

Minutes of a meeting of the Constitution Committee held at County Hall, Glenfield on Friday, 10 March 2017.

PRESENT

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC (in the Chair)

Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC
Mr. S. J. Galton CC

Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC
Mr. R. Sharp CC

62. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

63. Question Time.

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 35.

64. Questions asked by Members.

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).

65. Urgent items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

66. Declarations of interest.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

67. Local Government Pension Scheme Central Investment Pool - Establishment of a Joint Committee.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive regarding the proposed establishment of a Joint Committee made up of the eight Midlands-based Local Government Pension Funds which would form the LGPS Central Investment Pool. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 6', is filed with these minutes.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council be recommended:

- (a) To support the establishment of a Joint Committee noting that its establishment will be subject to support from the other seven administering authorities which form the LGPS Central Investment Fund;
- (b) That, subject to (a) above, the Chairman of the Local Pension Committee act as the Funds representative on the Committee with the Vice Chairman acting as a substitute.

68. County Council Elections 2017 - Scale of Election Expenses.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive which sought approval for a Scale of Fees to be used at the County Council elections in May 2017. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 7', is filed with these minutes.

Members stated that the proposed expenses for Polling Clerks were low and close to the National Minimum Wage given that Polling Clerks would be expected to be present at the Polling Stations some time before the polling station opened and after the polls had closed. It was suggested that the expenses paid to Polling Clerks should be increased whilst reducing the fees paid to Deputy Returning Officers so that there would be no overall increase in the total of fees and expenses paid. Members asked the Chief Executive to inform the District Councils that this was the view of the County Council.

RESOLVED

That the scale of expenses as appended to the report be used at the County Council elections to be held on 4 May 2017 and for any subsequent by-elections held before 31 March 2018, and that the comments now made by the Committee be drawn to the attention of Deputy Returning Officers.

1.30 - 1.40 pm
10 March 2017

CHAIRMAN