

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2024 AT 4.00 PM

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Anthony Okereke (Chair), Councillors Averil Lekau, Leo Fletcher and Matt Hartley

Officers:

Interim Director of Legal Services, Director of Children's Services and Head of Information, Safety and Community

**Item
No.**

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Urgent Business

Item 7 was accepted as urgent business for the reason given in Section 3 of the report.

3 Declarations of Interest

Resolved -

That the list of Councillors' memberships as Council appointed representatives on outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies is noted.

4 Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 20 June 2024 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

5 Proposal for Royal Greenwich Council becoming a Fostering Friendly Employer and offering an Incentive to Council Staff for foster carer recruitment

The report was presented by the Director of Children's Services.

The Interim Director of Legal Services made a correction to Section 10, Legal Comments, page 10, of the report in that it should read "The Council can therefore make the decision required", rather than "The Director can therefore make the decision required".

In response to a question from the Committee, the Director of Children's Services indicated how the proposals would be advertised.

Members welcomed the proposals.

The Chair put the matter to the vote and it was unanimously

Resolved -

1. That the implementation of a Fostering Friendly Employer Policy for Royal Greenwich be supported.
2. That the Local Authority's effort to expand the foster friendly employer policy amongst partner agencies including public bodies, businesses, and community voluntary sector be supported.
3. That the application for accreditation of Royal Greenwich as a Fostering Friendly Employer with The Fostering Network be supported.
4. That a staff incentive whereby any RBG staff member will receive £250 who successfully refers a person who is then approved by the Fostering Panel as a Greenwich Foster Carer and takes the placement of a Greenwich Child be agreed.

6 Violence and Aggression H&S arrangements policy standard

The report was presented by Head of Information, Safety and Community.

Members welcomed the initiative and recognised that it was an issue that needed to be taken seriously.

The Chair put the matter to the vote and it was unanimously

Resolved -

That the Violence and Aggression Health and Safety Policy Standard be agreed.

7 Appointments to Member-Level Bodies for 2024/25 - Scrutiny Panels

Resolved -

1. That Councillor Aidan Smith be appointed to the Inclusive Economy and Culture Scrutiny Panel.
2. That Councillor Aidan Smith be appointed to the Transport and Place Scrutiny Panel.

The meeting closed at 4.08 pm

Chair