



Meeting: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Date: Wednesday, 27th September 2006
Time: 7.00 pm
**Venue: Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD**

AGENDA

Membership:

Members

**JOHN (C)
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PLEASE RECYCLE

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

1. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Members are invited to declare, at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

p.1 2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 29th June 2006**

The Committee is also asked to approve the minutes of previous meetings of the General Purposes Committee which took place on 26th June 2006, 22nd May 2006 and 6th February 2006.

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Deputations**

p.15 5. Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

Statement of Accounts 2005/06 – International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 260

This report contains the International Standard on Auditing (ISA)260 report from the Council's external auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in respect of the Council's 2005/06 Statement of Accounts. Members are asked to note the ISA 260 report from PwC and the representation letter from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources to PwC.

p.41 6. Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

Discretionary Policies Under the Local Government Pension Scheme

On the 11th July 2002 the General Purposes Committee agreed the continuation of a number of discretionary policies which were delegated to local authorities under the Local Government Pension Scheme 1997. This report proposes amendments to some of those polices following an officer review.

p.53 7. Joint Report from the Directors of Finance and Corporate Resources & Human Resources and Diversity.

A New Council Severance Scheme

The Council currently exercises its discretion to award compensatory added years on the grounds of redundancy or efficiency under the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment)(Discretionary Compensation)(England and Wales)Regulations 2000. Draft regulations propose the removal of this discretion from 1st October 2006. They allow local government employers the discretion to set up a severance scheme that pays a maximum 104 weeks' pay. This report



proposes a contingent severance scheme for Council employees (other than employees working in schools maintained by the Council and teachers employed in units other than schools) should the draft regulations be enforced on the aforementioned date or some later date.

7. **Sub-Committee Membership Changes**

Teachers' Joint Consultative Committee – Members are asked to confirm the appointment of two alternates to Councillor Mistry.

8. **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

Members appointed to outside bodies are reminded that they must include details of their appointment in their notification of financial and other interests.

The Clerk to the London North West Valuation Tribunal has written to ask to Members to confirm the appointment of a further member, in addition to Mr M Ahluwalia, M A Eastman and Mr K Sheth who have already been appointed with the approval of the Council. This appointment has been requested in order to increase the number of trained members who can sit on tribunals and Members are therefore asked to confirm the appointment of Mr J Patel to the London North West London Valuation Tribunal.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held on Tuesday, 16th January 2007.

10. **Any Other Urgent Business**

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No 65.



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