

By: Democratic Services Manager (Council & Governance)

To: Selection Committee – 10 October 2007

Subject: Representation on South East Employers

Introduction

1. (1) The County Council has recently joined the South East Employers organisation.

(2) As a result the County Council is entitled to appoint three representatives and three deputies who can attend full meetings of the South East Employers on behalf of the County Council. Representation on the South East Employers organisation and serving on Committees is agreed at the South East Employers annual meeting in July.

(3) The County Council are invited to identify their representatives to serve on the South East Employers for the period 2007/2008 but these representatives will not be entitled to serve on any of the South East Employers Committee because this year's nominations have not been made because our nominees were not available for the AGM which took place on 12 July 2007. The remaining full meetings of the organisation which our nominees will be able to attend are Thursday 8 November 2007 and Thursday 13 March 2008.

The next Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 10 July 2008.

The main points affecting the County Council's choice of representatives are:-

- (i) representatives should have an interest in employment and management matters, and in governance, scrutiny and partnership working;
- (ii) the representatives should be in a position to represent the views of their authority;
- (iii) in order to avoid complications under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (paragraph 12) the representatives should not be employees of another local authority or an employee or official of any of the local government unions.

Recommendation

The Committee are asked to nominate the three representatives to serve on the South East Employers for the period 2007/2008.

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REPRESENTATION ENTITLEMENT

Each Full Member of South East Employers is entitled to appoint representatives to the organisation as follows:

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| (i) Each County Council member | 3 representatives |
| (ii) Each Unitary Council member with a population of 200,000 or more | 3 representatives |
| (iii) Each Unitary Council member with a population of less than 200,000 | 2 representatives |
| (iv) Each District Council member with a population of 150,000 or more | 2 representatives |
| (v) Each District Council member with a population of less than 150,000 | 1 representative |
| (vi) Each Independent/Other Authority Member | 1 representative |

The population figures used are the latest estimate of population as determined by the Registrar General used to determine the annual subscription fee for the authority.

As well as being your Council's representatives on South East Employers, your representatives will automatically be appointed to the Employers' Side of the South East Provincial Council.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Voting to appoint the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Committee members takes place at the Annual General Meeting in July.

Each political party will be entitled to appoint a Vice-Chairman of the organisation, provided that party has 9 or more members appointed to South East Employers. The Vice-Chairmen are then entitled to be nominated for appointment as Chairman – election taking place at the Annual General Meeting on a transferable vote system.

The Executive Committee consists of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, six County Council representatives, six Unitary authority representatives and 14 representatives of District/Independent/Other authorities.

It is important that representatives attend the Annual General Meeting and have input into the process of appointing committees.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2007/2008

South East Employers		South East Provincial Council	
Full meetings:	8 November 2007	Joint Seminars	11 October 2007
	13 March 2008		14 February 2008
AGM	10 July 2008	AGM	10 July 2008