

## 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, 18 November 2011.

PRESENT: Mr P J Homewood (Chairman), Mrs T Dean, Mr A J King, MBE, Mr B J Sweetland and Mr M J Whiting

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr N Smead (Learning Account Manager) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

#### **38. Minutes - 20 October 2011** (Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2011 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

#### **39. Member Development Policy Review** (Item 4)

(1) The Committee asked for some minor amendments to the text of the Member Development Policy and to the inclusion of research skills as one of the skills and behaviours to be developed under the "Purpose of Elected Member Development" section of the report.

(2) RESOLVED that the County Council be recommended to approve the draft updated Member Development Policy (as amended in (1) above) for incorporation in to the Constitution.

#### **40. Proposed amendment to Governor Appointments Panel officer delegations** (Item 5)

(1) Mr D L Brazier made a declaration of Personal Interest as the Chairman of the Governor Appointments Panel.

(2) The Committee agreed that the Leaders of all three political groups (or their representatives) should also be consulted whenever the Corporate Director of Education, Learning and Skills intended to appoint or remove an LEA Governor in urgent cases.

(3) The Committee also agreed that a report on the Education, Libraries and Skills Scheme of Delegations would be presented to the Committee meeting on 26 January 2012.

(4) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Corporate Director of Education, Learning and Skills be given delegated authority (in consultation with the Chairman of the Governor Appointments Panel and the three Group Leaders or their representatives) to appoint and remove LEA Governors in urgent cases;
- (b) the need for training for Officers and Members be noted in respect of decision-making powers in matters outside the County Council's executive functions; and
- (c) a report on the Education, Libraries and Skills Scheme of Delegations be presented to the Committee meeting on 26 January 2012.

**41. Requests for Outside Body appointments**

*(Item 6)*

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Mr Gordon Cowan be appointed as the County Council's representative on the Dover Roman Painted House Trust in his capacity as Local Member; and
- (b) a Member from Swale District be appointed to serve on the Swale Rural Forum.