

## General Purposes Committee

**Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 9.30 am**

Conference Hall - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,  
Wembley, HA9 0FJ

Please note this will be held as a physical meeting which all Committee members will be required to attend in person.

**The meeting will be open for the press and public to attend or alternatively can be followed via the live webcast. The link to follow proceedings via the live webcast is available [HERE](#)**

### Membership:

#### Members

Councillors:

M Butt (Chair)  
M Patel (Vice-Chair)  
Georgiou  
Donnelly-Jackson  
Nerva  
Rubin  
Krupa Sheth  
Tatler

#### Substitute Members

Councillors:

Afzal, Akram, Crabb, Farah, Grahl, Knight and vacancy.  
  
Councillors:  
Lorber and Matin

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## **Notes for Members - Declarations of Interest:**

If a Member is aware they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest\* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent and must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If a Member is aware they have a Personal Interest\*\* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent.

If the Personal Interest is also significant enough to affect your judgement of a public interest and either it affects a financial position or relates to a regulatory matter then after disclosing the interest to the meeting the Member must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item, except that they may first make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the matter, provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for those purposes.

### **\*Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

- (a) **Employment, etc.** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.
- (b) **Sponsorship** - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of election; including from a trade union.
- (c) **Contracts** - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between the Councillors or their partner (or a body in which one has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) **Land** - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences** - Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies** - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.
- (g) **Securities** - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

### **\*\*Personal Interests:**

The business relates to or affects:

(a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:

- To which you are appointed by the council;
- which exercises functions of a public nature;
- which is directed is to charitable purposes;
- whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party or trade union).

(b) The interests a of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;

or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who is the subject of a registrable personal interest.

# Agenda

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**1 Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members**

**2 Declarations of interests**

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, the nature and existence of any relevant disclosable pecuniary or personal interests in the items on this agenda and to specify the item(s) to which they relate.

**3 Deputations (if any)**

To hear any deputations for which requests have been submitted by members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 67.

**4 Minutes of the previous meeting** 1 - 4

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 8 April 2024 as a correct record.

**5 Matters arising (if any)**

To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

**6 Review of Representation of Political Groups and Appointments** 5 - 10

At the Annual meeting on 22 May 2024, Full Council is being asked to review and determine the representation of political groups on its main committees and subsequently make appointments to these, in accordance with the wishes of the political groups concerned.

As soon as practicable after such a review, this Committee is also required to review and determine the representation of political groups on its Sub-committees and then make appointments giving effect to the wishes of the political groups allocated seats. The attached report from the Corporate Director Law & Governance details the outcome of the review undertaken in relation to Sub-Committees to be appointed by General Purposes Committee.

## **7 Appointments to Sub-Committees / Outside Bodies**

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To consider any appointments needing to be made in relation to those Sub Committees appointed by the General Purposes Committee.

Members are asked to note the list of proposed appointments to the General Purposes Sub Committees has been attached, which is also due to be presented to the Annual Council meeting on 22 May 2024, for information. Should any further changes be identified as a result, the list of appointments will be republished to reflect the revised membership(s) on the relevant bodies.

## **8 Exclusion of Press and Public**

The following item is not for publication as it relates to the following category of exempt information as specified under Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, namely: "Information relating to an Individual".

Agenda Item 9.1: Approval to severance payment (Appendix 1 - Individual Redundancy Payment)

## **9 Any other urgent business**

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Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Deputy Director Democratic Services or their representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 60.

In accordance with the provisions outlined above it has been agreed to receive the following as an urgent item at this meeting:

### **9.1 Approval to make a severance payment**

This report seeks approval for a severance payment. As the pension strain costs that the council must bear as part of the payment under the Pension Scheme rules, amount to over £100,000 the General Purposes Committee is required to approve the payment.

The reasons for urgency are as detailed within section 1.2 of the attached report.

(Agenda republished to include this item on 24 May 2024)

**Date of next meeting: Monday 15 July 2024**



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