

By: Ben Watts, General Counsel

To: Selection and Member Services Committee –1 July 2021

Subject: Appointments to Outside Bodies

Summary: To make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies.

1. Introduction

(1) The Committee is charged with making appointments to outside bodies on behalf of the County Council. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 political proportionality principles do not apply to these appointments, but in recent years it has been the County Council's convention that appointments should be shared between the political groups on, so far as possible, a proportional basis.

(2) Three tables have been produced listing outside bodies to which the County Council as **Appendices** to this report. The names given are the appointments on the day of the Local Government Elections on 5 May 2021.

- (a) County-wide bodies (**Appendix 1**)
- (b) local bodies (**Appendix 2**)

(3) In addition, there are various appointments which are made by the Leader of the Council. These will be reported to the Committee in due course.

(4) In the case of certain Local Government Association bodies, the Committee will also need to decide the allocation of votes between the Council's representatives.

(5) Bensted's Charity has written to Kent County Council requesting that Mr Tom Gates (former Chairman of Kent County Council) be appointed as the County Council's representative.

(6) Rochester Bridge Trust has written to Kent County Council requesting that Mrs Sarah Hohler be re-appointed as the first of the County Council's two representatives. The Trust has also explained that the second appointment (replacing Mr Peter Homewood) will only be for the period up to 31 May 2023.

(7) The Duke of York Royal Military School has written to Kent County Council, pointing out that it has not been represented on its Governing Body for the past four years. The School has indicated that if KCC is unable to identify a representative from its elected membership, it would be willing to assist by suggesting a possible representative who is not a Member of the Council.

2. ACCESS Joint Committee

(1) In order to comply with the Governments requirement for pooling of Local Government Scheme investments, the County Council agreed at its meeting on 16 March 2017 to be part of ACCESS (a Collaboration of Central, Eastern and Southern Shires) consisting of Cambridgeshire, Kent, East Sussex, Norfolk, Essex, Northamptonshire, Hampshire, Suffolk, Hertfordshire West Sussex and the Isle of Wight.

(2) The ACCESS agreement requires one Member serving on the Superannuation Fund Committee of each of the 11 constituent Local Authorities to form the ACCESS Joint Committee. The Superannuation Fund Committee has appointed its Chairman, Mr Charlie Simkins. Mr Nick Chard, the Vice-Chairman will deputise for him.

3. Pension Board

(1) The Pension Board consists of 8 Members (4 Employee representatives and 4 Employer representatives). KCC is able to appoint 2 Members to the Board, who cannot be Members of the Superannuation Fund Committee and one of whom will be the Chairman of the Board. Nominations to this Board will be made at a future meeting of this Committee.

4. Parent Governor Representatives

(1) The Local Government Act 2000 requires the County Council to appoint Parent Governor Representatives to serve on the Scrutiny Committee (when education matters are discussed). In accordance with the Constitution (Appendix 2 Part 2) two Parent Governor Representatives in total are appointed for a four-year term.

(2) Nominations are being sought from all Parent Governors at schools in the Kent LEA area. These will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

6. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

(a) consider and make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies as set out in **Appendices 1 and 2**,

(b) note that the appointments made by the Leader will be reported in due course.

(c) note that the Superannuation Fund Committee has appointed Mr Charlie Simkins as the KCC representative on the ACCESS Joint Committee (paragraph 2 refers).

(d) note that appointments to the Pension Board will be made at a future meeting of this Committee (paragraph 3 refers).

(e) note that the process is underway for the appointment of Parent Governor representatives on the Scrutiny Committee for a four-year term (paragraph 4 refers).

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Background documents -

ACCESS - Report to [County Council 16 March 2017](#)

Pension Board – Report to [County Council 26 March 2015](#)