



Meeting: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Date: Tuesday, 16th January 2007
Time: 7.00 pm
**Venue: Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD**

AGENDA

Membership:

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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 – 27th September 2006**

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Deputations**

p.11 5. Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

Calculation of Council Tax Base 2007/08

This report sets out Council Tax base calculations to be used for 2007/08. The level of Council Tax base set is used in the calculation of the Council Tax for 2007/08. Regulations require that the Council Tax base is set by 31st January prior to the start of the financial year. Therefore, the Committee is asked to agree the collection rate and Council Tax Base for 2007/08, as set out in the report.

Appendix A, "Calculation of Council Tax Base for Formula Grant Purposes for 2007/08" is attached for information.

p.17 6. Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

Discretionary Policies under the Local Government Pension Scheme

On the 27th September 2006, the General Purposes Committee agreed that the Council's abatement policy should be amended. In order for this to take place, members were informed that a period of consultation with employers that contribute to the Brent pension fund was required under regulation 109 (2) of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). The consultation has now concluded and members are now asked to formally endorse the new abatement policy.

p.23 7. Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

Pension scheme access for the Avigdor Hirsch Torah Temimah Primary School

The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (LGPS) require that non teaching employees of voluntary aided schools may only become members of the scheme if the Local Education Authority, with the school's consent, pass a "statutory resolution" allowing a particular employee or class of employees such



membership. Avigdor Hirsch Torah Temimah Primary School (TTPS) has requested that the Council allow a member of its staff to become a member of the pension scheme. This report requests members to pass a statutory resolution permitting a specified employee of Avigdor Hirsch Torah Temimah primary school to be a member of the LGPS (appendix also below).

8. **Sub-Committee Membership Changes**

9. **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.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held on Tuesday, 27th March 2007.

11. **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.

12. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Please note that Appendix 1 of this report is not for publication as it contains the following category of exempt information as specified in Paragraph 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, namely: Information relating to any individual.

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APPENDIX:

Pension scheme access for the Avigdor Hirsch Torah Temimah Primary School (see report above)



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