Selection & Constitutional Review Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Selection & Constitutional Review Committee held in Committee Room No.1 (Fougères Room), Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **7th July 2009**

Present:

Cllr Clokie (Chairman); Cllrs. Mrs Bell, Mrs Blanford, Davison, Goddard, Mrs Heyes, Hodgkinson, Mrs Martin, Wells.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2 (iii) Councillors Mrs Bell and Mrs Blanford attended as Substitute Members for Councillors Bartlett and Ayres respectively.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Ayres, Bartlett, Davidson.

Also Present:

Cllrs. Howard, Smith.

Senior Member Services & Scrutiny Support Officer.

100 Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Minute No.
Howard	Code of Conduct - Personal but not Prejudicial – A Council appointed representative on the Ashford Almshouse and Parochial Charities.	103

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Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 10th June 2009 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

102 Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The report sought approval for recommended changes to the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, establishing a formal process for referring matters to each other. In reality this ability already existed but

the Audit Committee had recommended that the approach be formalised in the Council's Constitution.

In response to a query from a Member it was confirmed that decisions whether to refer work on would be taken at Committee meetings. The Vice-Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee confirmed there was already a good dialogue between the two Committees and in his view it made sense to refer work to one another when that work suited the other Committee.

Recommended:

- That (i) the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee be amended to confirm the ability of the Committee to refer relevant issues to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
 - subject to the comments at their meeting on the 7th July 2009, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee establishes a formal process as part of their Terms of Reference for referring matters to the Audit Committee.

103 Appointments to Outside Bodies/Organisations

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

Resolved:

- That (i) Councillor Claughton be appointed as the Member representative to sit on the Parochial Church Council Arts Centre Committee.
 - (ii) Councillors Claughton and Heyes be confirmed as the Council's two representatives on the Ashford Almshouse and Ashford Parochial Charities for a five year period expiring 31st May 2009.

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