

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Cabinet Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 9 July 2013.

PRESENT: Mrs A D Allen (Chairman), Mr P B Carter, Mr G Cooke, Mrs T Dean, Ms A Harrison, Mr R A Latchford, OBE (Substitute for Mr C P D Hoare), Mrs P A V Stockell (Substitute) (Substitute for Mr M C Dance) and Mr B J Sweetland

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Wood (Corporate Director of Finance and Procurement), Mr G Wild (Director of Governance and Law), Mr P Sass (Head of Democratic Services) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

18. Minutes - 5 June 2013

(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2013 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

19. Members' Travel Expenses

(Item 4)

(1) The Director of Governance and Law advised the Committee that elected Members had a specific legal exemption which enabled them to corporately discuss and determine Allowances.

(2) The Corporate Director of Finance and Procurement advised the Committee that Option 2 in the report would be acceptable to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). He agreed to seek written confirmation of this advice from HMRC.

(3) Pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.26 (4) the Committee agreed to record the way in which all Members cast their vote in respect of recommending Option 2 as its preferred Option to the Remuneration Panel.

(4) Accordingly, the Chairman then put the proposition to the vote:

For (7)

Mrs A D Allen, Mr P B Carter, Mr G Cooke, Ms A Harrison, Mr R Latchford, Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr B J Sweetland.

Against (0)

Abstain (1)

Mrs T Dean

Carried

(5) The Committee also agreed that the necessary deductions for tax and National Insurance Contributions (NICs) would take effect from 1 July 2013.

(6) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the necessary deductions for tax and NICs from Members' travel claims be made with effect from 1 July 2013;
- (b) the Corporate Director of Finance and Procurement be requested to seek written confirmation from HMRC that it would consider Option 2 in the report to be acceptable; and
- (c) subject to HMRC giving no view to the contrary, the Remuneration Panel be requested to consider the Options set out in the report in the light of the Committee's preference for Option 2.

20. Member Allowances and Expenses 2012/13

(Item 5)

RESOLVED that: -

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) approval be given to the publication of the Members' allowances and expenses for 2012/13 as detailed in Appendix A to the report and as required by the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

21. Committee Membership

(Item 6)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the following Committee appointments be recommended to the County Council:-
 - (i) Governance and Audit Committee: Mr Martin Whybrow;
 - (ii) Planning Applications Committee: Mr Peter Harman; and
 - (iii) Regulation Committee: Mr Peter Harman; and
- (b) the appointment of Mr Martin Whybrow to the Environment, Highways and Waste Cabinet Committee be noted.

22. Appointments to Outside Bodies

(Item 7)

(1) The Committee delegated the filling of those vacancies that remained following consideration of this item to the Head of Democratic Services in

consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Democratic Services and the Chairman of the Committee.

(2) The Committee agreed the nominations set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report with the following amendments:-

- (a) Alliance (formerly Coalfield Communities Campaign): Mrs E D Rowbotham appointed instead of Mr G Lymer;
- (b) Dungeness Local Community Liaison Council: Mr D Baker appointed;
- (c) Powell Cotton Museum Trust: Mr R A Latchford appointed; and
- (d) Royal School for Deaf Children: Mr W Scobie appointed instead of Mr M J Northey.

(3) In confirming the appointment of Mr L B Ridings, the Committee agreed that, in the light of The Duke of York's Royal Military School becoming an academy, future nominations the School would be delegated to the Governor Appointments Panel.

(4) In respect of Appendix 5 to the report, the Committee agreed to cease to make appointments to Dorton House School and the Kent History Project. It also requested that the Head of Democratic Services investigate the need for appointments to be made to the Ashford Grammar School Endowment Fund; Collis Green Millennium Trust; the Lady Joanna Thornhill School Foundation; and Lady Margaret Boswell's CE Educational Charity. All other nominations set out in that Appendix were confirmed.

(5) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the appointments and nominations of representatives of the County Council be made as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes;
- (b) the Head of Democratic Services be given delegated powers in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Democratic Services to fill the remaining vacancies in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report; and
- (c) The Head of Democratic Services be requested to investigate the need for appointments to be made to those Outside Bodies set out in (4) above.

23. Member Development *(Item 8)*

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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APPENDIX
(Paragraph 22 of the Minutes refers)

Outside Body

Action for Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK) Community Halls Committee
ACRK Community Rail Partnership Steering Group

ACRK Management Committee
Alliance

Cranbrook School

Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee
High Weald AONB JAC
Hugh and Montague Leney Awards Trust
Kent Association of Local Councils
Kent Big Society Investment Panel

Kent County Playing Fields Association
Kent County Staff and Social Club
Kent International Airport Consultative Committee
Kent Music Board of Directors

Kent People's Trust
LGA Coastal Issues Special Interest Group
LGA County Councils Network

LGA General Assembly

LGA Public Transport Consortium
LGA Rural Commission
LGA Urban Commission
Margate Renewal Partnership
Museum of Kent Life Trust
Rochester Airport Consultative Committee
Rochester Bridge Trust

Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

South East Employers

Vinters Valley Park Trust
Visit Kent Board
Yalding Educational Trust

Appointee

Mr M J Northey
Mr M A C Balfour
Mr A D Crowther
Mr C Simkins
Mr S C Manion
Mrs E D Rowbotham
Mr A J King
Mr A Cooper
Mr M A C Balfour
Mr P J Oakford
Mr S C Manion
Mrs P A V Stockell
Mr P M Hill
Mr M A Wickham
Mr R A Latchford
Mr M A Wickham
Mr G Cooke
Mr R A Marsh
Mrs S V Hohler
Mr L B Ridings
Mr T Gates
Mr M J Harrison
Mr P B Carter
Mr J D Simmonds
Mr P B Carter (11 votes)
Mr J D Simmonds
Mr D L Brazier
Mrs P A V Stockell (1 vote)
Mr P B Carter (12 votes)
Mr S Holden
Mr D L Brazier
Mr R A Marsh
Mr P J Homewood (to May 2015)
Mr B J Sweetland (to May 2017)
Mr A H T Bowles
Mr M J Harrison
Mr M C Dance
Mrs P A V Stockell
Mr G Cooke
Mr M C Dance
Mrs P A V Stockell

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