

Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

16th March, 2015 at 4.00 pm at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillors Ahmed, P Davies and Melia.

Apologies: Councillors S Crumpton, Dhallu, Giles

and S Hosell.

1/15 **Election of Chair**

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor Melia was elected Chair for the meeting.

2/15 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th December, 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matter not delegated to the Committee

3/15 Nominations for the Offices of Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Sandwell for the 2015/2016 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 2015/16 Municipal Year. Nominations were received for Councillors Bawa, B Price and Webb and all nominations were supported by the requisite five serving members of the Council.

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Members considered that all three nominations had merit, however, at this time it was felt that Councillor Barbara Price 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.

Resolved to recommend to the Council:-

- (1) that Councillor Barbara Price be nominated for the office of Mayor of the Borough of Sandwell for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year;
- (2) that consideration of a nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Sandwell for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year be deferred.

(Meeting ended at 4.10 pm)

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