

# **General Purposes Committee**

### Tuesday 22 January 2013 at 7.00 pm

Committee Room 4, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

### Membership:

Members first alternates second alternates

Councillors: Councillors: Councillors:

Butt (Chair) A Choudry Krupa Sheth

R Moher (Vice-Chair) Jones Kabir

**Beswick** Arnold Mrs Bacchus **Brown Beck** Matthews Cheese Sneddon Green Van Kalwala Hirani Aden Colwill **BM Patel** Kansagra Long Al-Ebadi Naheerathan

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## **Agenda**

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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#### 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.

- 2 Deputations (if any)
- 3 Minutes of the previous meeting

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- 4 Matters arising (if any)
- 5 Calculation of Business Rates Income 2013/14

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This report sets out the calculation of the estimated income from National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR), also known as Business Rates, to be used for 2013/14. This figure is used in the calculation of the council tax for 2013/14. Regulations require that the calculation is agreed by 31<sup>st</sup> January prior to the start of the financial year. This is a new requirement under the Local Government Finance Act 2012.

Wards Affected: Contact Officer: Mick Bowden, Deputy

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#### 6 Calculation of Council Tax Base 2013/14

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This report sets out council tax base calculations to be used for 2013/14. The level of council tax base set is used in the calculation of the council tax for 2013/14. Regulations require that the council tax base is set by 31<sup>st</sup> January prior to the start of the financial year.

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At its meeting on 13 September 2012, the General Purposes Committee considered a recommendation to update the Council's Disciplinary Policy to provide that appeals against dismissal for Gross Misconduct should be heard by a senior officer and not a member Committee. The trade unions requested that this decision be tabled as an item at the Employees' Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) for discussion. As a result of that meeting, the JCC requested that the General Purposes Committee consider the representations that were made to it by the unions and this report sets out the issues raised at that meeting for members' further consideration.

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#### 8 Appointments to Sub-Committees / Outside Bodies

#### 9 Any Other Urgent Business

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