

Selection and Constitutional Review Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee held in Committee Room No 2 (Bad Münstereifel Room), Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **11th December 2008**

Present:

Cllr. Clokie (Chairman);

Cllr. Bartlett (Vice-Chairman);

Cllrs. Davison, Goddard, Mrs Heyes, Howard, Kemp, Mrs Martin, Wells.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2 (iii) Councillor Howard attended as substitute member for Councillor Miss Hodgkinson.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Bradberry, Miss Hodgkinson

Also Present:

Cllr. Wedgbury

Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Member Services and Scrutiny Manager.

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Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 1st October 2008 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

298 Annual Governance Statement – Progress on Remediating Exceptions for 2007/2008

The report advised that under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 the Council was required to review, at least once a year, the effectiveness of its systems of internal control and include a statement on internal control with the Council's Statement of Accounts. In June 2008 the Council published its Annual Governance Statement which identified a number of exceptions with regard to the systems of internal control. The report was the second quarterly update on the progress that had been made so far in remediating the exceptions in the Annual Governance Statement.

The Chairman advised that the Audit Committee had already considered the matters within their remit and it was for this Committee to deal with the issues relevant to its responsibilities. He, however, expressed concern at the situation regarding the

debtors system and enquired as to what views the Audit Committee had formed on this particular issue. The Deputy Chief Executive advised that a further report on this issue would be submitted to the Audit Committee in February 2009.

Resolved:

That the progress to date on resolving the exceptions identified in the 2007 – 2008 Annual Governance Statement be noted.

299 Appeals Committee – Terms of Reference

The report sought approval to amendments to be made to the Terms of Reference of the Appeals Committee arising from changes made to the Lettings Policy.

Recommended:

That the amendments as detailed within the report be made to the Appeals Committee's Terms of Reference in terms of when Appeals are heard and determined as a result of changes to the Lettings Policy.

300 Council Appointments to Outside Bodies/Organisations

The report advised of the need to make nominations to various positions on outside bodies.

Resolved:

- That**
- (i) Councillor Kemp be nominated to the appointment as the Member on the East Kent NHS Foundation Trust Board to represent Ashford and Swale Borough Council for the next two years.**
 - (ii) Councillors Clokie and Wood be nominated as Executive Members to the East Kent (Joint Arrangements) Committee and Councillors Burgess and Taylor together with a Member to be nominated by the Liberal Democrat Group, for the East Kent (Joint Scrutiny) Committee.**
 - (iii) Councillor Mrs Marriott be nominated to the vacancy on the River Stour Internal Drainage Board.**

(KRF/AEH)

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