

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Swale 3, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 7 October 2010.

PRESENT: Mrs J A Rook (Chairman), Mr D L Brazier (Substitute for Mr N J D Chard), Mr L Christie, Mrs T Dean, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr A J King, MBE, Mr K G Lynes and Mr R A Marsh

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Sass (Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

14. Minutes - 2 July 2010

(Item 3)

(1) In respect of Minute 10, the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership reported that four petitions would be debated at the next meeting of the County Council. A report on the workings of the petition scheme would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

(2) The Committee agreed that there should be a clear link from the KCC internet homepage to facilitate e.petitioning by the public and asked the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership to take this matter up with the Head of Communications and Media Centre.

(3) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2010 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman; and
- (b) there should be a clear link from the KCC Internet homepage to facilitate e.petitioning by the public and that the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership be asked to take this matter up with the Head of Communications and Media Centre.

15. Dates of future meetings

(Item 4)

(1) In discussion of this item, it was agreed that consideration would be given to holding virtual meetings of the Committee whenever it was appropriate to do so.

(2) The Committee agreed the following dates and times for future meetings:-

Friday, 19 November 2010 at 10.00 am;
Thursday, 27 January 2011 at 2.00 pm;
Tuesday, 22 March 2011 at 10.00 am;

Tuesday, 7 June 2011 at 10.00 am;
Friday, 2 September 2011 at 2.00 pm; and
Friday, 18 November 2011 at 2.00 pm.

16. Review of appointments to Outside Bodies

(Item 5)

- (1) In agreeing the recommendations, the Committee agreed that the review of Outside Bodies should include the question of minimum representation levels for Opposition Groups on Joint Committees; the achievement of overall proportionality in Outside Body representation and whether voting rights should be proportional.
- (2) The Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership informed the Committee that it was intended to complete the review in time for the Annual Meeting of the County Council in May 2011.
- (3) RESOLVED that the review be noted (including the questions set out in (1) above) and that a further report be made to the Committee recommending a course of action in time for the Annual Meeting of the County Council in May 2011.

17. Appointments to the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

(Item 6)

- (1) The Committee agreed by 4 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions that the proportionality rules would be strictly applied so that three Members of the Conservative Group would serve on the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.
- (2) The Committee also agreed that the views of the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Highways and Waste would be sought before the three appointments were made.
- (3) RESOLVED that three Conservative Members be appointed to the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority following consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Highways and Waste.

18. The Red Hill Trust

(Item 7)

RESOLVED that Mrs P A V Stockell (the Local Member) be appointed to the Red Hill Trust.