

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Monday, 26 January 2015.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Sass (Head of Democratic Services), Mr P D Wickenden (Democratic Services Manager (Members)) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Minutes - 8 October 2014
(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2014 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

2. Recording an Elected Member's contribution to the County Council
(Item 4)

(1) The Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services introduced a report on options for recording the contribution by elected Members to the County Council.

(2) Members of the Committee expressed the view that any annual reports or other methods of communication to the public about the various roles of elected Members should be framed in such a way as to educate the public on the work of the County Council and its Members rather than simply reproducing information which was already available and unlikely (on its own) to improve understanding.

(3) RESOLVED that the report be noted and used as a foundation for a further report to the Committee, taking account of comments made during the meeting.

3. Future arrangements for the Governor Appointments Panel
(Item 5)

(1) The Democratic Services Officer introduced a report by the Chairman of the Governor Appointments Panel; the Corporate Director for Education, Learning and Skills; and the Director of Governance and Law which asked the Committee to note a change to its Terms of Reference, delegate the nomination of governors function to the Governor Appointments Panel and to delegate the appointment of Authority Governors to officers whenever the candidates met the guidelines in full.

(2) During discussion of this item, the Committee clarified that it remained the Governor Appointments Panel's role to consider who to appoint if there was more than one candidate or where the Corporate Director was unable to exercise his proposed delegated authority for any reason.

(3) The Committee agreed that the arrangements for urgent appointments to interim governing bodies would require the Corporate Director of Education and Skills to consult the Local Member as well as the Chairman of the Governor Appointments Panel before deciding whether to make an appointment.

(4) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the variation to the Committee's term of reference (e) to include the nomination of suitably skilled individuals to governing bodies be noted;
- (b) the function of nominating suitably skilled individuals to governing bodies be delegated to the Governor Appointments Panel; and
- (c) subject to (2) and (3) above, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Education, Learning and Skills (in consultation with the Chairman of the Governor Appointments Panel) to make all appointments to governing bodies where the nominee meets the guidelines in full.