

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AGENDA PLAN, TRAINING PLAN AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES, PARTNERSHIP LIAISON AND ADVISORY GROUPS, AND INTERNAL ADVISORY GROUPS AND PANELS

To: **General Purposes Committee**

Meeting Date: **24 November 2015**

From: **Democratic Services Manager &
Policy and Projects Manager**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **Not applicable** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **The General Purposes Committee is asked to consider its Agenda Plan and Training Plan, and agree appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels.**

Recommendation: **The General Purposes Committee is asked to:**

- a) review its Agenda Plan attached at Appendix 1;**
- b) review and agree its Training Plan attached at Appendix 2;**
- c) agree the following appointments:**
 - the appointment of Councillor Mandy Smith to Cambridgeshire County Council's employees disability support group; and**
 - the appointment of substitutes to the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel.**

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1.0 BACKGROUND

Agenda Plan

- 1.1 All Policy and Service Committees review their agenda plans at every meeting.

Training Plan

- 1.2 At the meeting of the Council held on 24 March 2015, it was agreed that each service committee should consider and approve its own training plan at every meeting. Members of the Constitution and Ethics Committee were concerned about the low take up at training events and were keen that Members should be accountable publicly for their attendance. It was also thought that taking the training plan to the committee meeting would facilitate the organisation of training at a time convenient for the majority of committee members.
- 1.3 For the General Purposes Committee the development of a training plan has been considered in light of the strategic functions of the Committee, as well as the service-based functions for Customer Service and Transformation and LGSS Managed.
- 1.4 At its last meeting, the Committee approved its training plan. Since that meeting, Community Impact Assessment Training, which took place before the last meeting, has been added to the plan.

Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels

- 1.5 The Committee reviewed its appointments to outside bodies, internal advisory groups and panels, and partnership liaison and advisory groups at its meeting on 28 July 2015. Since that meeting, the following changes have arisen:

1.6 Appointments to Outside Bodies

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel – the Council has been informed by the Administrator to the Panel that it can appoint substitutes. The Committee is therefore asked to appoint substitutes for the following:

Current Membership

1. Cllr M McGuire (Con)
2. Cllr P Bullen (UKIP)
3. Cllr M Shellens (LD)

1.7 Internal Advisory Groups and Panels

With changes in the Disability Discrimination Act (1995) now the Equality Act 2010, the Cambridgeshire County Council employees disability support group (DIADEM) was extended to include members as they are entitled to 'reasonable adjustments' in the same way as employees. Over the years the Group has had member participation and involvement.

Most of the work of DIADEM is with individuals and with the years of constraints, the group has rarely had need or opportunity to meet. Policy

related group issues are usually dealt with at the Council's Diversity Group meetings.

Simon Willson was the last Chair of DIADEM and it is now proposed that a member should take the Chair. Over the years officers have worked with Councillor Mandy Smith on matters of local physical access and other disability-related issues as Division includes Papworth. Therefore it is proposed that she should be the Councillor representative on DIADEM.

2.0 ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

There are no significant implications for this priority.

2.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

There are no significant implications for this priority.

2.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

The General Purposes Committee (GPC) training plan will be developed to bring a greater Member understanding of the strategic resource issues facing the Council.

3.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

3.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

The GPC training plan, as drafted for this report, includes equality and diversity specifically as a topic for further Member development.

3.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

3.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

3.6 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

Source Documents	Location
<p>Council Agenda and Minutes – 24 March 2015</p> <p>General Purposes Committee – 28 July 2015</p>	<p>http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20146/council_meetings</p>