

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Electoral and Boundary Review Committee held Online on Friday, 22 January 2021.

PRESENT: Mr G K Gibbens (Chairman), Mrs P T Cole, Mr P C Cooper, Mr D Farrell, Ida Linfield, Miss D Morton and Mr B J Sweetland

ALSO PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Watts (General Counsel), Ms L Adam (Legal and Governance Officer) and Mr J Cook (Democratic Services Manager)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

13. KCC Scale of Election of Fees and Expenses (Item 3)

1. The report was introduced by Ms Adam (Legal and Governance Officer), who advised the Committee that the report contained three main parts and related recommendations;
 - Formally reporting to the Committee that the 2019/20 fees were uplifted to meet the Foundation Living Wage.
 - Asking the Committee to retrospectively confirm the uplift to the scale of fees for 2020/21.
 - Asking the Committee to approve the 2021/22 scale of fees in line with the rate agreed by Budget County Council.
2. The Committee considered the report and the relevant recommendations.

RESOLVED that the Electoral and Boundary Review Committee;

- a) note the use of urgent delegation provisions to additionally uplift Item 17 (For each Poll Clerk at the Polling Station) on the County Scale of Fees and Expenses for 2019/20 in order to meet the Foundation Living Wage;
- b) approve retrospectively the County Scale of Election Fees and Expenses for 2020/21;
- c) approve and delegate to the County Returning Officer the uplifting of the County Scale of Election Fees and Expenses for 2021/22 by the percentage pay increase, if any, awarded to most Kent Scheme staff as part of the agreed 2021/22 Budget of Kent County Council; and
- d) authorise the Monitoring Officer to implement the uplift following the agreement of the Kent County Council budget for 2021/22.