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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 7 June 2011

Subject: SOUTHERN REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL
COMMITTEE

Classification Unrestricted

FOR DECISION

Introduction

1. Kent County Council has recently received correspondence from Dr Mike Bateman, Chairman of the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. This letter is set out at **Appendix 1**.

2. Dr Bateman's letter explains that this Committee will replace the Regional Flood Defence Committee once ministerial approval is given to the new membership scheme in the summer. Its role is set out in the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

3. The Committee will play an active role in guiding the Environment Agency's flood and coastal risk management activities in the region, including raising a levy for local schemes, approving the Environment Agency's regional programme and assisting Lead Local Flood Authorities in developing their local strategies.

Nominations

4. Kent County Council currently has three representatives on the existing Regional Flood Defence Committee. They are Mr A H T Bowles, Mr M J Harrison and Mr R E King. Mr M J Vye attends as an observer. The County Council also has three positions on the proposed new Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

5. The Committee is requested to make three appointments to the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. These appointments will be conditional on ministerial approval being given for its proposed composition.

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