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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 9 July 2013

Subject: Appointments to Outside Bodies

Summary: To make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies;

1. Introduction

5. (1) The Committee is charged with making appointments to outside bodies on behalf of the County Council. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 political proportionality principles do not apply to these appointments, but in recent years it has been the County Council's convention that the total number of appointments should be shared between the political groups on, so far as possible, a proportional basis.

(2) The Committee considered a report on this matter at its meeting on 5 June 2013, when it decided to defer consideration pending the production of a revised table, incorporating rights and protocols for nominations by the County Council for each Outside Body together with the number of representatives that the County Council was able to appoint. This also enabled the Opposition Groups to make nominations for initial informal discussion by the Group Whips.

(3) Accordingly, a revised set of five tables has been produced containing nominations made by myself. Places that have already been filled following the County Council meeting on 23 May are identified in bold. The new breakdown is:

- (a) County-wide bodies (**Appendix 1**)
- (b) local bodies (**Appendix 2**)
- (c) appointments to be made by the Leader (**Appendix 3**)
- (d) appointments which have already been made by the County Council (**Appendix 4**)
- (e) those where continued representation should be reviewed by the Committee (**Appendix 5**)

(4) The Committee is invited to appoint representatives to serve on behalf of the County Council on each Outside Body shown on the updated list. In the case of certain Local Government Association bodies, the Committee will also need to decide the allocation of votes between the Council's representatives.

(5) The Business Transformation Manager has written on behalf of Mr Hill, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community Services, making nominations to the Big Society Fund Investment Panel. This letter is attached as **Appendix 6**.

(6) The Medway NHS Foundation Trust has written to Mr Gough, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Education and Health Reform, requesting a nomination by the County Council. Cabinet Members and Officers have discussed the matter, and believe that it may well be the case that representation in this case would best be served by appointing an officer rather than a Member, but wish to reconsider this and reach a firm decision in the coming weeks. The outcome of these discussions will be reported to the Committee at a later stage.

(7) The Gabriel Richards Charity has advised that the County Council has been unrepresented on its Board for eight years. The Charity has asked whether (in the event that no elected Member is able to serve) the County Council would be prepared to nominate one of two local people who have indicated a willingness to serve on the Council's behalf. The Charity has not expressed a preference, apart from indicating that it would prefer an elected Member to be available. The two nominations are:

- (a) Mr Peter Bradley, 53 Glebelands, Ash, Canterbury, Kent. Mr Bradley has been the Chairman of Goodnestone Cricket Club for many years and he has always shown a keen interest in the village community. He has his own business as an Electrical Contractor.
- (b) Mr Geoff Fowles, Claypits Farmhouse, Goodnestone, Canterbury, Kent. Mr Fowles is retired and moved to Goodnestone approximately 5 years ago. Since then, he has become actively involved in the community and is a representative on various committees, including the village hall committee.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider and make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies as set out in Appendices 1 and 2; notes the appointments made by the Leader in Appendix 3 and by the County Council in Appendix 4 and considers whether to make appointments and nominations to the bodies listed in Appendix 5.

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