

Selection & Constitutional Review Committee
16th January 2014

Update Report

Agenda Item 6 – Committee Membership

Further to the despatch of the Agenda the Leader has confirmed that he would like to nominate Councillor Burgess to the other Conservative seat on the Parish Forum. He would also like to propose that the Chairman of the Ashford Local Branch of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) (currently Mr John Rivers) be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Forum. It is also proposed that the ex-officio position, previously proposed to be deleted, be passed to the Leader of the Council.

The following amended recommendations therefore apply: -

- (i) Councillors Mrs Bell and Burgess take the Conservative Group's seats on the Parish Forum.**
- (ii) Councillor Mrs Bell be appointed Chairman of the Parish Forum and the Chairman of the Ashford Local Branch of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) (currently Mr John Rivers) be appointed as Vice-Chairman.**
- (iii) The Terms of Reference of the Parish Forum be amended to those appended to this paper (rather than at Appendix 1 to the report).**

(Deletions are shown struck through and additions in italics).

Parish Forum

Membership: ~~The Leader of the Council together with the Leaders of Groups upon the Council, plus one non-voting ex officio Member,~~ *The appropriate Portfolio Holder plus one Member from each of the Political Groups on the Council, one non-voting ex officio Member* and 2 Representatives each from Parish Councils within the Borough the Tenterden Town Council and Urban Community Forums

Terms of Reference

To consider and advise the Cabinet (Executive) upon:-

1. Discussions with Parish Council and Urban Community Forum representatives upon issues of common concern with a view to achieving a better understanding of shared aspirations and, to identify ways in which joint working may be introduced for the betterment of communities as a whole.

Delegations

None.

Notes

1. To include the ~~Leader of the Council~~ and appropriate Portfolio Holders.
2. Public attendance pursuant to the Access to Information Procedure Rules as contained in Part 4 of this Constitution will only be permitted if agreed in advance of the meeting between the external representatives and the Chairman of the Forum.
3. The views of the Forum are to be reported via a Chairman's report, which will be prepared by the Proper Officer, to the Cabinet (Executive) and/or Service Manager.
4. The Forum will meet 4 times a year.