

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2025 AT 6.03 PM
MINUTES

Present:

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

Officers:

Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Director of Housing and Safer Communities, Head of Human Resources and Corporate Governance Manager

**Item
No.**

1 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

2 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

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 18 March 2025 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

5 Collective Agreement to change the Terms and Conditions of the Red Book Repairs and Investment Trade Staff Members

The report was presented by the Director of Housing and Safer Communities and the Head of Human Resources who advised that the new agreement reduced costs to the Housing Revenue Account, was voted for by trade operatives and the Borough was able to support sustainable Direct Labour Organisation.

In response to questions, the Director of Housing and Safer Communities thanked all those that had been involved achieving the landmark deal, which was the first to receive this level of pay reduction. He explained the circumstances surrounding the 2012/13 decision and the technology in place for the robust scrutiny of the performance of the new agreement.

The Committee

Resolved –

That the agreement between the Council and recognised Trade Unions in respect of changes to the Terms and Conditions of the Red Book Repairs and Investment Trade Staff Members Confidential Appendix A be noted.

That it be noted that this agreement will come into effect from April 2025

That it be agreed to treat the information presented in Appendices A and B as exempt under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, and that this information is not subsequently released to the press or public.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm

Chair