

# **CABINET ADVISORY PANELS 2018/2019**

**(Membership in order of political group nominations)**

**Labour**

**Conservative**

## **(1) CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (6)**

**(4)**

**(2)**

### **I. Members**

**Sue Anderson  
Simon Brown  
Angella Murphy-Strachan (CH)  
Christine Robson**

**Janet Mote \*  
Lynda Seymour**

### **II. Reserve Members**

**1. Dean Gilligan  
2. Maxine Henson  
3. Chloe Smith  
4. Rekha Shah**

**1. Dr Lesline Lewinson  
2. Chetna Halai**

**(CH)**

**= Chair**

**\* Denotes Group Members for consultation on Delegated Action and/or administrative matters.**

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose**

1. To ensure that the Council is fulfilling its duties towards Children Looked After corporately and in partnership with other statutory agencies.
2. To consider matters referred to the Panel within its terms of reference and to make recommendations to Cabinet/Portfolio Holder as appropriate including:
  - a. Approving annually the Statement of Purpose for the Adoption Service
  - b. Approving annually the Statement of Purpose for the Fostering Service
  - c. To ensure all councillors are aware of their corporate parenting responsibilities through Mandatory training and communication.

### **Role of the Panel**

1. To take an overview of the Council's and partner agencies responsibilities towards looked after children
2. To examine ways in which the Council as a whole and partner agencies can improve the life chances of looked after children and care leavers.

3. Ensure there are good joint working arrangements between council departments and partner agencies.
4. To consider and regularly review on an annual basis a Corporate Parenting Strategy setting out key priorities and areas for action. The Corporate Parenting Strategy will be submitted to Cabinet and full council for consideration and decision on approval.
5. To provide a forum for Children Looked After (CLA) to participate and influence policy and enable CLA to have opportunity to talk about issues relating to their own direct experiences of services they have received. Hence the Board will ensure that the positive experiences/services are maintained and lessons are learnt and changes made in the areas that require improvements.
6. To comment on and contribute to plans, policies and strategies for looked after children and make appropriate recommendations for action.
7. To have a monitoring role, by receiving regular progress reports and data on all key Performance Indicators for all CLA e.g. educational attainment (including implementation of Personal Education Plans) and health assessments.
8. Monitor the plans/needs of children in Secure Accommodation.
9. To receive regular reports on the needs of care leavers including employment, further education, training and housing.
10. To receive annual reports on the following services
  - Adoption
  - Fostering
  - Complaints
11. To meet with CLA and their carers on a regular basis to consult and celebrate achievements, festivals etc.
12. To manage and arrange Member visits to
  - Children's Homes
  - Foster Placements
  - Frontline Services (as indicated in the Victoria Climbié Audit)

## **Membership**

The Corporate Parenting panel will comprise:

A proportionate number of 6 Elected Members

Service Users, Carers and Schools (Non-Voting)

- At least 1 Care leaver
- 1 Foster Carer
- 1 Virtual Head Teacher

Senior Officers (advisors to the Panel – to attend as appropriate to the work of the Panel)

- Director of Children's Services
- Divisional Director Children and Young People
- Head of Service Corporate Parenting
- CLA Nurse
- Housing Needs Manager
- Business Intelligence

## **(2) HARROW BUSINESS CONSULTATIVE PANEL (4)**

(2)

(2)

### **I. Members**

**Jeff Anderson  
Ajay Maru (CH)**

**Norman Stevenson \*  
Bharat Thakker**

### **II. Reserve Members**

1. Peymana Assad  
2. Keith Ferry

1. Ramji Chauhan  
2. Susan Hall

(CH)

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### **Terms of Reference**

1. To enable consultation between the Council and representatives of local non-domestic ratepayers required by Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and to provide information regarding the Council's expenditure proposals for the future budget in accordance with Non-Domestic Ratepayers (Consultation) Regulations 1992. The minutes of the meetings to be reported to the Cabinet.
2. To facilitate consultation between the Council and representatives of the business community as required by the Authority.

### (3) MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS PANEL (7)

	(4)	(3)
<b>I. Members</b>	<b>Ghazanfar Ali Keith Ferry (CH) Varsha Parmar David Perry</b>	<b>Marilyn Ashton Stephen Greek * Paul Osborn</b>
<b>II. Reserve Members</b>	1. Jeff Anderson 2. Simon Brown 3. Niraj Dattani 4. Kiran Ramchandani	1. Bharat Thakker 2. Anjana Patel 3. Norman Stevenson

(CH)

= Chair

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### Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference and Delegated Powers of the Major Developments Panel are:

1. To oversee the development of the Harrow and Wealdstone Intensification Area, to include:
  - Reviewing the emerging master plan(s) for the area;
  - Considering emerging design and development principles; and
  - Reviewing the outcomes of community consultation and feedback on the emerging strategy;
  - Reviewing and commenting upon site specific proposals for major developments, prior to their submission to the Local Planning Authority;
  - Reviewing and commenting upon significant capital projects taking place within the area;
  - Reviewing and commenting upon strategies associated with the promotion and delivery of development and economic renewal within the area.
2. To oversee the development of proposals for individual major development sites within the borough including:
  - Providing comments on pre application proposals received by the Council for such sites;
  - Reviewing progress of strategic development sites within the borough and considering site specific planning and development briefs.

3. To give detailed consideration to and make recommendations to Cabinet in respect of:
  - The use of the Community Infrastructure Levies funds;
  - Reviewing and commenting upon changes to the CIL Charging Scheduled and S106 SPG.
4. To oversee the implementation of the Borough Wide CIL / Infrastructure Delivery Plan prepared to support strategic growth in the Borough and to make recommendations to Cabinet, to include:
  - Reviewing and commenting upon the draft IDP's comprising annual and longer term infrastructure delivery programmes and projects;
  - Considering the result of public consultation on such plans and programmes and make recommendations to Cabinet on any proposed changes / revisions;
  - Monitor the delivery of the IDP against budget and delivery provisions;
  - Consider and comment upon reports / presentations on infrastructure innovations and best practice in infrastructure delivery.
5. To undertake post development reviews within Harrow and on sites beyond the borough and communicate learning on such visits to Cabinet and the Planning Committee.

#### **(4) TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL (7)**

	(4)	(3)
<b>I. Members</b>	<b>Jeff Anderson Sarah Butterworth Jerry Miles (CH) David Perry</b>	<b>Christopher Baxter John Hinkley Ameet Jogia *</b>
<b>II. Reserve Members</b>	<b>1. Ghazanfar Ali 2. Peymana Assad 3. James Lee 4. Sasi Suresh</b>	<b>1. Vina Mithani 2. Lynda Seymour 3. Ramji Chauhan</b>

(CH) = Chair

(VC) = Vice-Chair

\* Denotes Group Members on Panels for consultation on administrative matters.

#### **Terms of Reference**

To make recommendations on the following:

- traffic management;
- the management and control of parking both on and off-street;
- the operational aspects of public transport within the Borough.

#### **Examples of business:**

- \* Petitions, Deputations
- \* Scheme Approval (from existing budgets), including consultation results and authority to make traffic orders.
- \* Objections to traffic orders
- \* Investigations into traffic problems (other than those identified by petition etc)
- \* Local Safety Schemes Annual Review
- \* Consultations from neighbouring authorities on traffic management schemes on or near boundary
- \* Amendments to London Lorry Ban operation
- \* Approval of model traffic orders
- \* References and motions from other bodies
- \* Setting traffic management criteria e.g. traffic calming.

To note the membership of the following informal bodies.

**Labour**

**Conservative**

**CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING GROUP (5)**

(3)

(2)

**I.  
Members**

**Simon Brown  
Keith Ferry (CH)  
Graham Henson**

**Paul Osborn \*  
Norman Stevenson**

**II.  
Reserve  
Members**

1. Jeff Anderson  
2. Pamela Fitzpatrick  
3. Varsha Parmar

1. Amir Moshenson  
2. Chris Mote

(CH)

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**MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (5)**

(3)

(2)

**I.  
Members**

**Jeff Anderson  
Sue Anderson (CH)  
Niraj Dattani**

**Jean Lammiman \*  
Mina Parmar**

**II.  
Reserve  
Members**

1. Simon Brown  
2. Pamela Fitzpatrick  
3. Natasha Proctor

1. Janet Mote  
2. Kanti Rabadia

**PLANNING POLICY WORKING GROUP (7)**

(4)

(3)

**I.  
Members**

**Ghazanfar Ali  
Keith Ferry (CH)  
Graham Henson  
Christine Robson**

**Marilyn Ashton  
Stephen Greek \*  
Bharat Thakker**

**II.  
Reserve  
Members**

1. Dan Anderson  
2. Simon Brown  
3. Sachin Shah  
4. Kiran Ramchandani

1. Pritesh Patel  
2. Norman Stevenson  
3. Anjana Patel



## **SOCIAL SERVICES EXECUTIVE BODIES**

### **ADOPTION PANEL (1)**

**I.** Christine Robson  
**Members**

### **FOSTERING PANEL (1)**

**I.** Christine Robson  
**Members**

[Note: In relation to the Adoption Panel, the statutory guidance states that 'where possible, the Local Authority should appoint an elected member from the corporate parenting group or a member with responsibility for children's services.']

## **CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP JOINT WORKING BODIES**

### **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP (2)**

**I.** Christine Robson (CH) Janet Mote  
**Members**

## CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

### “ADVISORY” COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 102(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, APPOINTED BY CABINET

(Membership in order of political group nominations)

**Labour**

**Conservative**

#### (1) EMPLOYEES’ CONSULTATIVE FORUM (7)

##### Council Representatives

(4)

(3)

**I.  
Members**

**Ms Pamela Fitzpatrick  
Graham Henson  
Angella Murphy-Strachan  
Adam Swersky**

**Camilla Bath  
Philip Benjamin  
Mina Parmar**

**II.  
Reserve  
Members**

1. Ghazanfar Ali  
2. David Perry  
3. Sachin Shah  
4. Varsha Parmar

1. John Hinkley  
2. Pritesh Patel  
3. Susan Hall

(CH)

= Chair

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[Note: In accordance with the Forum’s Terms of Reference, the Council membership should include the Leader and/or Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder with responsibility for human resources].

**Employee Representatives:** (minimum of one to a maximum of three representatives from each recognised Trade Union)

UNISON Representatives  
GMB Representative:  
Teacher Representatives

Darren Butterfield, Gary Martin, Davis Searles  
Pamela Belgrave  
Louise Crimmins (National Union of Teachers), Anne Lyons (National Association of Headteachers),  
(1 vacancy)

(Note: The Chair of the Employees’ Consultative Forum shall be an Employee side representative in 2018/2019, and the Vice-Chair is to be appointed by the Council side. These appointments shall thereafter alternate in succeeding years).

## **Terms of Reference**

The Employees' Consultative Forum has the following duties and responsibilities:

### **1.0 Consultation**

- 1.1 The Employees' Consultative Forum (ECF) is the primary mechanism by which Council Members will consult Union Representatives on specific matters of mutual interest. The ECF shall make recommendations to the Cabinet on such issues. In addition, the ECF will receive reports on actions from the ECF Sub-Group.
- 1.2 The ECF will meet at least twice annually.

### **2.0 Equal Opportunities**

- 2.1 The ECF will seek to promote Equal Opportunities in Employment within the Council, ensuring compliance with all the relevant anti-discrimination legislation.
- 2.2 The ECF will ensure the effective implementation of 'Making a Difference – Making Equality of Opportunity a Reality'. The ECF will receive and comment on regular reports including:-
  - Statistics and progress on meeting equality targets including an annual report on employment issues analysed by protected characteristics.

### **3.0 Health & Safety**

- 3.1 The ECF will seek to promote health and safety and welfare within the Council and will keep under review the measures taken to ensure health and safety and welfare at work. The Forum will receive and comment on reports, including:-
  - The Council's half-year and annual health and safety performance report providing an update of health and safety activities and giving information on outcome measures.
- 3.2 Any health and safety and welfare matters which are the responsibility of the Council as set out in the schedule to the Council's Constitution must be referred to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee.

### **4.0 Budget**

The ECF will consider the budget, as part of the Council's consultation on the budget setting process and make comments on the recommendations.

### **5.0 Membership**

- 5.1 The permanent membership of the Forum shall be as follows: -
  - a) 7 Councillors to include the Leader / Deputy leader and the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Human Resources.
  - b) A minimum of one and maximum of 3 representatives from each recognised trade union. (Note the number of representatives for each trade union to be determined by their notified membership numbers).

- 5.2 The Council Members shall be appointed annually by the Cabinet. If a Council Member is unable to attend any meeting then a duly appointed Reserve Council Member may attend in their place.
- 5.3 The Employee Side Representatives shall be nominated to the Head of Paid Service within 14 days of each Annual Council. If an Employee Side representative is unable to attend any meeting they may nominate a substitute who shall be co-opted onto the committee for the purposes of this meeting.
- 5.4 The role of chairing the ECF will rotate between Council Members and Employee Side representatives each Municipal Year.
- 5.5 The Employee Side will agree amongst themselves who will take the Chair and notify Democratic Services.

- 5.6 Others who may attend the Forum include:-

Head of Paid Service, Corporate Directors & Directors (or representative)  
Trade Union Branch Secretaries (or representative)  
Trade Union Branch Regional Officials (as required)  
Representatives from Employee Support Groups – for the Annual Equality in Employment report.  
Other officers as required.

For the meeting to be quorate, it must be attended by a minimum of three Council Members and two trade union representatives from different trade unions.

## **6.0 Recommendations of the Employees' Consultative Forum**

- 6.1 Recommendations of the ECF are reached by a majority vote among elected Members.
- 6.2 Recommendations of the ECF must go to the relevant portfolio holder or Cabinet, who are the last stage in the local procedures and in the normal course of events, will be implemented immediately (subject to the call-in period).

*(Note: A proposal to establish any subsidiary body of this Committee shall be subject to its prior referral to and approval by Cabinet).*

## JOINT ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

### WEST LONDON ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BOARD (5) (1 Member, 1 Reserve) (Joint Committee of the Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Harrow and Hounslow)

	Labour	Conservative
	(1)	(0)
<b>I. Members</b>	<b>Graham Henson</b>	-
<b>II. Reserve Members</b>	1. Keith Ferry	-
<b>Members</b>	TBC	LB Barnet LB Brent LB Ealing LB Hounslow LB Harrow
Substitute Members	TBC	LB Hounslow LB Brent LB Barnet LB Harrow LB Ealing

## Functions and Procedure Rules

### 1. Purpose of the Joint Committee

- 1.1 The London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow and Hounslow (“the Participating Boroughs”) have established the Joint Committee pursuant to powers under the Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000, and under the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.2 The Joint Committee shall be known as ‘**WEST LONDON ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BOARD.**’
- 1.3 The Joint Committee’s role and purpose on behalf of the Participating Boroughs relates to ensuring appropriate, effective and formal governance is in place for the purposes of delivering the West London Vision for Growth and advancing Participating Boroughs’ aspirations for greater economic prosperity in West London, including promoting “the Economic Prosperity Agenda”, in partnership with employers, representatives from regional and central government, and education and skills providers.
- 1.4 The purpose of the Joint Committee will be collaboration and mutual co-operation and the fact that some functions will be discharged jointly by way of the Joint Committee does not

prohibit any of the Participating Boroughs from promoting economic wellbeing in their own areas independently from the Joint Committee.

1.5 The Joint Committee is not a self-standing legal entity but is part of its constituent authorities. Any legal commitment entered into pursuant of a decision of the Joint Committee must be made by all of the Participating Boroughs.

1.6 These Procedure Rules govern the conduct of meetings of the Joint Committee.

## **2. Definitions**

2.1 Any reference to “Access to Information legislation” shall mean Part V and VA of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and, to the extent that they are applicable, to the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 (as amended) and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

2.2 Any reference to “executive”, “executive arrangements”, “executive function” or “committee system” has the meaning given by Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000.

## **3. Functions**

3.1 The Joint Committee will discharge on behalf of the Participating Boroughs the functions listed below related to promoting economic prosperity in West London:

3.1.1 Making funding applications and/or bids to external bodies, in relation to economic prosperity for the benefit of the local government areas of the participating local authorities.

3.1.2 Providing direction to a nominated lead borough on the allocation of any such funding awards to appropriate projects for the benefit of the local government areas of the participating local authorities, including, where applicable, approving the approach to the procurement to be undertaken by the lead borough.

3.1.3 Seeking to be the recipient of devolved powers and/or funding streams for the local government areas of the participating local authorities, which relate to the economic prosperity agenda.

3.1.4 Exercising any such powers and allocating any such funding.

3.1.5 Representing the participating local authorities in discussions and negotiations with regional bodies, national bodies and central government on matters relating to economic prosperity for the benefit of the local government areas of the participating authorities.

3.1.6 Representing the participating authorities in connection with the Greater London Authority, London Councils and the London Enterprise Panel, for the benefit of the local government areas of the participating authorities, in matters relating to the economic prosperity agenda.

3.1.7 Representing the participating local authorities in discussions and negotiations in relation to pan-London matters relating to economic prosperity.

- 3.1.8 Seeking to influence and align government investment in West London in order to boost economic growth within the local government areas of the participating authorities.
  - 3.1.9 Agreeing and approving any additional governance structures as related to the Joint Committee, or any sub-committees formed by the Joint Committee.
  - 3.1.10 Representing the participating local authorities in discussions and negotiations with the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to encourage legislative reform enabling Economic Prosperity Boards, as defined by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 Act, to be established by groups of boroughs in London.
  - 3.1.11 Inviting special representatives of stakeholders such as business associations, government agencies such as DWP or Jobcentre Plus, the further education sector, higher education sector, schools, voluntary sector, and health sector to take an interest in, and/or seek to influence, the business of the committee including by attending meetings and commenting on proposals and documents.
- 3.2 In relation to the Participating Boroughs which operate executive arrangements only executive functions of each borough may be exercised.

#### **4. Membership and Quorum**

- 4.1 The membership will comprise of 6 members with each Participating Borough appointing one person to sit on the Joint Committee as a voting member.
- 4.2 Each Participating Borough will make a suitable appointment in accordance with its own constitutional requirements.
  - 4.2.1 Where a Participating Borough operates executive arrangements, then the appointment of a voting member of the West London EPB will be by the leaders of the executive or by the executive. It is anticipated that, where practicable, the leader of each such executive will be appointed to the West London EPB.
  - 4.2.2 Where a Participating Borough does not operate executive arrangements, the appointment of a voting member of the West London EPB will be in accordance with the Borough's own procedures. It is envisaged that this will usually be one of its senior councillors.
- 4.3 In all cases, the appointed person must be an elected member of the council of the appointing Participating Borough. Appointments will be made for a maximum period not extending beyond each member's remaining term of office as a councillor, and their membership of the Joint Committee will automatically cease if they cease to be an elected member of the appointing Participating Borough.
- 4.4 Members of the Joint Committee are governed by the provisions of their own Council's Codes and Protocols including the Code of Conduct for Members and the rules on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- 4.5 Each Participating Borough will utilise existing mechanisms for substitution as laid down in their own Standing Orders. Continuity of attendance is encouraged.
- 4.6 Where a Participating Borough wishes to withdraw from membership of the Joint Committee this must be indicated in writing to each of the committee members. A six month notice period must be provided.

- 4.7 When a new borough wishes to become a Participating Borough then this may be achieved if agreed by a unanimous vote of all the existing Participating Boroughs.
- 4.8 The quorum for the Joint Committee is three members. If the Joint Committee is not quorate it cannot transact any business. If there is no quorum at the time the meeting is due to begin, the start of the meeting will be delayed until a quorum is achieved. If no quorum is achieved after 30 minutes has elapsed, the clerk will advise those present that no business can be transacted and the meeting will be cancelled.

## **5. Chair and Vice-Chair**

- 5.1 The Chair of the Joint Committee will be appointed for 12 months, and will rotate amongst the Participating Boroughs.
- 5.2 Unless otherwise unanimously agreed by the Joint Committee, each Participating Borough's appointed person will serve as chair for 12 months at a time. Where the incumbent Chair ceases to be a member of the Joint Committee, the individual appointed by the relevant borough as a replacement will serve as Chair for the remainder of the 12 months as chair.
- 5.3 The Joint Committee will also appoint a Vice-Chair from within its membership on an annual basis to preside in the absence of the Chairman. This appointment will also rotate in a similar manner to the Chair.
- 5.4 At its first meeting, the Committee will draw up the rotas for Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.
- 5.5 Where neither the Chair nor Vice-Chair are in attendance, the Joint Committee will appoint a Chair to preside over the meeting.
- 5.6 In the event of any disagreement as the meaning or application of these Rules, the decision of the Chair shall be final.

## **6. Sub-Committees**

- 6.1 The Joint Committee may establish sub-committees to undertake elements of its work if required.

## **7. Delegation to officers**

- 7.1 The Joint Committee may delegate specific functions to officers of any of the Participating Boroughs.
- 7.2 Any such delegation may be subject to the requirement for the officer to consult with or obtain the prior agreement of an officer (or officers) of the other boroughs.
- 7.3 It may also be subject to the requirement for the officer with delegated authority to consult with the Chair of the Joint Committee and the Leaders of the one or more Participating Boroughs before exercising their delegated authority.

## **8. Administration**

- 8.1 Organisational and clerking support for the Joint Committee, and accommodation for meetings, will be provided by the Participating Borough whose representative is Chair



unless otherwise agreed by the Joint Committee. The costs of this will be reimbursed by contributions from the other Participating Boroughs as approved by the Joint Committee.

## **9. Financial matters**

- 9.1 The Joint Committee will not have a pre-allocated budget.
- 9.2 When making a decision which has financial consequences, the Joint Committee will follow the relevant provisions of the Financial Procedure Rules of LB Ealing.

## **10. Agenda management**

- 10.1 Subject to 10.2, all prospective items of business for the Joint Committee shall be agreed by a meeting of the Chief Executives of the Participating Boroughs or their representatives.
- 10.2 It will be the responsibility of each report author to ensure that the impacts on all Participating Boroughs are fairly and accurately represented in the report. They may do this either by consulting with the monitoring officer and chief finance officer of each Participating Borough or by some other appropriate method.
- 10.3 In pursuance of their statutory duties, the monitoring officer and/or the chief financial officer of any of the Participating Boroughs may include an item for consideration on the agenda of a meeting of the Joint Committee, and, may require that an extraordinary meeting be called to consider such items.
- 10.4 Each Participating Borough operating executive arrangements will be responsible for considering whether it is necessary [in order to comply with Access to Information legislation regarding the publication of agendas including Forward Plan requirements] to treat prospective decisions as 'key- decisions' and/or have them included in the Forward Plan. Each Participating Borough operating a committee system will apply its local non statutory procedures.

## **11. Meetings**

- 11.1 The Joint Committee will meet as required to fulfil its functions.
- 11.2 A programme of meetings at the start of each Municipal Year will be scheduled and included in the Calendar of Meetings for all Participating Boroughs.
- 11.3 Access to meetings and papers of the Joint Committee by the Press and Public is subject to the Local Government Act 1972 and to the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. The Joint Committee will also have regard to the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to information) (England) Regulations 2012, notwithstanding the fact that its provisions do not strictly apply to the Joint Committee for so long as the committee has any members who are not members of an executive of a Participating Borough.

## **12. Notice of meetings**

- 12.1 On behalf of the Joint Committee, a clerk will give notice to the public of the time and place of any meeting in accordance with the Access to Information requirements.
- 12.2 At least five clear working days in advance of a meeting a clerk to the Joint Committee will publish the agenda via the website of clerk's authority and provide the documentation and

website link to the Participating Boroughs to enable the information to be published on each Participating Borough's website. "Five Clear Days" does not include weekends or national holidays and excludes both the day of the meeting and the day on which the meeting is called.

- 12.3 The clerk to the Joint Committee will arrange for the copying and distribution of papers to all Members of the Committee.

### **13. Public participation**

- 13.1 Unless considering information classified as 'exempt' or 'confidential' under Access to Information Legislation, all meetings of the Joint Committee shall be held in public.

- 13.2 Public representations and questions are permitted at meetings of the Joint Committee. Notification must be given in advance of the meeting indicating by 12 noon on the last working day before the meeting the matter to be raised and the agenda item to which it relates. Representatives will be provided with a maximum of 3 minutes to address the Joint Committee.

- 13.3 The maximum number of speakers allowed per agenda item is 6.

- 13.4 Where the number of public representations exceed the time / number allowed, a written response will be provided or the representation deferred to the next meeting of the Joint Committee if appropriate.

- 13.5 The Joint Committee may also invite special representatives of stakeholders such as business associations, government agencies such as DWP or Jobcentre Plus, the further education sector, voluntary sector, and health sector to take an interest in the business of the committee including by attending meetings and commenting on proposals and documents.

- 13.6 The Chair shall have discretion to regulate the behaviour of all individuals present at the meeting in the interests of the efficient conduct of the meeting.

### **14. Member participation**

- 14.1 Any elected member of the council of any of the Participating Boroughs who is not a member of the Joint Committee may ask a question or address the Committee with the consent of the Chair.

### **15. Business to be transacted**

- 15.1 Standing items for each meeting of the Joint Committee will include the following:

- Minutes of the Last Meeting
- Apologies for absence
- Declarations of Interest
- Provision for public participation
- Substantive items for consideration

- 15.2 The Chair may vary the order of business and take urgent items as specified in the Access to Information Requirements at his / her discretion. The Chair should inform the Members of the Joint Committee prior to allowing the consideration of urgent items.

- 15.3 An item of business may not be considered at a meeting unless:

- (i) A copy of the agenda included the item (or a copy of the item) is open to inspection by the public for at least five clear days before the meeting; or
- (ii) By reason of special circumstances which shall be specified in the minutes the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

15.4 “Special Circumstances” justifying an item being considered as a matter of urgency will relate to both why the decision could not be made at a meeting allowing the proper time for inspection by the public as well as why the item or report could not have been available for inspection for five clear days before the meeting.

## **16. Extraordinary meetings**

- 16.1 Arrangements may be made following consultation with Chair of the Joint Committee to call an extraordinary meeting of the Joint Committee. The Chair should inform the appointed Members prior to taking a decision to convene an extraordinary meeting.
- 16.2 The business of an extraordinary meeting shall be only that specified on the agenda.

## **17. Cancellation of meetings**

- 17.1 Meetings of the Joint Committee may, after consultation with the Chairman, be cancelled if there is insufficient business to transact or some other appropriate reason warranting cancellation. The date of meetings may be varied after consultation with the Chairman and appointed members of the Joint Committee in the event that it is necessary for the efficient transaction of business.

## **18. Rules of debate**

- 18.1 The rules of debate in operation in the Chair’s authority shall apply.

## **19. Request for determination of business**

- 19.1 Any member of the Joint Committee may request at any time that:
  - The Joint Committee move to vote upon the current item of consideration.
  - The item be deferred to the next meeting.
  - The item be referred back to a meeting of the Chief Executives of the Participating Boroughs for further consideration.
  - The meeting be adjourned.
- 19.2 The Joint Committee will then vote on the request.

## **20. Urgency procedure**

- 20.1 Where the Chair (following consultation with the appointed Members of the Joint Committee) is of the view that an urgent decision is required in respect of any matter within the Joint Committee’s functions and that decision would not reasonably require the calling of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Joint Committee to consider it and it cannot wait until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Joint Committee, then they may request in writing the Chief Executive of each Participating Borough (in line with pre-existing delegations in each Borough’s Constitution) to take urgent action as is required within each of the constituent boroughs.

## **21. Voting**

- 21.1 The Joint Committee's decision making will operate on the basis of mutual cooperation and consent and will take into account the views of the special representatives. It is expected that decisions will be taken on a consensual basis wherever reasonably possible.
- 21.2 Where a vote is required it will be on the basis of one vote per member and unless a recorded vote is requested, the Chair will take the vote by show of hands.
- 21.3 Any matter (save for a decision under Rule 4.7 above) shall be decided by a simple majority of those members voting and present. Where there is an equality of votes, the Chair of the meeting shall have a second and casting vote.
- 21.4 Any two members can request that a recorded vote be taken.
- 21.5 Where, immediately after a vote is taken at a meeting, if any Member so requests, there shall be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of that meeting whether the person cast his / her vote for or against the matter or whether he/ she abstained from voting.

## **22. Minutes**

- 22.1 At the next suitable meeting of the Joint Committee, the Chairman will move a motion that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record. The meeting may only consider the accuracy of the minutes and cannot change or vary decisions taken at a previous meeting as a matter arising out of the minutes.
- 22.2 Once agreed, the Chairman will sign them.
- 22.3 There will be no item for the approval of minutes of an ordinary Joint Committee meeting on the agenda of an extraordinary meeting.

## **23. Exclusion of Public and Press**

- 23.1 Members of the public and press may only be excluded from a meeting of the Joint Committee either in accordance with the Access to Information requirements or in the event of disturbance.
- 23.2 A motion may be moved at any time for the exclusion of the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings. The motion shall specify by reference to Section 100(A) Local Government Act 1972 the reason for the exclusion in relation to each item of business for which it is proposed that the public be excluded. The public must be excluded from meetings whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings that confidential information would be disclosed.
- 23.3 If there is a general disturbance making orderly business impossible, the Chairman may adjourn the meeting for as long as he/she thinks is necessary.
- 23.4 Background papers will be published as part of the Joint Committee agenda and be made available to the public via the website of each authority.

## **24. Overview and Scrutiny**

- 24.1 Decisions of the Joint Committee which relate to the executive functions of a Participating Borough will be subject to scrutiny and 'call -in' arrangements (or such other arrangements

equivalent to call-in that any Participating Borough operating a committee system may have) as would apply locally to a decision made by that Participating Borough acting alone

24.2 No decision should be implemented until such time as the call-in period has expired across all of the Participating Boroughs.

24.3 Where a decision is called in, arrangements will be made at the earliest opportunity within the Participating Borough where the Call-In had taken place for it to be heard.

24.4 Any decision called in for scrutiny before it has been implemented shall not be implemented until such time as the call-in procedures of the Participating Borough concerned have been concluded.

## **25. Access to minutes and papers after the meeting**

25.1 On behalf of the Joint Committee, a clerk will make available copies of the following for six years after the meeting:

- (i) the minutes of the meeting and records of decisions taken, together with reasons, for all meetings of the Joint Committee, excluding any part of the minutes of proceedings when the meeting was not open to the public or which disclose exempt or confidential information;
- (i) the agenda for the meeting; and
- (iii) reports relating to items when the meeting was open to the public.

## **26. Amendment of these Rules**

26.1 These Rules shall be agreed by the Joint Committee at its first meeting. Any amendments shall be made by the Joint Committee following consultation with the monitoring officers of the Participating Boroughs. Note that Rule 3 (Functions) may only be amended following a formal delegation from each of the Participating Boroughs.

## **27. Background Papers**

27.1 Every report shall contain a list of those documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the opinion of the author:

- (i) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of it is based;
- (ii) which have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report but does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information and in respect of reports to the Joint Committee, the advice of a political assistant.

27.2 Where a copy of a report for a meeting is made available for inspection by the public at the same time the clerk shall make available for inspection

- (i) a copy of the list of background papers for the report
- (ii) at least one copy of each of the documents included in that list.

27.3 The Clerk will make available for public inspection for four years after the date of the meeting one copy of each of the documents on the list of background papers.