

General Purposes & Audit Committee

Meeting of held on Monday, 26 March 2018 at 5.45 pm in F9 - Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Karen Jewitt (Chair);
Councillor Joy Prince (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Jan Buttinger, Pat Clouder (substitute), Jason Cummings,
Patsy Cummings, Patricia Hay-Justice and Bernadette Khan

Apologies: Councillor Jeet Bains and Sherwan Chowdhury

PART A

1/18 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were none.

2/18 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There were no items of urgent business.

3/18 **Cost Recovery for Re-Inspection under the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme**

The Director of Safety and the Food and Safety Manager introduced the report and explained the premise for the proposed charging regime for re-inspection. Members asked questions surrounding the logistics of inspections and the situation as it currently stood. Concern was raised over the effect it would have on small businesses, however officers reassured members that re-inspection was optional. Some Members highlighted the importance of protecting the health and safety of residents and officers noted that there was an expectation that legislation pertaining to the compulsory display of health ratings on premises would be extended to England in the future.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- 1.1 Note the report and basis for the proposed changes to the operation of FHRS in the borough.
- 1.2 Adopt the revised FHRS scheme (Brand Standard Revision 6 June 2017) as published by the FSA.

- 1.3 Approve the introduction of a flat fee charge of £180 for re-rating inspection visits on a full-cost recovery basis, with effect from 1 April 2018 in accordance with the calculations at Appendix 1 of the report.
- 1.4 Delegate to the Executive Director Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities, Safety and Justice, the authority to annually review the flat fees and the recovery basis to ensure that year on year the authority is not making a surplus from such fees, such authority to include the ability to either increase or decrease such fees in accordance with the actual cost of re-inspections.

4/18 **Exclusion of Public and Press**

Note required.

The meeting ended at 6.02 pm

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