KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 8 September 2026.

PRESENT: Mr M Paul (Chair), Mr S Dixon (Vice-Chair), Mr T Prater, Ms L Kemkaran, Mr M Brown, Mr W Chapman, Mrs M Fothergill, Mr M A J Hood, Mrs G Foster, Mr P King, Mr B Collins, Mr H Rayner and Mr M Ellis.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ben Watts (Deputy Chief Executive), Joel Cook (Head of Democratic Services), Tristan Godfrey (Senior Governance Manager), Sharon Thompson (Head of Planning Applications) and Sarah Bonser (Deputy Head of Law).

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

44. Apologies and Substitutes
(Item 1)

Apologies were received from Mr Kennedy who was substituted by Mr Rayner, Mr Morland who was substituted by Mr Ellis and Ms Morton who was substituted by Mr Collins.

45. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda for this meeting
(Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

46. Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 July 2026
(Item 3)

The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2026 were accurate and that they be signed by the Chair.

47. Development of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board and Terms of Reference
(Item 4)

This item was withdrawn from the agenda because many of the changes in the report were linked to expected Local Government Reorganisation arrangements which had been placed on hold.

48. Planning Applications Committee Terms of Reference: Proposed Revisions
(Item 5)

Mrs Thompson introduced the report.

The Committee RESOLVED to:

a) RECOMMEND to County Council that the proposed amendments to the Planning Applications Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

b) RECOMMEND to County Council that the name of the Planning Applications Committee be amended to Planning and Regulation Committee.

c) RECOMMEND to County Council that the proposed amendments to the Appendix to the Constitution incorporating the new planning scheme of delegation be approved.