

By: Director of Law and Governance
To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 8 July 2009
Subject: MEMBER APPOINTMENTS
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Invites the Committee:-

(a) to make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies;

(b) to agree the proportionality for Other Authorities, Joint Committees and partnership bodies;

(c) to agree proposals for the allocation of the Members' Conference Budget.

FOR DECISION

Introduction

1. (1) The Committee met on 23 June 2009 and made recommendations to the County Council as to who should serve on the County Council's Committees and Sub-Committees. Two matters from the report remain outstanding and are brought before the Committee today.

Other Authorities, Joint Committees and Partnership Bodies

2. (1) The County Council agreed to delegate appointments to other authorities, Joint Committees and Partnership Bodies to this Committee.

(2) The proportionality principles in the 1989 Act apply to the appointments which the County Council makes to various other authorities, joint committees and partnership bodies, as listed below (current appointments shown at Appendix 1):-

- Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority (21 KCC Members);
- Kent/Medway Joint Police Authority Appointments Committee (4 KCC Members);
- Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (4 KCC Members);
- Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries Committee (5 KCC Members, but current appointments continue to 30 June 2009);

- Sussex Sea Fisheries Committee (1 KCC Member);
- Adoption Panels (6 Area Panels with 2 KCC Members serving on each).
 - (a) *The 1989 Act does not apply but the County Council's convention is that the 12 appointments overall should be proportional;*
 - (b) *Members should have a knowledge or interest in Social Care or adoption issues;*
 - (c) *To avoid the situation where Members frequently have to withdraw because, for example, they know prospective adopters, it is best that Members do not serve on the Panel covering their home area. It is therefore recommended that Members be nominated by the political groups for service on the Adoption Panels generally and the allocation of individual Members to particular Panels be left to the Adoption Panel Manager in discussion with the Members concerned.*

(2) If the Committee agrees to allocate these places on the basis of *strict proportionality*, these would be allocated as follows:-

Authority	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Un-allocated/independent	Total
Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority	18 or 19 (18.50)	2 (1.75)	1 or 0 (0.50)	0 (0.25)	21
Kent/Medway Joint Police Authority Appointments Committee	4 (3.52)	0 (0.33)	0 (0.10)	0 (0.05)	4
Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education	4 (3.52)	0 (0.33)	0 (0.10)	0 (0.05)	4
Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries Committee	4 (4.40)	1 (0.42)	0 (0.12)	0 (0.06)	5
Sussex Sea Fisheries Committee	1 (0.88)	0 (0.08)	0 (0.24)	0 (0.12)	1

Outside Bodies

3. (1) The Committee is charged with making appointments to outside bodies on behalf of the County Council. The 1989 Act 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) A list of the outside bodies to which the County Council makes appointments is attached as Appendix 2. All the outside bodies shown have been contacted to confirm that they still exist and to check the status of the KCC appointments.

(3) 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.

Members' Conference Budget

4. (1) The Members' Conference Budget for 2009/10 is £17,000. The Council's practice in recent years has been to earmark part of the budget for Member attendance at the Local Government Association (LGA) Annual Conference, the County Councils' Network Annual Conference, and the LGA Annual Finance Conference, and then to share the remainder between the political groups on a proportional basis so that they can decide which other conferences their Members should be nominated to attend. The Committee is asked to agree that this practice should continue.

(2) If the Committee agrees to continue previous practice on the division of the Members' Conference Budget, the 2009/10 budget of £17,000 will be allocated as follows:-

Costs of member attendance at LGA Annual Conference and Annual Finance Conference and CCN Conference:	@ £6.000
Conservative Group	£9,750
Liberal Democrat Group	£920
Labour Group	£220
Independent	£110

Recommendations

5. (1) The Committee is asked to:-

(a) make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies;

(b) make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies; and

(c) agree proposals for the allocation of the Members' Conference Budget.

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