

SELECTION & CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

6TH DECEMBER 2012

PARISH FORUM – COMMUNITY FORUM REPRESENTATION

At the Parish Forum meeting on the 25th July 2012 the Forum was asked to consider the basis upon which representatives from the Urban Community Forums in Ashford attended the Parish Forum. They had been invited attendees for some time, but the Forum was now asked to consider if they should be formally appointed as voting members and therefore be allowed to vote at Parish Forum meetings.

It was agreed unanimously that as attendees of the Forum, they should be afforded the same rights as attendees from Parish and Town Councils. Two representatives from each Community Forum would be welcome to attend and the table denoting the areas that made up the Forums in the Council's Constitution would be updated. (N.B. This has subsequently been checked and the correct information is in the latest version of the Constitution). This recommendation is therefore put before the Selection & Constitutional Review Committee for approval and, if agreed, the Terms of Reference of the Parish Forum in the Council's Constitution will be amended accordingly.

Recommended:

That the Terms of Reference of the Parish Forum be updated to reflect the fact that Community Forum representatives are now invited voting members of the Forum.