

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

4.00pm 20 MARCH 2012

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

70. POLLING PLACE REVIEW

Contact Officer: Paul Holloway Tel: 29-2005
Ward Affected: East Brighton; Goldsmid;
Hangleton & Knoll; Hove
Park; Withdean

70.1 The committee considered a report of the Strategic Director, Resources on Polling Place Review. Following the City Council elections in May 2011, issues had arisen about six of the Council's designated polling stations. The report set out proposals for those polling stations and outlined the consultation which would take place.

70.2 Councillor Cox was concerned that the Pavilion at Aldrington Recreation Ground would no longer be available as a polling station as the building had been leased to a private playgroup, and asked why that was not addressed in the terms of the lease. The officer presenting the report, Ms C Wardle, said that there had been a new lease issued and she would get more information on the matter and provide a written response.

70.3 Councillor A Norman said that other councillors had raised the same concerns as Councillor Cox and asked what the cost implications would be of using a temporary portacabin for the day. Ms Wardle said that the information would be provided. Councillor Norman noted that Dorothy Stringer had agreed for the polling station to be held at the school, but was concerned that it would be a long walk up Loder Road for some members of the public.

70.4 Councillor Theobald was concerned that Goldsmid Ward residents had to go out of their ward to vote, but accepted that as it was a mainly residential area, there were no appropriate sites for the polling station.

RESOLVED

73. SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY - DELEGATION OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL FUNCTION TO CONSTITUENT AUTHORITIES

Contact Officer: Paul Vidler
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 29-1292

RESOLVED

That the committee recommend that Council agrees that the Agency Agreement dated 21 June 2011 between South Downs National Park Authority and the Council relating to the provision of planning services in Brighton and Hove, be terminated on a date to be agreed by the South Downs National Park Authority and the Strategic Director, Place.

74. REVIEW OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Contact Officer: Mark Wall
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 29-1006

RESOLVED

That Council be recommended to approve the following:

- (i) That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Leader's position remain at the current level of £28,758 as outlined in paragraph 3.4 and appendix 1 to the report
- (ii) That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the two Deputy Leaders' positions remain at the current level of £17,254 as outlined in paragraph 3.4 and appendix 1 to the report
- (iii) That the Special Responsibility Allowance of £10,967 be payable to the Chairs of Committees as outlined in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.9 and appendix 1 to the report
- (iv) That a Special Responsibility Allowance of £8,626 be payable to the Deputy Chair of Policy & Resources (with responsibility for Finance & Resources), as outlined in paragraph 3.7 of the report
- (v) That a Special Responsibility Allowance of £3,594 be payable to the Deputy Chairs of Planning and Licensing Committees, as detailed in paragraph 3.9 of the report
- (vi) That the Special Responsibility Allowance of £2,156 for the Deputy Chairs of Committees be payable as outlined in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.9 and appendix 1 to the report
- (vii) That a Special Responsibility Allowance of £2,156 be agreed for the four positions of Opposition Spokesperson as outlined in paragraph 3.10 of the report

(being the parts where there are substantive changes) be approved.

- (iii) That the transitional arrangements in relation to the Audit and Standards Committees, as set out in paragraph 16.3 of the report, be approved and adopted until such time that the relevant Regulations relating to standards are made and come into force
- (iv) That the current scheme of delegations to officers be approved subject to the changes set out at Appendix 5 to the report and any other consequential modifications
- (v) That the rest of the existing constitution be approved and adopted, subject to such amendments as are necessary to make them fit for a committee system
- (vi) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the minor and consequential changes referred to in paragraphs 2.1(iv) and 2.1(v)
- (vii) That the constitution as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, with the addition of the parts referred to in 2.1(v) above, be approved and adopted as the Council's constitution in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 and relevant Regulations, Orders and Directions made by the Secretary of State
- (viii) That the new system of governance and the new constitution come into force immediately after the conclusion of Annual Council on 17 May 2012
- (ix) That the Chief Executive be authorised to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the new governance arrangements, including the power to make such transitional arrangements as are necessary for the orderly implementation of the proposals
- (x) That officers be instructed to make copies of the Council's new constitution available at its principal offices and to publish a notice describing the new arrangements, in accordance with s9KC of the Local Government Act 2000
- (xi) To note that the issue of Member's Allowances be dealt with separately elsewhere on the agenda and that any proposed Code of Conduct be referred to Council as part of the recommendations from the Standards Committee