

**Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee**

**20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 6.00 pm**  
**at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

**Present:** Councillor Dhallu (Chair);  
Councillors Allen, S Crumpton, P Davies and  
Haque.

**Apologies:** Councillors E M Giles and Meehan.

1/17 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Haque declared an interest in Minute No. 3/17 as he was amongst those nominated to the office of Mayor of Sandwell for the 2017/18 Municipal Year. Councillor Haque retired from the meeting and took no part in the discussion.

2/17 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

**Matter not delegated to the Committee**

3/17 **Nominations for the Offices of Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Sandwell for the 2017/18 Municipal Year**

In accordance with the Council's agreed process for the selection of Mayor, the Committee considered the nominations received for the office of Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

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Nominations were received for Councillors Downing, Haque and Melia and all nominations were supported by the requisite five serving members of the Council.

Members considered that all three nominations had merit, however, at this time it was felt that Councillor Haque should be nominated to the office of Mayor.

It was reported that the Leader had deferred the making of a nomination to the office of Deputy Mayor and this matter would be considered at the next meeting of Council.

### **Resolved to recommend to the Council:-**

- (1) that Councillor Haque be nominated for the office of Mayor of the Borough of Sandwell for the 2017/18 Municipal Year;
- (2) that a nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Sandwell for the 2017/18 Municipal Year be considered by Council.

(Meeting ended at 6:06 pm)

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