

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Wantsum Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 13 October 2009.

PRESENT: Mrs P A V Stockell (Chairman), Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr L Christie, Mr A J King, MBE, Mr K G Lynes, Mr R A Marsh, Mr L B Ridings (Substitute for Mrs S V Hohler) and Mr M J Vye (Substitute for Mrs T Dean)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Wild (Director of Law and Governance), Mr P Sass (Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

24. Minutes - 8 July 2009

(Item 3)

RESOLVED that subject to the amendment of Minute 20 to indicate that the meeting date is Wednesday, 2 June 2010, the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2009 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

25. Policy Framework

(Item 4)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the revised version of the Policy Framework set out in the Appendix to the report be submitted to the County Council meeting on 10 December 2010 for approval; and
- (b) delegated authority be given to the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership, in consultation with the Chairman, to approve any amendments following the meeting of the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee on 16 October 2009.

26. Flood Risk Management Committee

(Item 5)

(1) The Committee amended the proposed Terms of Reference to clarify that the Flood Risk Management Committee would report annually (or as the need arose) to the Environment, Highways and Waste Policy Overview Committee, to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Highways and Waste and (if appropriate) to the Cabinet.

(2) The Committee recommended that the Flood Risk Management Committee should come to a view as to whether it had the capacity to consider water resource management as part of its remit.

(3) The Committee agreed that a representative of the Labour Group should be invited to attend meetings of the Flood Risk Management Committee.

(4) RESOLVED that the County Council be recommended to:-

- (a) establish a Flood Risk Management Committee consisting of 7 Members on the basis of 6 Conservatives and 1 Liberal Democrat; and
- (b) approve the Committee's Terms of Reference as amended above and appended to these Minutes.

27. Constitution of Schools Admissions Forum

(Item 6)

(1) The Committee agreed by 7 votes to 2 that the Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education (currently Mrs S V Hohler and Mr G Cooke) represent Kent County Council on the School Admissions Forum.

(2) In accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 2.20 (3), Mr M J Vye asked that his vote against the election of the Cabinet member and Deputy Cabinet Member be recorded in the Minutes.

(3) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the proposed membership of the School Admissions Forum be agreed as set out in paragraph 2 of the report; and
- (b) the Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education (currently Mrs S V Hohler and Mr G Cooke) be appointed as the County Council's representatives on the Kent School Admissions Forum.

28. Member Car Fleet

(Item 7)

(1) The Committee agreed by 8 votes to 1 to approve Option 3 as set out in the report.

(2) In accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 2.20 (3), Mr R A Marsh asked that his vote against Option 3 be recorded in the Minutes on the grounds that he believed there was a more cost-effective way in which brand new cars could be made available for KCC Members out of the existing budget for this service.

(3) RESOLVED that approval be given to Option 3 set out in the report (buying the existing vehicles) together with the Lipscomb servicing plan and that the total costs be capitalised over two years.

29. Outside Bodies - Yalding Educational Foundation

(Item 8)

(1) The Democratic Services Officer reported correspondence from the Clerk to the Yalding Educational Foundation explaining that it was unable to comment on the course of action suggested in the Recommendations as the Chairman was currently on holiday.

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The relevant local Member, (currently Mrs P A V Stockell) be appointed to the Governing Body of the Yalding Educational Foundation; and
- (b) agreement be given to the reduction of the County Council's representation on the Foundation's Governing Body from two to one representative.

30. Invitation to join SEERA Ltd

(Item 9)

(1) The Chairman declared this item to be Urgent on the grounds that the County Council was required to take a decision regarding its membership of SEERA Ltd in advance of that company's Annual General Meeting taking place on Friday, 16 October 2009.

(2) The Committee noted that the membership fee was a one-off payment of £1 rather than an annual payment fee.

(3) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the County Council becomes a member of SEERA Ltd at a membership fee of £1;
- (b) the Leader of the County Council be nominated as its representative on SEERA Ltd; and
- (c) the Director of Law and Governance be authorised on behalf of the County Council to sign the SEERA Ltd application form, which has to be executed as a deed.

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Appendix
(Paragraph 26 of the Minutes refers)

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

7 Members

Conservative: 6; Liberal Democrat: 1.

This Committee is responsible for:-

- a) the preparation, monitoring and review (in conjunction with the Flood Risk Management Officer) of a strategic action plan for flood risk management in Kent taking into account KCC Select Committee recommendations, the Pitt Review and relevant requirements of the Flood and Water Bill (and Act in due course);
- b) reporting annually (and more often if necessary) to the Environment, Highways and Waste Policy Overview Committee and to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste;
- c) reviewing and responding to any consultation on the implementation of the Pitt Review and the future development of the Flood and Water Bill (and associated Act);
- d) receiving reports from the South East Regional Flood Defence Committee and responding as appropriate; and
- e) the investigation of water resource management issues in Kent.

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