By: Benjamin Watts, General Counsel

To: Selection and Member Services Committee –27 February

2020

Subject: Appointment of Trustee to the Yalding Educational

Foundation

Classification Unrestricted

FOR DECISION

Introduction

1. The Yalding Educational Foundation is a Charity which makes grants to local university students to help with tuition fees and maintenance, with a small amount being spent on prizes for spoken English in the local primary schools.

- 2. The Charity's Constitution provides for Kent Council to nominate a representative to become one of its seven Trustees for a ten-year period. This duty has been carried out by the Local Member, Mrs Paulina Stockell who was appointed by this Committee in March 2010.
- 3. The Yalding Educational Foundation's constitution only allows its Trustees to serve for a maximum of two 5-year terms. Mrs Stockell's term is therefore due to expire in March 2020. The 10-year time limit applies to all Trustees and there is no provision for this term to be extended.
- 4. As Mrs Stockell is the Local Member, there is no County Councillor within her Constituency who can fulfil this role. The Chairman of the Foundation has therefore written to the County Council (**Appendix 1**) with a request to appointment Mr Nicholas Arthur to the Foundation. Mr Arthur's is attached **at Appendix 2**.
- 5. It is suggested that, under the prevailing circumstances, Mr Arthur should be appointed to serve the next 5-year term on behalf of the County Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

6. The Committee is invited to appoint Mr Nicholas Arthur as the County Council's Trustee on the Yalding Educational Foundation for a five-year term.

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