

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 Wednesday, 8 October 2008.

PRESENT: Mrs P A V Stockell (Chairman), Mrs A Allen (substitute for Mr J A Davies), Mr N Chard (substitute for Mr P B Carter), Dr M R Eddy, Ms A Harrison, Mr A J King, MBE; and Mr K G Lynes.

OFFICERS: Mr G Wild, Director of Law and Governance, Mr P Sass, Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership, Mr P D Wickenden and Mrs M E Cooper, Democratic Services Managers.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

21. Declaration of Interests

There were none.

22. Minutes (Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

22. Membership Development Charter and Member Development (Item 4)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) achievement of the South East Employers Member development Charter by April 2009 be endorsed;
- (b) the proposed programme of induction and support of Members following the County Council elections be endorsed; and
- (c) the proposed programme of Member Development and Training be endorsed.

23. Report from the IMG on Member Information (Supplementary paper to Item 4 on the agenda)

RESOLVED that, in Mrs Dean's absence, discussion on this report be deferred to an additional meeting of the committee, to be arranged.

24. Definition of Approved Duties

(Item 5)

RESOLVED that the Member Remuneration Panel review the proposed revised definition of "Approved Duties" as set out below before referring it to full Council for approval:-

- (a) attendance at KCC premises to undertake KCC business, including attendance at Council, Cabinet and Committees etc (including group meetings) and to undertake general Member responsibilities;
- (b) representing KCC at external meetings, including Parish and Town Councils and those of voluntary organisations where the member is there on behalf of KCC;
- (c) attendance at events organised by KCC and/or where invitations have been issued by County Officers or Members (including Chairman's events and other corporate events, such as those organised following the recent Corporate Assessment); and
- (d) attendance at meetings/events where the Member is an official KCC representative (as determined by the Selection and Member Services Committee) or requested by the Leader or the relevant Cabinet Member.

25. Outside Bodies – Kent Community Rail Partnership Steering Group

(Item 6)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Mr J Curwood and Mr A Crowther's appointment to the Kent Community Rail Partnership Steering Group be agreed until the elections in 2009; and
- (b) for the purposes of claiming allowances, this appointment be agreed retrospectively.

26. Regularising Appointments to Outside Bodies

(Item 7)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the principle of creating, maintaining and publishing a centrally held register of membership of outside bodies be agreed; and
- (b) the procedure set out in paragraphs 5 and 7 of the report be implemented, following the County Council elections in 2009.

27. Amendments to the Constitution – Overview and Scrutiny

(Item 8)

RESOLVED that this report be deferred to the additional meeting of the Committee following discussions by the three Group Leaders.

28. Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee – New Sub Committee and revised Terms of Reference for the Children's Champions Board

(Item 9)

RESOLVED that this report be deferred to the additional meeting of the Committee following discussions by the three Group Leaders.

28. Publicising and Launching Select Committee Topic Review Reports
(Item 10)

RESOLVED that this report be deferred to the additional meeting of the Committee following discussions by the three Group Leaders.

29. Office of Dignity
(Item 11)

RESOLVED that a detailed report on the award of Honorary Alderman be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for approval by County Council.

30. Member Accommodation
(Item 12)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.