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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 21 June 2017

Subject: Appointments to Outside Bodies and appointment of Parent Governor Representatives

Summary: To make appointments and nominations on behalf of the Council of representatives to serve on various outside bodies and also to appoint Parent Governor representatives onto the Scrutiny Committee.

1. Introduction

(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 appointments should be shared between the political groups on, so far as possible, a proportional basis.

(2) Three tables have been produced listing outside bodies to which the County Council makes appointment which form the **Appendices** to this report. Places that have already been filled following the County Council meeting on 25 May are identified in bold. The breakdown is:

- (a) County-wide bodies (**Appendix 1**) (to follow)
- (b) local bodies (**Appendix 2**) (to follow)
- (c) appointments to be made by the Leader (**Appendix 3**) (to follow)

(3) 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.

2. Chilmington Green Community Trust

(1) As reported to the Committee on 1 March 2017 the Chilmington Green Community Trust is being established which will manage many of the community assets. This Committee previously appointed the local Member, Mr Simkins, as the KCC representative to serve on the Partnership Working Group (which was established as a precursor to the formal Trust). The Committee are requested to nominate Mr Simkins as the local County Member for Chilmington Green as the County Council appointed trustee director on the Chilmington Green Community Trust.

3. ACCESS Joint Committee

(1) In order to comply with the Governments requirement for pooling of Local Government Scheme investments, the County Council agreed at its

meeting on 16 March 2017 to be part of ACCESS (A Collaboration of Central, Eastern and Southern Shires) consisting of Cambridgeshire, Kent, East Sussex, Norfolk, Essex, Northamptonshire, Hampshire, Suffolk, Hertfordshire West Sussex and the Isle of Wight.

(2) The ACCESS agreement requires one Member serving on the Superannuation Fund Committee of each of the 11 constituent Local Authorities to form the ACCESS Joint Committee. It is recommended that this Member should be the Chairman of the Superannuation Fund Committee.

4. Pension Board

(1) The County Council, at its meeting on 26 March 2015, fulfilled its legal requirement to establish a Pension Board

(2) The Board consists of 8 members (4 Employee representatives and 4 Employer representatives). KCC is able to appoint 2 Members to the Board, who cannot be members of the Superannuation Fund Committee and one of whom will be the Chairman of the Board.

(3) It is recommended that Mrs Crabtree (Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance) be appointed the Chairman of the Board and Mrs Binks be appointed as the second KCC representative.

5. Parent Governor Representatives

(1) The Local Government Act 2000 requires the County Council to appoint Parent Governor Representatives to serve on the Scrutiny Committee (when education matters are discussed). In accordance with the Constitution (Appendix 2 Part 2) two Parent Governor Representatives in total are appointed for a four year term.

(2) Nominations were sought from all Parent Governors at schools in the Kent LEA area. Only two nominations were forthcoming by the stated closing date, so no election was needed on this occasion. The only self-nominations received were from Mr Kristian Garsed, from Faversham and Mr Abhijit Roy, from Dartford.

(3) The supporting statements of Mr Garsed and Mr Roy are available on request.

6. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

(a) 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**, including the appointment of Mr Simkins to the Chilmington Green Community Trust ;

(b) note the appointments made by the Leader in Appendix 3

(c) approve the appointment of the Chairman of the Superannuation Fund Committee as KCC representative on the ACCESS Joint Committee (paragraph 3 refers)

(d) confirm the nomination of Mrs Crabtree as a KCC member and Chairman of the Pension Board and Mrs Binks as the second KCC representative (paragraph 4 refers)

(e) confirm the appointment of Mr Garsed and Mr Roy as Parent Governor representatives on the Scrutiny Committee for a four year term (paragraph 5 refers).

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Background documents -

Chilmington Green Community Trust - report to [Selection and Member Services Committee – 1 March 2017](#)

ACCESS - Report to [County Council 16 March 2017](#)

Pension Board – Report to [County Council 26 March 2015](#)