appointments Sub-Committee meeting held on 12^{th} July 2004 be noted.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

RESOLVED:

that it be noted that the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee would take place on Wednesday, 24th November 2004.

The meeting ended at 7.37 pm

D COUGHLIN Chair

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