

Annual Council

21 May 2013

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

1. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (WITH CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN) AND POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

To follow

2. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

The Group Secretaries have been advised of the vacancies.

RECOMMEND - That the Council make appointments to fill the vacancies reported in Appendix A.

3. DRAFT CALENDAR OF THE MEETINGS - 2013/14

A draft Calendar of Meetings for 2013/14 is attached at Appendix B. In accordance with the Constitution, the dates of meetings of the Executive are matters for the Leader. However, these are included in the Calendar of Meetings 2013/14 for information and completeness.

The Council's Constitution requires that approval of Ordinary Meetings of the Council takes place at the Annual Meeting. Dates proposed for Ordinary Meetings of the Council are included in the draft Calendar of Meetings attached at Appendix B.

The Calendar is based on the existing arrangements which are in accordance with Council's previous instructions and include:

- Meetings that require the attendance of all Members are avoided during party conference weeks;
- No meetings are scheduled on those Jewish holydays specified by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Diwali is also avoided as is the Muslim Festival of Eid-al-Fitr.

In accordance with a previous decision, school half-term holidays are not avoided.

The Group Secretaries have been consulted and, where possible, their comments have been borne in mind in the production of the attached draft Calendar of Meetings.

RECOMMEND - That the draft Calendar of meetings 2013/14 attached as Appendix B be approved.

4. REPORT EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN

These matters are reported to the Council to meet Constitutional requirements (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.8). No action is required by the Council and the decision has been implemented.

In the case listed below, the Chairman of the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision proposed was reasonable in all the circumstances, was urgent and therefore had consented to the proposed decision being exempted from call-in:

DPR 1946 - Award of Grocery and Provisions Contract

The Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families (in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance) approved to award the Grocery and Provisions contract to Thomas Ridley & Son for a period from 1 January 2013 until 29 July 2014 with an option to extend for a further twelve months.

The decision was considered urgent as there is a requirement to ensure continuity of supply and of service. Next meeting of the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee is not due to take place until 3 July 2013.

RECOMMEND - That Council note the report exempted from call-in.

5. JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

At its meeting of 13th July 2010, Council agreed to appoint a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) with the London Boroughs of Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington to jointly engage with the NHS on the North Central London Service and Organisation Review and to respond, in due course, to the formal consultation thereon. Council formally agreed the terms of reference of the JHOSC at the 14th December 2010 meeting.

In light of significant changes to NHS structures as a result of the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the JHOSC met in November 2012 to consider its role in the new landscape. Members of the constituent boroughs agreed that the JHOSC had been effective and had complemented the work of the individual boroughs Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees. It was agreed that the JHOSC should continue in its work in its current format, with a further review of arrangements in a years' time.

The JHOSC met on 17th January 2013 and formally agreed to the recommend to each of the constituent boroughs that it continues its work. On 9th May 2013, the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered and agreed the future arrangements and terms of reference of the JHOSC and resolved to formally refer these to Council for adoption. The amended terms of reference agreed are set out in the Appendix C.

Council is asked to agree the Terms of Reference for the JHOSC as set out in the Appendix C.

RECOMMEND - That the Terms of Reference of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the London Boroughs of Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington be agreed.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO THE BARNET GROUP BOARD 2013/14

The recruitment process to appoint two Non-Executive Directors to The Barnet Group Board has been completed. Cllr Ross Houston and Cllr John Marshall expressed their interest in undertaking the roles. Following an interview panel undertaken by Members on Tuesday 7th May 2013, both Councillor Ross Houston and Councillor John Marshall were deemed suitable to put forward to Council for ratification.

Also, Council is asked to note that pending the completion and appointment from the recruitment process for Chair of The Barnet Group Board and to ensure continuity, that the current incumbent be continued for the 2013/14 municipal year.

RECOMMEND

- 1. Councillor Ross Houston and Councillor John Marshall are appointed as Non-Executive Directors to The Barnet Group Board.**
- 2. Mr Terry Rogers is appointed as Chair to the Barnet Group Board for the 2013/14 municipal year, or until completion of the recruitment process.**