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Minutes of the meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Monday, 16 March 2020 at 2.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor P D Jull

Councillors: P M Brivio
K Mills

Officers: Chief Executive
Head of Governance
Democratic Services Manager

7 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

8 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members appointed.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were declarations of interest.

10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor P M Brivio, duly seconded and

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business on the grounds that the items to be considered involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

12 PAY AWARD 2020

The Head of Governance presented the report on the Pay Award 2020.

Councillor K Mills asked that for the 2021 pay award officers look into how the green agenda could be promoted through the car and fuel allowances (e.g. electric vehicle, car sharing and cycling incentives) and a review be undertaken on the erosion of the lower grade differential.

Councillor P D Jull asked that the difference between the Member (40 pence per mile) and officer (45 pence per mile) mileage schemes be looked at.

RESOLVED: That the pay award of 2.5% on the base salary of all staff from 1 April 2020 be approved and that the car and fuel allowances for affected staff be increased by the same amount.

The meeting ended at 2.56 pm.