

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

4.00PM 1 FEBRUARY 2011

COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

58 REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Contact Officer: Mark Wall

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED –

- (1) **That the Governance Committee recommends to Full Council** that, in view of the current economic climate, the current Members' Allowances Scheme be retained and adopted for the 2011/12 municipal year, with effect from the 20 May 2011.
- (2) **That the Governance Committee recommends to Full Council** that the Panel's report be noted and a subsequent report be brought before this committee and Full Council later in 2011/12 when the outcome of the Localism Bill is known and further review has been undertaken.

59 POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW

Contact Officer: Paul Holloway

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED - That the Governance Committee approves the following:

- (i) That the proposals for polling districts and places be as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report and any further suggested amendments that may be proposed. In particular that:
 - (a) the polling station for CV, Moulsecomb & Bevendean Ward, be changed from Bevendean Primary School to the Church Hall, Norwich Drive.
 - (b) that Hertford Infant School be retained as the polling station for GZ,

Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward, in the absence of any support for changing this polling station.

- (c) that the polling arrangements within Patcham Ward remain unchanged, following a wider consultation.
 - (d) that the temporary building (portacabin) be retained as the polling station for JW, Preston Park Ward, in the absence of any support for changing this polling station.
 - (e) that the Friends Centre, Brighton Junction, Stroudley Road, be designated as the polling station for KS, St Peter's & North Laine Ward, as an alternative to St Bartholomew's CE Primary School.
 - (f) that the Aldrington Recreation Ground Pavilion, Wish Road, be retained as the polling station for SX, Wish Ward, in the absence of alternatives.
- (ii) That the Electoral Services Manager, on behalf of the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer, be authorised to take the measures, as required by law, to bring the changes into effect.
 - (iii) That in the event that any recommendations cannot be implemented in time for the City Council elections on 5 May 2011, any outstanding issues be resolved by the publication of the electoral register on 1 December 2011.
 - (iv) That the Committee delegates to the Returning Officer (the Chief Executive), following consultation with the Group Leaders and respective ward councillors, the designation of alternative polling places in the event of any polling place not being available at any particular election.

61 LOCALISM BILL

Contact Officer: Elizabeth Culbert *Tel:* 29-1515
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED - That Governance Committee notes the key provisions of the Localism Bill and requests further reports as the Bill progresses, including proposals for implementation in Brighton & Hove.

62 FUTURE OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

Contact Officer: Tom Hook *Tel:* 29-1110
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED - That the Committee agrees in principle the direction of travel as set out in the report and instructs officers to further develop proposals for a partnership based, commissioning friendly scrutiny function.

64 REVIEW OF MEETINGS TIMETABLE

Contact Officer: Mark Wall

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED - That the proposed timetable of meetings for 2011/12 be approved.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 8 February 2011 unless they are called in.