

Decisions of the Governance and Audit Committee held on Friday 25 September 2015

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DECISIONS:

1. OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTRES – FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Resolved-

That the report be deferred to a future meeting which includes the Outdoor Learning Centres Project Plan.

Action: Strategic Director, Children's Services

(Linda Mason – 01274 385676)

2. REVIEW OF PROTOCOLS AND THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved-

(1) That it be recommended to Standards Committee that the Protocols on Member-Officer Relations and Member Use of Council Resources be incorporated into the Members' Code of Conduct.

(2) That the Committee recommend to Council that paragraph 19.2 of the Protocol on Member-Officer Relations be amended so as to read:

The relevant political group leader and the Chief Executive will seek to resolve by mediation and conciliation any unresolved problem or breakdown in working relationships between members and officers. Where the problem or breakdown relates to the group leader's own relationships with officers the deputy group leader and the Chief Whip will work with the Chief Executive in place of the group leader.

(3) That the City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources arrange training for members and officers who work with members on the Protocol on Member-Officer Relations.

(4) That the Assistant City Solicitor provide further clarity to Members of the Committee on paragraph 4.2 of Appendix 2 to Document "O" in terms of which officers can/cannot remain in political group meetings.

Action: Assistant City Solicitor

(Dermot Pearson – 01274 432496)



3. WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

Resolved-

The 2014-15 Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee.

Action: Finance Director/Director of West Yorkshire Pension Fund

(Ola Ajala – 01274 434534)

4. EXTERNAL AUDIT'S AUDIT COMPLETION REPORT 2014/15 – WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND

Resolved-

- (1) That the Committee considered the unadjusted misstatements schedule (Section 5 of Document "Q").**
- (2) That the letter of requested representations (Appendix A to Document "Q") including the reasons for not amending the unadjusted misstatements be approved.**

Action: External Audit

(Steve Appleton – 01274 431995)

5. EXTERNAL AUDIT'S AUDIT COMPLETION REPORT 2014/15 – CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Resolved-

- (1) That the Committee considered the Audit Completion Report.**
- (2) That the letter of requested representations (Appendix A to Document "R") be approved.**

Action: External Audit

(Steve Appleton – 01274 431995)

6. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2014/15

Resolved-

The 2014-15 Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chair of the Committee.

Action: Finance Director

(James Hopwood – 01274 432882)



7. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW FOR A NEW LOCAL COUNCIL IN THE BINGLEY AREA

Resolved-

That it be recommended to Council:

- (1) That Members give their support to the establishment of a new Local Council in the Bingley area – as a consequence of meeting the Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, as outlined in point 3.4. of Document “T”.**
- (2) That with no significant opinion against a smaller boundary, it is also recommended that the Local Council follow the boundary as proposed and set out in the community governance review Terms of Reference.**
- (3) That Members give their support to the new Local Council being named Bingley Town Council, as set out in the petition received in January 2015.**
- (4) That Members give their support to the Local Council area being split into wards as outlined at point 3.19 of Document “T”, along with the suggested numbers of local councillors per Local Council ward.**
- (5) That it should be noted that it is a requirement of the 2007 Act that the Council must make available a document setting out the reasons for the decisions it has taken at the conclusion of a community governance review and to publicise those reasons.**

Action: City Solicitor

(Kathryn Jones – 01274 433664)

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