

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm

Wednesday 14 March 2012 Town Hall, Main Road, Romford

Members 13: Quorum 4

COUNCILLORS:

Conservative Group (8)

Residents' Group **(2)**

Labour Group (2)

Independent Residents' Group **(1)**

Frederick Thompson

Clarence Barrett Gillian Ford

Keith Darvill Paul McGeary Jeffrey Tucker

(Chairman) Becky Bennett (Vice-Chair) Robert Benham Osman Dervish Steven Kelly **Eric Munday** Roger Ramsev Michael White

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AGENDA ITEMS

1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(If any) - receive

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

4 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee held on 17 January 2012, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2012-2013 (Pages 7 - 28)

Members are invited to consider the statement and recommend its acceptance to Council.

6 AUDIT AND PENSIONS COMMITTEES - TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CONSTITUTION (Pages 29 - 34)

Members are invited to consider the requirements for Member training and to consider whether to recommend them to Council.

7 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES (Pages 35 - 74)

Members are invited to consider whether to recommend the revised CP rules to Council.

8 KEY DECISIONS - FURTHER REPORT

Members are invited to deliberate on the arguments for changing the rules defining key decisions and whether to recommend the changes to Council.

Report to follow, if available

9 STANDARDS OF MEMBERS' CONDUCT - LOCALISM ACT 2011: NEW REGIME (Pages 75 - 84)

Members are invited to consider the proposals surrounding the abolition of the Standards Committee and to recommend to Council the proposals to ensure Standards matters continue to be managed appropriately.

10 JOINT MEETINGS OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES - CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 85 - 88)

Members are invited to consider amending the Committee Procedure Rules in this regard and recommending the revisions to Council.

11 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS TO SCHOOLS, PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS AND ACADEMIES. (Pages 89 - 92)

Members are invited to note and approve the amendments to the process.

12 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS 2012 - TRUSTEES OF POYNTZ CHARITY (Pages 93 - 96)

Members are invited to appoint/reappoint the proposed candidates for this charity.

13 LOCALISM ACT - REPEAL OF STATUTORY PETITIONS PROCEDURE AND FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING PETITIONS (Pages 97 - 108)

Members are invited to consider and note the impact of the repeal of this piece of legislation.

MONITORING OFFICER NO 10 - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION (Pages 109 - 112)

Members are invited to note the changes to the constitution.

MONITORING OFFICER NO 11 - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION (Pages 113 - 116)

Members are invited to note the changes to the constitution.

16 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any other item in respect of which the Chairman is of the opinion, by reason of special circumstances which shall be specified in the minutes, that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Ian Buckmaster
Committee Administration &
Member Support Manager