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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 27 January 2011

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Subject: South East Coast Ambulance Service – Nomination for Council of Governors

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### **Introduction**

1. (1) The South East Ambulance Service is hoping to achieve Foundation Trust Status by the Spring.
- (2) As part of this process the South East Coast Ambulance Service has decided that now is the right time to establish in shadow form the Council of Governors.
- (3) Kent County Council was approached verbally just before the closing date for nominations to consider putting forward a nominee to represent all the Local Authorities within the South East Coast Ambulance Service boundary.

### **Council of Governors**

- 2 (1) The Council of Governors will comprise of 24 Governors 8 of whom are appointed from the partner organisations of the Service. One of these eight will be a local authority Governor drawn from the Local Authorities across the South East Ambulance Service area. Governors are expected to be in post for one term – 3 years.
- (2) In addition to engaging with Members and ensuring their voice is heard governors will have statutory duties to:-
  - (a) Appoint and, if necessary, remove Chairman and non executive Directors;
  - (b) Set the pay levels and conditions of employment for the non executive Directors;
  - (c) Approve the appointment of the Chief Executive of the Council;
  - (d) Receive the Trusts Annual Report and Accounts;
  - (e) Appoint or remove the Trusts auditors
- (3) Nominees cannot be a Member who serves on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee or is a Governor or a Director of another NHS Foundation Trust or NHS Trust.
- (4) Following consultation with the Chairman of this Committee Mr Mark Dance was put forward as the nominee.
- (5) I am pleased to inform the Committee that the nomination of Mr Dance was successful and Mr Dance has been appointed the sole representative of

the Local authorities within the South East Coast Ambulance service Area on the Shadow Council of Governors.

**Recommendation**

3. The Committee are asked to -

- (a) note the action taken following consultation with the Chairman in putting Mr Dance forward for the local authority nomination; and
- (b) note that Mr Dances nomination was successful