



## General Purposes Committee – Supplementary Agenda

**Wednesday 27 May 2015 at 6.00 pm**

Board Room 5&6 -Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,  
Wembley HA9 0FJ

### Membership:

#### Members

Councillors:

Butt (Chair)  
Moher (Vice-Chair)  
Denselow  
Hirani  
Kansagra  
McLennan  
Pavey  
Southwood  
Vacancy

#### Substitute Members

Councillors:

Bradley  
Collier  
Kabir  
Ketan Sheth  
Mahmood  
Mashari  
Krupa Sheth

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# Supplementary Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

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A revised report is attached for the committee's consideration.

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The committee is asked to appoint the membership of the following sub-committees for the 2015/16 municipal year:

- Brent Pension Fund Sub-Committee
- Senior Staff Appointments Sub-Committee
- Staff Appeals Sub-Committee

Nominations are attached for members' consideration.

<b>7 Pensions Board membership</b>	7 - 10
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The committee will consider nominations for membership of the Pensions Board and a recommendation from officers to appoint an independent Chair. A report incorporating nominations to the Pension Board is attached for the committee's consideration.



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 <p><b>Brent</b></p>	<p><b>General Purposes Committee</b></p> <p>27 May 2015</p> <p><b>Report from the Chief Legal Officer</b></p>
<p>For Action <span style="float: right;">Wards Affected: ALL</span></p>	
<p><b>Representation of Political Groups on Committees</b></p>	

## 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 At its meeting on 20 May 2015 the Council reviewed the representation of political groups on its main committees. As soon as practicable after such a review, those committees are required to conduct a review of the representation of political groups on any sub-committees they may have. This report sets out the rules to be applied during the course of the review.

## 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Note the size of the sub-committees;
- 2.2 Agree the allocation of seats on the sub-committees to each of the political groups set out in paragraph 3.5;
- 2.3 Appoint chairs and vice chairs, members and substitutes to the sub-committees.

## 3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Once a review of representation of political groups gives rise to new membership on a main committee that committee in turn falls under a duty to review the representation of political groups on its sub-committees.
- 3.2 Once the size of sub-committees is decided the main committee must, so far as is reasonably practicable, give effect to the principles which follow:
- (i) That not all seats on the sub-committee are allocated to the same political group.

- (ii) That the majority of the seats on the sub-committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership.
- (iii) Subject to paragraph (i) above (and to (ii) above if it had been applicable) that the number of the seats on the sub-committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all seats on that sub-committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.

3.3 In relation to the council's ordinary committees, there is an additional principle that (subject to the principles set out in paragraphs 3.2 (i) and (ii) above) the number of seats on the ordinary committees of the Council which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of the Council as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Council.

Members are asked to note that this principle specifically does not apply to ordinary sub-committees such as those of this committee.

3.4 The current membership of the authority is 63 consisting of 56 Labour councillors, 3 Conservative councillors, 3 Brent Conservative councillors and 1 Liberal Democrat councillor.

3.5 The application of the principles set out at paragraph 3.2 above requires that the distribution of the available seats amongst the political groups on sub-committees of the size set out in the Constitution as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Sub Committee</b>	<b>Size of Sub Cttee</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Brent Conservative</b>
General Purposes	Pension Fund Sub-Committee	7	6		1
	Senior Staff Appointments Sub-Committee	5	4	1	
	Staff Appeals Sub-Committee	5	4		1

3.6 These figures are reached by "rounding out" fractions of seats so as to produce the minimum achievable deviation from the principle set out at paragraph 3.2(iii) above.

3.7 If any member intends to propose an alternative sub-committee size and allocation of seats they are requested to seek advice from the Chief Legal

Officer in advance of the meeting so the legality of the proposal can be checked.

- 3.8 Members are also asked to appoint members to the Employees Joint Consultative Committee and Teachers Joint Consultative Committee.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

#### **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 These are addressed in the body of the report.

#### **6.0 Diversity Implications**

- 6.1 This report has been screened by officers and there are not considered to be any diversity implications arising from it.

#### **Background Papers**

The Brent Constitution  
Local Government and Housing Act 1989

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**SUB COMMITTEES**

**NOMINATIONS 2015/16**

**BRENT PENSION FUND SUB-COMMITTEE**

(6/1/0)

**CRANE (C)**  
**DALY**  
**KHAN**  
**NAHEERATHAN**  
**SHAHZAD**  
**THOMAS**

**Labour substitutes:** DIXON, ENIOLA, EZEAJUGHI, FARAH, FILSON, HARRISON, HYLTON, HECTOR, HODA-BENN, HOSSAIN, PERRIN, WILHELMINA MITCHELL MURRAY

**VACANCY**

*NON-VOTING CO-OPTEEES:*  
*College of North West London*  
*Employees*

*Stephen Holley*  
*Francesca Hammond*

**SENIOR STAFF APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

(4/1/0)

**BUTT (C)**  
**HIRANI**  
**MASHARI**  
**PAVEY**

**VACANCY**

**Labour substitutes:** SOUTHWOOD, DENSELOW, MCLENNAN, MOHER

**STAFF APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE**

(4/1/0)

**BRADLEY**  
**KETAN SHETH (C)**  
**MARQUIS**  
**R PATEL**

**Labour substitutes:** NERVA, S CHOUDHARY, COLACICCO, KABIR

**VACANCY**







**General Purposes Committee**  
27 May 2015

**Report from the  
Chief Finance Officer**

For Action

**Pension Board - Nominations**

## 1.0 Summary

At its meeting on 25 February 2015, the General Purposes Committee agreed to establish a Pension Board.

This report asks Members to consider and agree board membership nominations, in line with the constitution.

## 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the following nominations for the Pension Board be agreed

- a. Brent employer representative 1 – Councillor Choudhary
- b. Brent employer representative 2 – Councillor Kabir
- c. Trade union representative 1 – Unison – Bola George
- d. Trade union representative 2 – GMB – Euton Stewart
- e. Employer representative from another employer within the Pension Fund – awaiting nomination
- f. Pension scheme member – Trevor Dawson (self nominated in response to mail out)
- g. Independent Chair – Recruitment in progress

2.2 That the committee:-

- (i) delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Director of HR and Chair of the General Purposes committee to appoint to the unfilled positions on the Pensions Board based upon nominations yet to be received or following the Officer interview process for the Independent Chair.
- (ii) Agree that any such appointments made by officers under delegated authority be reported to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

**3.0 Detail**

3.1 The composition of the Pension Board was agreed by the General Purposes Committee was agreed on 25 February 2015 as follows:-

- a. Two employer representatives and two trade union representatives from Brent Council
- b. One employer representative from another employer within the Pension Fund (open to nomination by all employers with selection process if more than one nominated)
- c. A pension scheme member (request nominations, with a selection process if more than one nominated).
- d. An independent chair (openly advertised).

**4.0 Financial Implications**

None

**5.0 Legal Implications**

None

**6.0 Diversity Implications**

None

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