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Dear Member

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2020

I am now able to enclose, the following presentation to the Selection and Member Services Committee meeting on Tuesday, 23 June 2020) that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda Item No

5 **Presentation on the future of the Selection and Member Services Committee**
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Yours sincerely

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Benjamin Watts
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SELECTION &
MEMBER SERVICES
COMMITTEE
BRIEFING
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PRESENTATION OUTCOMES

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01

Provide an introduction and context for the discussion today

02

Give a brief overview of the legal and constitutional position

03

Update Members on thinking about the role of Selection and Member Services for the year ahead

04

Provide a framework for a Members to discuss and determine the way forward

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AT THE RISK OF STATING THE OBVIOUS....

- Current Role for the Selection and Member Services Committee
 - Review of changes to the Constitution
 - Decisions to appoint Members to Joint Committees and outside bodies
 - Appointments to the Member Remuneration Panel
 - Not utilised....not busy

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THE NEED FOR CHANGE....

- COVID-19
- Meeting Arrangements
- Communication with Government
- Growing role for Members in their communities
- Review of Governance
- Oversight of Member Grants
- New statutory powers/influence?
- Preparations for 2021
- Facilities for Members
- Member Development
- Use of Technology
- Informal Working Groups....
- Decisions around resourcing
- Monitoring Officer Interface
- The “cost” of democracy
- Support Arrangements

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES TERMS OF REFERENCE (I)

- Membership: 8 Members
 - Conservative: 6
 - Liberal Democrat: 1
 - Labour: 1

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES

TERMS OF REFERENCE (2)

- 17.42 This Committee is responsible for:
 - (a) developing the role of Members, particularly within their local community,
 - (b) keeping the Constitution under review and making recommendations to Council on any changes that may be required,
 - (c) keeping the Committee structure under review and making recommendations to Council as and when necessary on the number, names, terms of reference, size and political proportionality of Committees,
 - (d) making recommendations to Council as and when necessary on the political proportionality of the Council's representation on other authorities, joint Committees and partnership bodies,
 - (e) the removal of Local Authority Governors to school governing bodies,
 - (f) the removal of Local Authority nominees to the Management Committees of Pupil Referral Units (PRUs),
 - (g) the removal of Local Authority governors to Academies,

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES TERMS OF REFERENCE (3)

- 17.42 This Committee is responsible for (continued):
 - (h) for making or arranging the following appointments and nominations:
 - i. Parent Governor Members of Council Committees,
 - ii. independent appeal Panels (school admissions and exclusions),
 - iii. independent members of Social Services Complaints Review Panels,
 - iv. the selection Panel for the Independent Person and members of the Member Remuneration Panel,
 - v. any other non-Council Members on Council Committees,
 - (i) making appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council to serve on outside bodies (except those needing to be made by the Leader in connection with a delegation by them of their functions, the list of those appointments to be agreed between the Leader and the Committee from time to time),
 - (j) monitoring expenditure on Members allowances, expenses and services,
 - (k) overseeing all Member accommodation, facilities and support services, including conferences, training, secretarial and other Officer support, and making recommendations to the relevant Cabinet Member, as appropriate,
 - (l) agreeing arrangements for Member attendance at conferences,
 - (m) determine requests from a lead petitioner for a review of the Council's response to a petition in accordance with Petition Scheme.

DISCUSSION



Subjects

Members content to
the remit back to that
ed in the constitution?

Members willing to deal
the range of subject
discussions in formal
meetings?



Information

What information do you
need in order to conduct
these meetings?

What format does that data
need to be in?

Lengthy reports?



Support

What is needed?
Role of Chairman
Role of Officers



Meetings

What meetings do you
to hold, when and w

Do you wish to utilise
committees and infor
meetings to add pac

How do you wish ot
Members to be advis

Membership of Commi