

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 Tuesday, 27 September 2016.

PRESENT: Mrs A D Allen, MBE (Chairman), Mr G Cooke, Mr M C Dance, Ms A Harrison, Mr R A Latchford, OBE, Mr B E MacDowall and Mr B J Sweetland

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Watts (Interim General Counsel), Mr J Pearson (Service Improvement Programme Manager), Mr P D Wickenden (Democratic Services Manager (Members)) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

8. Minutes - 23 June 2016

(Item 3)

(1) The Democratic Services Manager informed the Committee that he would report on the full charges for each of the County Cars (Minute 2016/2) to the next meeting of the Committee.

(2) The Democratic Services Manager informed the Committee that the Recruitment Panel had already agreed on two persons to recommend to the County Council for appointment to the Independent Member Remuneration Panel. The Recruitment Panel was due to meet again on 5 October 2016 in order to agree on the third person required.

(3) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2016 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

9. Information Point and Members' Area

(Item 4)

(1) In agreeing the recommendations, the Committee asked that a copy of the results of the Member survey be copied to all Members of the Committee as well as the Member Development Group.

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) a survey be commissioned of all elected Members on member support;
- (b) research be carried out on what other local authorities do in terms of Member support to enable the County Council to learn from best practice elsewhere; and
- (c) the existing cross-party Member Development Group be invited to consider its views on Member support once the outcome of the survey is known, and to make recommendations to the Cabinet Members for

Communities and for Corporate and Democratic Services to enable them to report back to the Committee, with a view to changes being put in place after the County Council elections in May 2017.

10. Flood Risk Management Committee
(Item 5)

RESOLVED to note that the Independent Member Remuneration Panel unanimously agreed that it could not support payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance for the post of Chairman of the Kent Flood Risk Management Committee.