



AGENDA

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 23rd June, 2009, at 2.30 pm
Wantsum Room, Sessions House, County
Hall, Maidstone

Ask for: **Andrew Tait**

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*Tea/Coffee will be available from 2.15 pm **inside the meeting room***

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

1. Membership and Substitutes
Conservative: Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr P B Carter, Mr J A Davies, Mr A J King, Mr K G Lynes
Liberal Democrat: Mrs T Dean
Labour: Mr L Christie
2. Declarations of Interests by Members in items on the Agenda for this meeting.
3. Minutes - 13 March 2009 (Pages 1 - 2)
4. Election of Chairman
5. Member Appointments (Pages 3 - 16)
6. Appointment of Parent Governor Representatives (Pages 17 - 22)
7. Member Support and Member Accommodation (To Follow)
8. Other Items which the Chairman decides are Urgent

EXEMPT ITEMS

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

Peter Sass
Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership
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Monday, 15 June 2009

Please note that any background documents referred to in the accompanying papers may be inspected by arrangement with the officer responsible for preparing the relevant report.

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 Friday, 13 March 2009.

PRESENT: Mr N J D Chard (Substitute for Mrs P A V Stockell), Mr M C Dance (Substitute for Mr P B Carter), Mr J A Davies, Mrs T Dean, Dr M R Eddy, Ms A Harrison, Mr A J King, MBE and Mr K G Lynes

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Sass (Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership), Mrs M Cooper (Democratic Services Manager (Council and Governance)), Mr P D Wickenden (Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

7. Election of Chairman for the Meeting
(Item)

(1) Mr N J D Chard moved, seconded by Mrs T Dean that Mr A J King be elected Chairman for the meeting.

(Carried Unanimously)

(2) Mr A J King thereupon took the Chair.

8. Minutes - 23 January 2009
(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2009 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

9. Changing Council Governance Arrangements - Mayors and Indirectly Elected Leaders
(Item 4)

(1) An Addendum to the report was tabled, setting out the approximate cost of arranging for e.petitioning and a referendum.

(2) The Committee agreed to the addition of a paragraph on the cost of the process, which it would expect to be borne by the Government, together with a similar passage on the cost of e.petitioning in respect of Question 6. These supplementary paragraphs would be based on paragraphs 8 and 4 of the Addendum respectively.

(3) RESOLVED that subject to (2) above, the responses set out in paragraph 13 of the report be sent to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

10. Informal Member Groups for Member Development and Member Information - Progress Report
(Item 5)

(1) The Committee agreed to include the need for all Officers to be trained with regard to providing information to Members and the role of Members in the "Action Agreed" column for Recommendation 5.

(2) RESOLVED that subject to (1) above the report be noted and:-

- (a) authority to implement the decisions of the Informal Member Group (IMG) Member Information be delegated to the Project Manager and the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership in consultation with the Deputy Leader and the three Members of the IMG Member Information; and
- (b) the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership be requested to prepare a report in consultation with the Members of the IMG Member Information which will aim to enable the County Council to support the IDeA's declaration as described in paragraph 9 of the report.

11. Electronic County Council Diary
(Item 6)

(1) RESOLVED to:-

- (a) note that a pilot electronic diary to include all County Council public meetings will be available on the County Council's intranet site from 1 April 2009; and
- (b) authorise the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership in consultation with the Deputy Leader and the Managing Directors to prepare a protocol; for those events (involving Members) which mandatorily should be included in the electronic diary, which will itself be available on KNet.

By: Director of Law and Governance

To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 23 June 2009

Subject: MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Invites the Committee:-

(a) to make recommendations to the Council on 25 June on the total number of Committee places; the allocation of those places between the political groups; and the allocation of places on certain other bodies;

(b) to reconstitute the Governor Appointments Panel.

(c) to make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies;

(d) to note the list of appointments and nominations to outside bodies to be made by the Leader of the Council, once elected;

(e) to agree proposals for the allocation of the Members' Conference budget.

FOR DECISION

Composition of the County Council

1. (1) Following the election on 4 June, 2009 the composition of the County Council is now as follows:

Political Group	Number of seats	Proportion of seats
Conservative	74	88% (88.10%)
Liberal Democrat	7	8% (8.33%)
Labour	2	3% (2.38%)
Other	1	1% (1.19%)
Total	84	100%

Committee Appointments

2. (1) In order to reconstitute the Council's Committees in accordance with the Committee structure as set out in the Constitution, the Committee is invited to make

recommendations to the Annual Meeting of the County Council on the number of Members to serve on each Committee and the allocation of Committee places between the political groups.

(2) The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires Committee places to be allocated between the political groups in accordance with the following principles:-

(a) the group with the majority of seats on the Council is allowed to have a majority of seats on each Committee;

(b) subject to (a) above, the number of seats on the total of all Committees allocated to any political group must be proportional to the number of seats which that group holds on the County Council;

(c) subject to (a) and (b) above, the number of seats on each Committee allocated to any political group must be proportional to the number of seats which that group holds on the County Council;

(3) Proposals for the size of each Committee and the allocation of Committee places between the political groups in accordance with these principles has now been prepared. The Committee is asked to consider the proposals so that it can make recommendations to the Council on 25 June.

(4) As well as ordinary Committees, the proposal cover the size and political composition of the following:-

- Select Committees
- Regulation Committee Panels to consider school transport cases (*Council or the Regulation Committee can determine the size of these Panels but, to avoid delays in processing school transport appeals, it would be helpful if Council on 25 June could be recommended to take this decision*)

(5) The following table sets out a proposal for the size of each main Committee and the allocation of places on them between the political groups.

(6) The proposed allocation complies with the proportionality principles set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. In this regard, Members will be aware that only 'political groups' have an entitlement under the 1989 Act to seats on committees. A 'political group' is defined as two or more Members who inform the Proper Officer that they wish to be regarded as a political group.

(7) Accordingly, the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents' Association Member does not have an automatic right to any seats on committees, except that the County Council may decide to offer him 1% of the total number of seats. Otherwise, these seats on the Council's committees will stand un-allocated; they cannot be allocated to any of the three political groups as this would exceed their proportionate entitlement to Committee seats. The Council's convention is to include independent Members in the proportionality calculation. Accordingly, the statistically most appropriate Committees for the Independent Member are shown in bold. It is suggested that he should be entitled to choose which three out of the four he wishes to serve on. If this is agreed, it should be

noted that he has asked to serve on the Cabinet Scrutiny, Planning Applications and Regulation Committees

(8) The table also includes proposals for certain other sub-committees and Panels.

(9) The Standards Committee is not subject to the political proportionality principles but three Members (1 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour) will need to be appointed to serve on it alongside the 3 independent Members.

(10) The Committee is requested to recommend the proposals in the table to Council for approval.

Committee	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Un-allocated/independent	Total	Non KCC
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee	16 (15.86)	1 (1.50)	1 (0.43)	1 (0.21)	18 + 1	*5
Adult Social Services Policy Overview Committee	13 (13.21)	1 (1.25)	0 (0.36)	0 (0.18)	15	
Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee	14 (14.10)	1 (1.33)	1 (0.38)	0 (0.19)	16	@ 11
Communities Policy Overview Committee	13 (13.21)	1 (1.25)	0 (0.36)	0 (0.18)	15	
Corporate Policy Overview Committee	11 (11.45)	1 (1.08)	0 (0.31)	0 (0.15)	13	
Environment and Regeneration Policy Overview Committee	13 (13.21)	1 (1.25)	0 (0.36)	0 (0.18)	15	
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15 (14.98)	1 (1.42)	1 (0.40)	0 (0.20)	17	4 \$
Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee+	10 (9.69)	1 (0.92)	0 (0.26)	0 (0.13)	11	
Governance and Audit Committee	11 (11.45)	1 (1.08)	0 (0.31)	0 (0.15)	13	
Electoral & Boundary Review Committee	7 (7.05)	1 (0.66)	0 (0.19)	0 (0.10)	8	
Local Children's Services Partnership Sub-Committee	6 (6.17)	1 (0.58)	0 (0.17)	0 (0.08)	7	2 (1/1) £
Personnel Committee	7 (7.05)	1 (0.66)	0 (0.19)	0 (0.10)	8	

Planning Applications Committee	16 (15.86)	1 (1.50)	1 (0.43)	1 (0.21)	18 +1	
Regulation Committee	15 (14.98)	2 (1.41)	0 (0.40)	1 (0.20)	17 +1	**
Selection and Member Services Committee	7 (7.93)	1 (0.75)	1 (0.21)	0 (0.11)	9	**
Children's Champions Board	7 (7.05)	1 (0.66)	0 (0.19)	0 (0.10)	8	
Superannuation Fund Committee	7 (7.05)	1 (0.66)	0 (0.19)	0 (0.10)	8	3 (1/1/1)#
TOTAL	188	18	5	3	216	
Proportionate Share of Total	190	18	5	3	216 +3	
Difference to Proportionate share	-2	=	=			

* 3 diocesan representatives and 2 parent governor representatives with voting powers on education issues only.

@ 3 Diocesan representatives, 2 parent governor representatives and 6 Teacher representatives

+ To include Chairman of preceding six Committees (as agreed previously by the County Council).

\$ 4 District Council representatives with voting powers.

£ 1 Church and 1 Teacher Representative

3 District Council representatives (1 Con, 1 Lab, 1 Lib Dem) with voting powers.

** The Labour Group has agreed to give up a seat on the Regulation Committee in order to take a seat on Selection and Member Services Committee. This is recommended as good practice since the latter Committee has the function of considering the best way in which all Members can work effectively. Each political group should therefore be represented.

Sub-Committees	Con	LD	Lab	Ind/un-allocated	Non KCC	Total
Select Committees	7	1	0	0		8
Regulation Committee Panels (School-related Appeals (mainly Transport); Enforcement, Public Rights of Way, Marriage Premises, Village/Town Greens)	4	1	0	0		5

Advisory Boards	Con	LD	Lab	Ind/un-allocated	Non KCC	Total
Gypsy and Traveller Advisory Board	7	1	0	0		8
Highways Advisory Board	13	2	0	0		15
School Organisation Advisory Board	7	1	0	0		8

Other Authorities, Joint Committees and Partnership Bodies

3. (1) The proportionality principles in the 1989 Act also apply to the appointments which the County Council makes to various other authorities, joint committees and partnership bodies, as listed below (current appointments shown at Appendix 1):-

- Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority (21 KCC Members);
- Kent/Medway Joint Police Authority Appointments Committee (4 KCC Members);
- Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (4 KCC Members);
- Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries Committee (5 KCC Members, but current appointments continue to 30 June 2009);
- Sussex Sea Fisheries Committee (1 KCC Member);
- Adoption Panels (6 Area Panels with 2 KCC Members serving on each).
 - (a) *The 1989 Act does not apply but the County Council's convention is that the 12 appointments overall should be proportional;*
 - (b) *Members should have a knowledge or interest in Social Care or adoption issues;*
 - (c) *To avoid the situation where Members frequently have to withdraw because, for example, they know prospective adopters, it is best that Members do not serve on the Panel covering their home area. It is therefore recommended that Members be nominated by the political groups for service on the Adoption Panels generally and the allocation of individual Members to particular Panels be left to the Adoption Panel Manager in discussion with the Members concerned.*

(2) Proposals for the allocation of these places between the political groups in accordance with the 1989 Act principles will be tabled at the meeting. The Committee will be asked to consider the proposals so that it can make recommendations to the Council on 25 June.

Reconstitution of the Governor Appointments Panel

4. (1) The Committee is charged with the appointment and removal of school governors. In recent years, it has done this through a small Sub-Committee, the Governor Appointments Panel.

(2) The Committee is invited to reconstitute the Governor Appointments Panel. Membership needs to be proportional.

Outside Bodies

5. (1) The Committee is charged with making appointments to outside bodies on behalf of the County Council. The 1989 Act principles do not apply to these appointments, but in recent years it has been the County Council's convention that the total number of appointments should be shared between the political groups on, so far as possible, a proportional basis.

(2) A list of the outside bodies to which the County Council makes appointments is attached as Appendix 2. All the outside bodies shown have been contacted to confirm

that they still exist and to check the status of the KCC appointments. An updated list will be tabled at the meeting.

(3) The Committee is invited to appoint representatives to serve on behalf of the County Council on each outside body shown on the updated list. In the case of certain Local Government Association bodies, the Committee will also need to decide the allocation of votes between the Council's representatives.

(4) Some appointments to outside bodies fall to be made by the Leader of the Council in connection with a delegation by him/her of executive functions. The list of those appointments (which will need to be reviewed by the Leader once elected by the Council on 25 June) is as follows:-

Name of Body	Current Member
Kent Partnership	Mr P B Carter
Kent and Medway Economic Board/Employment and Skills Board	Mr P B Carter
Kent Thameside Delivery Board	Mr K G Lynes
Ashford Future Delivery Board	Mr K G Lynes
Swale Forward Delivery Board	Mr R W Gough
Kent Thameside Economy Board	Mr M V Snelling
Marlowe Academy – Board of Trustees	Managing Director, Children, Families and Education
Romney Marsh Visitor Centre	Mr F Wood-Brignall (LM)
Kent County Staff and Social Club	Mr L Christie
Dungeness Local Community Liaison Council	Mr F Wood-Brignall (LM)
South Ashford Initiative Monitoring Group	Mr D Smyth (LM)
Kent History Project Board	Dr F F Simpson
South East England Tourist Board Regional Advisory Committee	Mr M C Dance
Kent Rural Development Area Strategic Panel	Mr F Wood-Brignall (LM)
West Kent NHS and Social Care Trust	Mr P W A Lake
East Kent Community NHS Trust	Mr J B O Fullarton

(LM: Local Member)

(5) The Committee is asked to note this list.

Members' Conference Budget

6. (1) The Members' Conference Budget for 2009/10 is £17,000. The Council's practice in recent years has been to earmark part of the budget for Member attendance at the Local Government Association (LGA) Annual Conference, the County Councils' Network Annual Conference, and the LGA Annual Finance Conference, and then to share the remainder between the political groups on a proportional basis so that they can decide which other conferences their Members should be nominated to attend. The Committee is asked to agree that this practice should continue.

Recommendations

7. (1) The Committee is asked to:-

- (a) make recommendations to the Council on 25 June on the total number of Committee places; the allocation of those places between the political groups; and the allocation of places on certain other bodies;
- (b) reconstitute the Governor Appointments Panel;
- (c) make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies;
- (d) note the list of appointments to outside bodies to be made by the Leader of the Council, once elected; and
- (e) agree proposals for the allocation of the Members' Conference Budget.

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2005-09 Appointments * <i>Denotes not a County Councillor</i> <i>LM = Local Member</i>	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Other
Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority	Mr A R Bassam Mr R B Burgess Mr B R Cope Mr J A Davies Mr J B O Fullarton Mr T Gates Mr M J Harrison Mr W A Hayton Mr D A Hirst Mr G A Horne Mr J F London Mr R A Pascoe Mrs P A V Stockell Mr F Wood-Brignall	Mr L Christie Ms C J Cribbon Mr J I Muckle Mrs M Newell Mr A R Poole	Mrs T Dean Mr S J G Koowaree	
Kent Police Authority (appointed by Joint Appointments Committee with Medway Council) 11	Mr T Gates Mr M J Harrison Mr W A Hayton Mr P M Hill Mr J F London	Ms R J E Parker	Mr G Rowe	
Kent and Medway Joint Police Appointments Committee	Mr T Gates Mr M J Harrison Mr P M Hill	Dr M R Eddy		
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	Mr A R Bassam Mr G A Horne Mr M J Northey	Mr I T N Jones	Mr T Setchell	
Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries Committee	Mr B R Cope Mr M J Harrison Mr C Hibberd Mr L B Ridings	Mr T A Maddison		
Sussex Sea Fisheries Committee	Mr F Wood-Brignall			
Adoption Panels (8), (3), (1)	Mrs A D Allen (Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells) Mr D A Hirst (Sittingbourne, Sheppey) Dr T Robinson (Dartford) Vacancy(Maidstone)	Mr M Fittock (Canterbury, Faversham, Thanet) Mr T A Maddison (Concurrency Panel), Mrs M Newell (Ashford)		

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2005-09 Appointments				
* Denotes not a County Councillor LM = Local Member	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Other
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION				
LGA General Assembly	Mr P B Carter (8 votes) Mr K A Ferrin	Dr M R Eddy (3 Votes)	Mrs T Dean (1 Vote)	
LGA County Councils Network	Mr N J D Chard (12 votes) Mr P B Carter Mr K G Lynes	Dr M R Eddy		
LGA Rural Commission	Mrs P A Stockell (1 vote) 1 Vacancy			
LGA Urban Commission	Mr R W Gough (12 votes)	Mr R Truelove		
LGA Coastal Issues (Special Interest Group)	Mr M J Harrison			
LGA Public Transport Consortium of Non- Metropolitan Authorities (Special Interest Group)	Mr K A Ferrin			
South East England Partnership Board (Replaces SEERA – dissolved on 31-3-09)	Mr P B Carter (Named alternate)			
Regional Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (SEERA dissolved on 31-3-09 – Status of this S/C to be clarified.)	Mr A H T Bowles			
Kent Transport Board	Miss S J Carey Mr J Curwood Mr K A Ferrin Mr C Hibberd Mr M V Snelling Mrs P A V Stockell Mr R Tolputt Mrs E Tweed	Mr J I Muckle Mr A R Poole Mr R Truelove	Mr D S Daley	
Kent Association of Local Councils	Mrs P A V Stockell			
South East Employers	Mr K G Lynes Mrs P A V Stockell	Ms A Harrison		

2005-09 Appointments				
<i>* Denotes not a County Councillor LM = Local Member</i>	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Other
East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee	Mr P B Carter Mr A J King			
East Kent Joint Scrutiny Committee	Mr J D Simmonds	Mr T J Birkett	Mr M J Vye	
Bensted's Charity	Mr T Gates Mr A H T Bowles			
North West Kent Racial Equality Council	Mrs A D Allen			
Locate In Kent	Mr A J King Mr R W Gough			Managing Director ER
Kent Tourism Alliance	Mr R W Gough			
Produced in Kent	Mr R W Gough			
University of Kent Court (and Council) (to 31 July 04)	Mrs S J Carey Mr J B O Fullarton Mr C G Findlay Mr M J Harrison Mr G K Gibbens Mr J D Simmonds (Council)	Dr M R Eddy Mr D Smyth Mr R Truelove	Mr M J Vye	Chairman - KCC Chief Executive* Managing Director (CFE)*
Collis Millennium Green Trust			Mr J M P Frisby (LM)	
Rochester Bridge Trust	Mr F Gibson Mr M V Snelling			
Action with Communities in Kent	Mr R E King Mr D A Hirst	Mrs E D Rowbotham		
Action with Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK) Management Committee	Mr R E King			
ACRK Community Halls Committee	Mr D A Hirst			
ACRK Kent Community Rail Partnership Steering Group	Mr A D Crowther Mr J Curwood			
Ashford Grammar School Endowment Fund (appointed by Strategic Director – Education and Libraries for 4 year terms)				Mrs J Humphries (from 01) Mr R Fraser (from 02) Mr G Fortescue (from 03)
Lady Margaret Boswell's CE Educational Charity				Mrs V Maunder
Kent Association for the Blind		Mrs C Angell		
Dorton House School Committee	Mr M J Angell			

2005-09 Appointments				
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Cranbrook School Trust - Body of Trustees	Mr A J King Mr Anthony Cooper			
Hugh and Montague Leney Award Trust		Mr W V Newman		Awards Manager (Mr N Jordan)*
Kent Music Board of Governors	Mr D L Brazier Mr L B Ridings	Mr D Smyth	Mr P J Morgan	
Rochester Diocesan Board of Education		Mrs E Green		
Royal School for Deaf Children		Mr C Hart		
Canterbury Cathedral Archives Advisory Committee	Mr M J Northey			
Museum of Kent Life Trust	Mr D L Brazier			
Powell Cotton Museum Trust		Mr A R Poole (LM)		
Kent County Playing Fields Association	Mr A R Chell			
Kent Schools Sports Council	Mr M C Dance	Mr R Truelove		
Mid Kent Downs Advisory Panel	Mrs S V Hohler (?)			
High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Mr J R Bullock			
Groundwork Kent and Medway	Mrs A D Allen			
Dover Town Centre Management Partnership		Mr W V Newman		
Maidstone Town Centre Management Initiative	Mr A R Chell		vacancy	
Ramsgate Town Partnership (Town Centre Management)		Mrs E Green		
Margate Town Partnership	Mr C T Wells			

2005-09 Appointments				
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Ashford Town Centre Partnership		Mr D Smyth		
Medway Swale Estuary Partnership	Mrs B J Simpson			
Regional Flood Defence Committee	Mr A H T Bowles Mr M J Harrison Mr R E King	Mr J H Tolputt		
Kent Downs AONB JAC	Mr K A Ferrin			
Biggin Hill Consultative Committee	Mr R J Parry			
Rochester Airport Consultative Committee	Mr R A Marsh		Vacancy	
Headcorn Aerodrome Consultative Committee	Mr R A Marsh			
Kent International Airport JAC	Mr R A Marsh			
Lydd Airport Consultative Committee	Mr F Wood-Brignall (LM)			
Pegwell Bay Local Nature Reserve Management Committee	Mr J D Kirby			
Vinters Valley Park Trust	Mrs P A V Stockell			
Aylesham and District Community Workshop Trust (LM Appt)		Mrs E D Rowbotham		
Gabriel Richards Charity		Mr R V Hansell		
Lady Joanna Thornhill School, Wye Foundation				Mrs Glenda Hughes
The Alliance (formerly Coalfield Communities Campaign)	Mr C Hibberd	Mrs E D Rowbotham (Non-voting)		

By: Head of Democratic Services and Localism

To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 23 June 2009

Subject: Appointment of Parent Governor Representatives

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Members are invited to appoint two Parent Governor Representatives.

Introduction

1. (1) In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the County Council is required to appoint Parent Governor Representatives to serve on the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (when education matters are discussed) and on the Children Families and Education Policy Overview Committee.

(2) In accordance with the Constitution (Appendix 2 Part 2) two Parent Governor Representatives in total are appointed for a 4 year term to serve on both the Cabinet Scrutiny and Children Families and Education Policy Overview Committee.

(3) Nominations for Parent Governor Representatives were sought from all Parent Governors by the Governor Support unit.

(4) As only two nominations were received it was not necessary to hold an election on this occasion.

Parent Governor Representatives

2. (1) The two Parent Governor Representatives nominations were from

- Mr Paul Myers (Edenbridge)
- Mr Owen Poole (Dartford)

(2) The statements that Messrs Myers and Poole submitted with their nomination forms are attached as an **appendix** to this report.

Recommendation

3. The Committee is requested to appoint Messrs Myers and Poole to serve as Parent Governor Representatives on the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (when it considers education matters) and on the Children Families and Education Policy Overview Committee for a four year period ending on 1 May 2013.

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Background documents: Nil

Supporting Statement of Mr Paul Myers

I am a solicitor with over thirty years experience in a number of legal areas both in local government and in the commercial sector. During my career in local government, I was the Education Solicitor for a major County Education Authority providing legal advice on all matters concerning education law and the fulfilment of a local education authority's statutory responsibilities towards children. In the commercial sector, whilst my primary specialism was as an intellectual property lawyer, because of my personal concerns in the field of disability as the father of a profoundly physically disabled child, I was also responsible for the provision of advice on disability discrimination including employment law, access to buildings, etc.

I am passionately committed to the importance of quality education and services delivered to children, particularly to those with special needs, and was first elected as a Parent Governor of my son's first special school in 1996 and was Chair of Governors for over four years until moving to Kent in 2005. Since that time, I have been an elected Parent Governor of Valence School and chair its Teaching and Learning Committee with a personal involvement in such issues as staff recruitment, curriculum provision and the school's successful bid to become a Sports College.

Although having retired from active practice, I have been pleased to assist parents who have sought advice and information regarding such matters as obtaining appropriate educational placements, parental choice, etc. and, on occasion, have attended by invitation as their representative at meetings and annual reviews concerning their child's welfare and education.

I believe my experience, both professionally and as a Parent Governor over a considerable number of years, together with my long held dedication to the provision of high quality education across the whole range of needs, will enable me to pursue the concerns and views of parents and help fashion and inform decision making at County level in a positive way. I would very much welcome the opportunity to do so as a Parent Governor Representative.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud. The text outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data, including the use of computerized systems and manual audits. It also discusses the challenges of data collection and the need for standardized procedures to ensure consistency and reliability of the information.

The second part of the document focuses on the role of the auditor in the financial reporting process. It describes the auditor's responsibilities and the standards that govern their work. The text highlights the importance of independence and objectivity in the audit process and discusses the various techniques used to assess the risk of material misstatement. It also addresses the issue of audit quality and the need for continuous improvement in the profession.

The third part of the document discusses the impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act on the auditing profession. It examines the changes to the regulatory framework and the resulting increase in the cost and complexity of audits. The text also discusses the role of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) in overseeing the audit process and the need for transparency and accountability in the industry.

The final part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and conclusions of the study. It emphasizes the need for continued research and innovation in the field of auditing to address the challenges of the 21st century. The text also discusses the importance of maintaining the public trust in the financial reporting system and the role of the auditing profession in this process.

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I am presently a Parent Governor at Oakfield Community Primary School, having been in the role for approximately two years. My three children attend the school which is in the midst of a “new build” and renovation that is being funded by Kent County Council, an exciting and enlightening experience.

I am employed as a Costs Manager for a law firm in the City of London, an occupation that I find both enjoyable and rewarding and which I believe will serve me well should I be elected to the Parent Governor Representative role. On a daily basis I am in contact with solicitors and barristers as well as members of the judiciary. The need to be confident and well prepared is paramount. Therefore, I would be sure to prepare myself thoroughly for any issues being addressed and would make sure that I voice the opinions of the parents of Kent.

Both my parents were teachers and hence I am well aware of the difficulties and issues that teachers encounter on a daily basis and now, as a parent, of the concerns that parents have in relation to education. My eldest child will soon be entering secondary school and, therefore, I believe I will be well placed during the tenure of this position to offer a perspective from both the primary and secondary viewpoint.

To conclude, I believe that the ideal candidate for the position, as required by the Parent Governors of Kent, is someone who will make sure their voice is heard, who is logical and mainstream in their views and who will reflect the concerns and beliefs of the majority of parents in the county. I believe that I will be able to fulfil that role.

Owen Poole

