

General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

Terms of Reference

Within approved Council policy and in accordance with the overall aims and objectives of the Council, the Committee shall:-

1. consider and make recommendations to the Council on all matters which fall within the following terms of reference:-
 - (a) the nomination of the Ceremonial Mayor of the Borough;
 - (b) all matters relating to electoral boundaries of the Borough and its Wards including Parliamentary boundaries and associated electoral registration issues;
 - (c) functions relating to the name and status of areas and individuals, including confirming the title of honorary aldermen and honorary alderwomen and the admission of honorary freemen and honorary freewomen;
 - (d) to make nominations for the Queen's Birthday Honours List to highlight the good work by citizens of Sandwell;
 - (e) the power to make, amend, revoke and re-enact by-laws;
 - (f) the power to promote or oppose local or personal Bills;
 - (g) functions relating to local government pensions etc. under the The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 and other relevant statutory requirements, regulation or direction;
2. deal with all matters which fall within the following terms of reference, which are delegated to it:-
 - (1) to act as Managing Trustees of the Charity of Leonard Andrews Poole;

- (2) the determination of appeals against decisions of the relevant Director or staff reporting to them with regard to non-inclusion on the standing list for residential services and the approved list for non-residential services;
 - (3) the determination of appeals against decisions of the relevant Director or staff reporting to them to exclude providers from the standing list of residential and nursing homes and the approved list for non-residential services;
 - (4) the determination of oral or written representations made by applicants for registration under the provisions of the Registered Homes Act 1984, the Registered Homes (Amendment) Act 1991 and the Children Act 1989;
 - (5) the determination of appeals against the decision of the relevant Director(s) in relation to access to personal files under the Access to Personal Files (Housing) Regulations 1989.
 - (6) the determination of disputes arising from the Joint Consultative Panel;
 - (7) the determination of disputes arising from decisions of the executive in relation to which a formal 'Failure to Agree' is registered by a Trade Union(s);
 - (8) any other employee relations matter which the Proper Officer, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive, may from time to time determine are relevant to be considered by the Committee to comply with appropriate human rights legislation;
 - (9) the determination of any appeals against decisions made by the Section 151 Officer on the ranking of charges, the redemption figure or the loan amount, in relation to the repatriation of the Kick Start Loan Portfolio.
3. submit its recommendations and key issues to the Council for consideration and/or information as appropriate.

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