

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held at Sessions House, Maidstone on Friday, 14 March 2008.

PRESENT: Mrs P A V Stockell (Chairman), Mrs A D Allen (substitute for Mr J A Davies), Mrs T Dean, Dr M R Eddy, Mr G Gibbens (substitute for Mr P B Carter), Ms A Harrison, and Mr R Parry (substitute for Mr A J King, MBE).

OFFICERS: Mr G Wild, Director of Law and Governance, Mr S C Ballard, Head of Democratic Services and Mrs M E Cooper, Democratic Services Manager.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

7. Minutes (Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

8. Modernising Democratic Services and Local Leadership (Item 4)

(1) As requested at the Corporate Policy Overview Committee on 25 January 2008 this report set out the ongoing modernisation programme for the Democratic Services and Local Leadership Unit and the engagement of Members and other stakeholders in order to bring about an excellent and continually improving service.

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) a questionnaire on Members' needs and how the Democratic Services and Local Leadership Unit might meet these needs be prepared for consideration at the Committee's next meeting; and
- (c) a "Member Development" Seminar be arranged for all Members during June and the agreed questionnaire be completed by Members following the Seminar.

9. Member Development Policy (Item 5)

(1) Mrs T Dean moved, seconded by Mrs P Stockell, that the Member Development Policy Statement be approved, subject to the Terms of Reference for the IMG on Member Development being circulated to the Committee.

For 5; Against 2. Carried

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the progress in working towards the South East Employers Member Development Charter be noted;
- (b) agreement be given to the Elected Member Development Policy Statement being submitted to the County Council for approval; and
- (c) a report be submitted to the next meeting giving details of the Member Training Budget.

10. Update on the work of the Informal Member Group: Member Information
(Item 6)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the report and progress made be noted; and
- (b) the draft questionnaire on Member Information be circulated to all Members of the Committee for comment by Monday 17 March 2008.