

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Wantsum Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 23 January 2009.

PRESENT: Mrs P A V Stockell (Chairman), Mr N J D Chard (Substitute for Mr J A Davies), Mrs T Dean, Dr M R Eddy, Ms A Harrison, Mr A J King, MBE and Mr R J Parry (Substitute for Mr P B Carter)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr A H T Bowles, Mr M J Harrison and Mr R E King

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Wild (Director of Law and Governance), Mr P Sass (Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership), Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group), Mrs C Ingleton (Learning & Development Manager), Mr P D Wickenden (Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Minutes - 26 November 2008
(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

2. Webcasting of Committee Meetings
(Item 4)

(1) Mr M J Harrison and Mr R E King were present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule and spoke.

(2) Mr A J King moved, seconded by Mr R J Parry the motion set out in Paragraph (3) below. This was carried with no opposition.

(3) RESOLVED that consideration of webcasting the Planning Applications and Regulation Committees be deferred and reviewed within a period of no longer than two years. The review will incorporate (amongst other matters) the views of the two Committees themselves, developments in training for quasi judicial Committees and any advances in the technology available.

3. Proposed additional guideline for the appointment of LEA Governors
(Item 5)

(1) The Committee agreed to amend the recommended change to the Guidelines through the inclusion of the word "normally" within the new guideline (h).

(2) RESOLVED that the Guidelines for the Appointment of LEA Governors be amended by the insertion of a new guideline (h) to read:-

“A parent eligible for election as a parent governor should not normally be considered for appointment to the governing body of any school attended by one of their own children.”

4. Member Development Charter and Member Development
(Item 6)

RESOLVED to:-

- (a) note that the County Council's self-assessment and application for member Development Charter status will be delayed until after the County Council elections in June 2009;
- (b) commission the Informal Member Group: Member Development to consider the ten statements of the I&DeA "Giving Councillors the tools for the job: The Support Councillors Declaration" and the supporting "Skill Framework for Elected Members" with a view to making a recommendation to the Committee in March and then asking the County Council to agree the declaration at its April meeting; and
- (c) note the continuing work on the development of a programme of events for Members of the Council, the induction programme following the elections and the documentation that elected Members will receive immediately upon their election.

5. Appointment of Honorary Alderman
(Item 7)

- (1) The Committee was shown a draft version of a certificate for retiring Members. They agreed the content with a few suggested minor amendments.
- (2) RESOLVED that the criteria set out in paragraph 3 of the report for appointing Honorary Aldermen of the Council be recommended to the County Council for approval, and that (subject to approval of the criteria) nominations be sought and agreed with the Group Leaders prior to the arrangement of a Special Meeting of the County Council.

6. Appointments to Outside Bodies- Lady Joanna Thornhill Foundation
(Item 8)

RESOLVED that Mrs Glenda Hughes be appointed as the new County Council representative to the Governing Body of the Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School in place of the Rev Steven Lillicrap.