

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 1 March 2017.

PRESENT: Mrs A D Allen, MBE (Chairman), Mr A H T Bowles (Substitute for Mr P B Carter, CBE), Mr G Cooke, Ms A Harrison, Mr R A Latchford, OBE, Mr B E MacDowall, Mr S Holden (Substitute for Mr M C Dance) and Mr B J Sweetland

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Watts (General Counsel), Mr J Lynch (Head of Democratic Services), Ms D Trollope (Head of Engagement and Consultation), Ms L Archer (Channel Analyst), Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Minutes - 27 September 2016

(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2016 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

2. Review of Members' Communication and Information Technology (ICT)

(Item 4)

(1) The Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services introduced a report on ICT provision for Members and how this fitted with current requirements, new technology capability and future needs. He stressed the need for the ICT kit to meet the County Council's security requirements whilst being fully accessible to all Members.

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the proposed offer be made to elected Members of the Council following the County Council elections on 4 May 2017; and
- (b) the Head of Democratic Services be requested to invite all elected Members to consent to receive electronic summonses and papers for all Committee meetings following the County Council elections on 4 May 2017.

3. Member Development Steering Group - Work Programme

(Item 5)

(1) A supplementary report entitled "Training for the Planning Applications Committee" had been sent to all Members of the Committee with the agenda papers.

(2) The Committee received a presentation on the proposed revised “Members’ Area KNET pages which had been designed to improving accessibility.

(3) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) approval be given to the emerging proposed Member Development Programme set out in Appendix 3 of the report; and
- (c) the “Training for the Planning Applications Committee” supplementary report be noted to inform the development of Member training.

4. Constitutional Amendments to reflect recent decisions of the County Council
(Item 6)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) the proposed changes to the Constitution set out in the report be recommended to the County Council for adoption.

5. Appointment of representative to the Chilmington Green Partnership Working Group
(Item 7)

RESOLVED that Mr Charlie Simkins be appointed as the County Council’s representative on the Chilmington Green Partnership Working Group for the remainder of the Council’s term until the position is reviewed following the May 2017 County Council elections.