

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

4.00pm 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

41. REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Contact Officer: *Angela Woodall* Tel: 29-1354
Ward Affected: *All Wards*

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Committee recommends to Council:
 - (a) That the Special Responsibility Allowances for the Leaders' positions be payable as outlined in paragraphs 3.1 – 3.8 and Appendix 1 to this report.
 - (b) That the Special Responsibility Allowances for the Deputy Chairs of Planning and Licensing Committees be payable as outlined in paragraphs 3.9 – 3.15 and Appendix 2 to this report.
 - (c) That the Dependants' Carers' Allowance be payable as outlined in paragraphs 3.16 – 3.32 and Appendices 3 and 4 (childcare), and 3.33 – 3.37 and Appendix 5 (dependant care).
 - (d) That the 26 Special Responsibility Allowances set out at Appendix 6 to this report be approved as the full list of duties which constitutes Schedule 1 to the new Members' Allowances Scheme.
- (2) That it be noted the Basic Allowance of £11,463 has been retained and that all other allowances listed in the Scheme, other than those detailed in 2.1 – 2.4 above remain unchanged.
- (3) That the Members' Allowances Scheme 2011 set out at Appendix 7 be recommended to full Council for approval on 20th October 2011 with a proposal that the new scheme should take effect from 21st October 2011.

42. POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BILL - CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

Contact Officer: Paul Holloway
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 29-2005

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Governance Committee notes the content and implications of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill.
- (2) That the Governance Committee requests further reports ~~once the Bill is enacted, including specific implications for Brighton & Hove~~ **as and when further information becomes available.**

43. POLLING PLACE REVIEW

Contact Officer: Paul Holloway
Ward Affected: East Brighton; Withdean

Tel: 29-2005

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Governance Committee approves the attached consultation document and the consultation process outlined at section 4 of the report.
- (2) That the Governance Committee will consider a further report at its meeting on 15 November 2011, to approve recommendations for alternative polling places in the affected wards.

44. REVIEW OF POLICY FRAMEWORK

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 29-1500

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Governance Committee review the council's existing policy framework which is set out in Part 3.1 of the constitution and reproduced at Appendix 1, by considering whether the list of plans and strategies that comprise the framework is correctly worded and up to date; and
- (2) That, in light of their review, Governance Committee agree the amended policy framework set out in Appendix 2, reflecting the analysis in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 below, and recommend its adoption by Full Council.

45. AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis *Tel:* 29-1500
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED - That the Governance Committee recommends to Council that the amendments set out in paragraphs of the report and more particularly indicated in the appendix be approved and that they come into force with immediate effect.

46. USE OF MOBILE PHONES, AUDIO RECORDING AND FILMING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis *Tel:* 29-1500
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED – That the Governance Committee agrees and recommends to Council:

- (i) that the existing rules relating to mobile phones and audio recording of council proceedings be amended as described in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report; and
- (ii) that the amended Council Procedure Rule 31, as set out in Appendix 2 be approved to come into affect immediately after the conclusion of the Council meeting on 20 October 2011 **with the following amendment:**

31.2(iii) The person presiding at the meeting may require all mobile phones to be switched off at any time **if they consider that the use of devices is not conducive to the proper running of the meeting.**

47. AWARD OF WEB CASTING CONTRACT

Contact Officer: Mark Wall *Tel:* 29-1006
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED – That the award of a 3-year contract for the web casting of meetings and associated events be delegated to the Strategic Director, Resources.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 27 September 2011 unless they are called in.