

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 29 March 2022.

PRESENT: Mr N J Collor (Chairman), Mr M C Dance, Mr A J Hook, Mr P J Oakford (Substitute for Mr R W Gough), Mr C Simkins, Dr L Sullivan and Mr B J Sweetland

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Watts (General Counsel), Mr T Godfrey (Senior Governance Manager) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

4. Virtual Attendance

(Item)

The Committee was advised that Mr R Lehmann was attending virtually.

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(Item 3)

(1) In response to a point made by Dr Sullivan in respect of Minute (2), the General Counsel undertook to inform the Corporate Management Team that it was very important for Corporate Directors to inform Opposition Leaders of the need for an Urgent Executive Decision at the earliest opportunity, and to make themselves readily available to discuss the matter with them.

(2) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2022 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

6. Superannuation Fund Committee - Proposed change of name

(Item 4)

(1) The General Counsel briefly introduced the report which set out the reasons for a proposal to change the name of the Superannuation Fund Committee to the "Pension Fund Committee."

(2) On being put to the vote, the recommendations were unanimously agreed.

(3) RESOLVED that the County Council be recommended to:-

(a) change the name of the Superannuation Fund Committee to the Pension Fund Committee; and

(b) agree that the terms of reference in the Constitution be amended to refer to the Pension Fund instead of the Superannuation Fund.

7. Update from the Monitoring Officer

(Item 5)

- (1) The General Counsel informed the Committee that the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) was still considering the responses to its consultation in respect of the future of remote meetings, and that it was expecting to publish the outcome in the near to medium future.
- (2) The General Counsel said that he would continue to impress upon the DLUHC at officer level that it was a matter of very great interest to all local authorities for the outcome of the consultation to be finalised as soon as possible.
- (3) The General Counsel informed the Committee that the Head of Technology Commissioning and Strategy was keen to offer the setting up of an Informal Member Group on ICT.
- (4) The General Counsel referred to his written report, saying that membership of the Member Development Sub-Committee should be finalised by 8 April 2022. Each of the Political Groups should identify the formal membership of the Sub-Committee as well as those who wished to participate at an informal level by that date. There was no limit on the number of Members who could participate in the Sub-Committee's activities.
- (5) RESOLVED that:-
 - (a) the report be noted; and
 - (b) each Group Leader be strongly recommended to provide a list of Members to sit on the Member Development Sub-Committee by 8 April 2022.