

## Decisions of the General Functions Committee

10 October 2016

Members Present:-

Councillor Joan Scannell (Chairman)  
Councillor Wendy Prentice (Vice-Chairman)

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| Councillor Ammar Naqvi    | Councillor Tom Davey (In place of |
| Councillor Barry Rawlings | Councillor Richard Cornelius)     |
| Councillor Daniel Thomas  | Councillor Alison Moore           |

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Richard Cornelius

### 1. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2016 be approved as a correct record.

### 2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Cornelius (who was substituted for by Councillor Tom Davey).

### 3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

### 4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

### 5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

### 6. MEMBERS ITEM (IF ANY)

None.

### 7. APPROVAL OF PREMISES FOR WEDDINGS AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATIONS

The Committee received a report in the name of the Proper Officer for Registration. The report sought determination on applications received from the following venues to have their approvals as venues for Marriage and Civil Partnerships renewed for a further three years;

- Cavendish Banqueting Suite, The Hyde Edgware Road, NW9 5AE
- Adam and Eve Public House, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, NW7 1RL
- The Oak Room, 182 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, HA8 0AU
- The Haven Bistro and Bar, 1363/5 High Road, Whetstone, N20 9LN
- Greenvue Venue, Mill Hill Country Club, Burtonhole Lane, Mill Hill, NW7 1AS

**RESOLVED** that the **General Functions Committee** approves the applications received from **The Cavendish Banqueting Suite, The Adam and Eve Public House, The Oak Room, The Haven Bistro and Bar and The Greenvue Venue** to renew approvals for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships for a further period of three years from the date of expiry of the most recent approvals.

## 8. APPOINTMENT TO AN OUTSIDE BODY

The Committee received a report in the name of the Head of Governance. The report asked the committee to appoint a representative to vacancy on an outside body.

Nominations were circulated in respect of a vacancy on the Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE). Councillor Zakia Zubairi was nominated on behalf of the Labour Group. Councillor John Hart was nominated on behalf of the Conservative Group. Upon being put to the vote it was declared that Councillor John Hart has been appointed.

**RESOLVED** that the following representative be appointed to a vacancy on an outside body;

| Organisation                               | Representative       | Term of Office |
|--|----------------------|----------------|
| Standing Committee for Religious Education | Councillor John Hart | Four Years     |

## 9. NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The committee received a report in the name of the Head of Governance. The report asked the committee to nominate representatives to local authority governor vacancies on the school governing bodies listed in Appendix A to the report.

Nominations were circulated in respect of 6 schools. The nominations were uncontested.

**The General Functions Committee RESOLVED;**

1. That the following representative be nominated to vacancies on school governing bodies

| School Governing Body           | Representative  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| St Mary's & St John's CE School | Dr Anshul Gupta |
| St Theresa's Catholic School    | Mr Tony Shotton |

**2. Nominations to the following school governing bodies be deferred.**

| <b>School Governing Body</b>       |
|------------------------------------|
| Dollis Junior School               |
| Livingstone School                 |
| Barnet Early Years Alliance School |
| Woodcroft School                   |

**10. DECISION OF A SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY NOT TO APPOINT A LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATED BY THE COUNCIL**

The committee considered a report in the name of the Head of Governance. The report asked the Committee to note the decision of a school governing body to not appoint a local authority nominee, together with the reasons for that decision.

**RESOLVED** that the General Functions Committee note:

- 1. That the governing body of a school considered the Council's nomination (made on 21 March 2016) and decided not to appoint the candidate.**
- 2. The reason for the governing body's decision (as set out in section 1.6 of the report).**
- 3. That the local authority governor position at that school remains vacant.**

**11. GENERAL FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee reviewed the 2016-17 work programme.

**RESOLVED** that the General Functions Committee agree the 2016-17 work programme.

**12. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman moved a motion to exclude the press and public which was duly seconded and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public:

- in accordance with section 9 of part 19 of the Constitution Access to Information Rules); and**
- by virtue of Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 being information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and**
- because the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.**

**13. DECISION OF A SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY NOT TO APPOINT A LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATED BY THE COUNCIL (EXEMPT)**

The report identified the school governing body concerned. The Committee discussed in further detail the implications of the governing body's decision which is set in paragraph 1.6 of the public report.

**RESOLVED that the General Functions Committee note the report.**

**14. ANY ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES IS URGENT**

None.

The meeting finished at 7.30 pm