

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 9 July 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Hibbert (Chair); Councillors Beardsworth, Gowen and King
Councillor Mason (Observer)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Ford, Begum, Aziz and Parekh

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

5. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

There were none.

6. INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

The Chief Executive submitted a report to update the Committee members about progress on Individual Electoral Registration (IER). It was explained that the move to the IER would require each elector to register individually rather than via a household form; implementation of which would come into effect on the 1st July 2014. It was noted that there would be a Confirmation Dry Run (CDR) to be held on the 30th July 2013 which would indicate to Local Authorities the scale of the job in 2014.

In response to a question asked by the Committee the Chief Executive commented that whilst the Government would fund the costs of moving to the IER, there would be further costs to each Council namely due to staffing increases, improvements to the IT system and administration costs.

RESOLVED:

1. That the changes taking place to registration processes and the work Officers are undertaking to implement the changes be noted.
2. That the additional cost and resource required to implement the changes to

Electoral Registration be noted.

It was agreed that the Committee be updated about the change of conditions to the Craft workforce which was approved by the Committee on the 26th March 2013.

The meeting concluded at 6.25pm