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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – Friday, 2 July
2010

Subject: THE JOHN TOWNSEND TRUST

Classification Unrestricted

FOR DECISION

Introduction

1. Kent County Council has already appointed Mr Chris Wells as its representative on the Royal School for Deaf Children Margate.
2. Enclosed at **Appendix 1** is a letter from the Chief Executive of the John Townsend Trust informing the County Council of a new scheme which was sealed by the Charity Commission in December 2008. Under this scheme, the Royal School for Deaf Children was renamed the John Townsend Foundation. A new charity named The John Townsend Trust was formed to be the Trustee of the Foundation.
3. The Trust is a company is limited by guarantee and has now taken over all the operations of the Foundation. It is described as “the lead identity for our future activities.”

Representation

4. The Trust has asked that Mr Wells’ appointment as KCC representative on the Royal School for Deaf Children Margate should now take the form of a co-opted representative on The John Townsend Trust, rather than as a Director. He would therefore have no liability for the Company (which the Trust has become). This would allow him to continue to fulfil his role of contributing to the Trust’s work – albeit without voting rights.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

5. The Committee is asked to agree Mr Wells’ appointment as a non-voting co-opted representative on The John Townsend Trust.

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