

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Stour Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 4th July, 2008.

PRESENT: Mrs P A V Stockell (Chairman), Mr J A Davies, Mrs T Dean, Dr M R Eddy, Ms A Harrison, Mr A J King, MBE and Mr K G Lynes

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs A D Allen.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Cooper (Democratic Services Manager (Council and Governance)), Mr P Sass (Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership) and Mr G Wild (Director of Law and Governance).

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

11. Declarations of Interest
(Item 2)

Mr J A Davies declared a personal interest under Item 6 as it directly involved his office.

12. Minutes - 14 March 2008
(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

13. Interim Report from the IMG on Member Information
(Item 4)

(1) The report set out the progress on the work of the IMG on Member Information. During discussion various points were raised which Mrs Dean agreed to investigate prior to the final report being presented to the Committee at its meeting in October.

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the interim report be noted; and
- (b) the Committee's appreciation be recorded to Mrs Dean, the Members of the IMG and Jude Sage for all their hard work.

14. Modernising Democratic Services and Local Leadership
(Item 5)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) a seminar be arranged for all Members to showcase the ongoing modernisation programme for Democratic Services and Local Leadership; which would include a presentation of the modern.gov system; and

- (c) the Committee support the webcasting of the Planning Applications and Regulation Committees, subject to the usual safeguards about disclosing exempt or confidential information.

15. Additional Resources for the Civic Office - Legal and Democratic Services
(Item 6)

RESOLVED that, subject to the relevant portfolio holder providing funds within the existing budget, agreement be given to the appointment of an additional full time permanent Civic Officer when the existing Civic Officer returns from maternity leave in August 2008 on a part-time basis.

16. Members' Allowances 2007/08
(Item 7)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

17. Retirement Certificates for Members (Oral)
(Item 8)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) framed certificates, signed by the Chairman, be presented to retiring and non-re-elected Members acknowledging their services to the Council, and
- (b) a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on honorary appointments.

18. Draft Protocol for consideration of late nominations for LEA appointed Governors by the Governor Appointments Panel
(Item 9)

RESOLVED that the draft protocol for nominations for LEA-appointed Governors be approved.

19. Appointments to Management Committees of Pupil Referral Units (PRUs)
(Item 10)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) appointments to the Management Committees of PRUs as set out in the appendix to the report be approved; and
- (b) the power to make all such decisions in future be delegated to the Governor Appointments Panel.

20. Representation on South East Employers
(Item 11)

RESOLVED that Mrs P Stockell, Mr K Lynes and Ms A Harrison be re-appointed to serve on the South East Employers.