

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at Room 15, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Thursday, 13 December 2018

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs J G Lawrence (Chairman)
Cllr G Perham (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs Mrs A L Dodwell
J G Jamieson
D J Lawrence
K C Matthews

Cllrs B J Spurr
R D Wenham
A Zerny

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs N Warren
S Watkins

Officers in Attendance: Mrs V Chapman – Assistant Director People
Mrs C Jagusz – Committee Services Officer
Mr S Rix – Interim Monitoring Officer

GPC/18/31. **Minutes**

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 30 October 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

GPC/18/32. **Members' Interests**

None.

GPC/18/33. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

There were no announcements or communications from the Chairman.

GPC/18/34. **Petitions**

No petitions were received from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Part 4G of the Constitution.

GPC/18/35. **Questions, Statements or Deputations**

No questions, statements or deputations were received from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Part 4G of the Constitution.

GPC/18/36. **Pay Policy Statement 2019/20**

The Committee considered a report which set out the details of the Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 for adoption by Council by 31 March 2019.

The Committee were asked to approve the Statement and recommend to full Council that the Pay Policy be adopted and published on the Council's website with effect from 1 April 2019.

Points and comments included:

- The Committee noted that there had been no significant changes or direct financial implications from this Pay Policy Statement.
- It was confirmed that the figures were retrospective and were based on April 2018 data for publication in April 2019.
- The figures for the Pay Multiples were correct with regards to the calculation used which takes into account pay and related earnings. All figures were verified.

RECOMMENDED to Council

1. **that the draft Pay Policy Statement 2019/20, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved; and**
2. **that, following approval and adoption, the Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 be published on the Council's website with effect from 1 April 2019.**

GPC/18/37. **Work Programme**

The Committee considered a report which set out the Committee's work programme.

Points and comments included:

- The Proposal to update the Constitution with regards to the Planning Call-in Process had been delayed as the Monitoring Officer had received a revision to the whole scheme of planning delegations for the Director of Regeneration and not just the call-in process.
- The Committee noted that the call-in process amendment should not be delayed further and should be separated from any wider amendments to the Director of Regeneration's delegations.

- It was noted that the Committee were supportive of the changes to make the call-in process more accessible and that the Monitoring Officer would look into the possibility of making the amendment under delegated powers, as a minor amendment, if satisfied with the proposed wording. The Monitoring Officer will report back to the Committee if he makes the amendment under his delegated powers.
- It was suggested that a member/officer working party be set up to consider any wider proposed amendments to the Director of Regeneration's delegations and would comprise the following members: Cllrs Jamieson, Wenham, Matthews, Young, Collins and Zerny before a report is submitted to this Committee.
- A new item was proposed for the Work Programme with regards to Proposed Amendments to the Director of Children's Services Scheme of Delegations in regard to Schools. The Monitoring Officer will look into the proposed amendments and, if appropriate, bring a report to the next Committee.

RESOLVED

that the Work Programme be updated with a new item to be taken at a future meeting of the General Purposes Committee:

- **Proposed Amendments to Director of Children's Services Scheme of Delegations with regard to Schools.**

(Note: The meeting commenced at 10.04 a.m. and concluded at 10.18 a.m.)

Chairman

Dated