



Selection and Constitutional Review Committee

Notice of a Meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane,
Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL on Thursday 21st May 2015 at 7.00 pm

The Members of this Committee are:-

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has delegated authority to determine the membership for this Meeting of the Committee, following consultation with Group Leaders. The membership for this meeting will be:-

Councillors Bell, Bennett, Mrs Blanford, Burgess, Chilton, Clarkson, Galpin, Koowaree, Ovenden, Powell, Shorter, Sims.

NB: Under the Council's Public Participation Scheme, members of the public can submit a petition, ask a question or speak concerning any item contained on this Agenda (Procedure Rule 9 refers).

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| 1. Election of Chairman | |
| 2. Election of Vice-Chairman | |
| 3. Apologies/Substitutes – To receive Notification of Substitutes in accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2(iii). | |
| 4. Declarations of Interest:- To declare any interests which fall under the following categories, as explained on the attached document: | |
| a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) | |
| b) Other Significant Interests (OSI) | |
| c) Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests | |
| See Agenda Item 2 for further details | |
| 5. Minutes – To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 11 th February 2015 (attached) | |

Part I – For Decision

6. Background and Principles of Political Balance and Administrative Structure

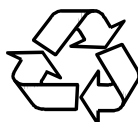
7. Constitutional Amendments Regarding Planning Matters
8. Representatives on Outside Bodies/Organisations
9. Annual Meeting – Order of Proceedings. Please see attached a copy of the usual procedure. The Committee is requested to consider and advise on the identity of the Members to be nominated for the various positions to be filled at the Annual Meeting of the Council and determine the proposers and seconders of the same.

Part II – For Information

None for this Meeting

DS/VS
13th May 2015

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Declarations of Interest (see also “Advice to Members” below)

- (a) **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)** under the Localism Act 2011, relating to items on this agenda. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared, and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated.

A Member who declares a DPI in relation to any item will need to leave the meeting for that item (unless a relevant Dispensation has been granted).

- (b) **Other Significant Interests (OSI)** under the Kent Code of Conduct as adopted by the Council on 19 July 2012, relating to items on this agenda. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared, and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated.

A Member who declares an OSI in relation to any item will need to leave the meeting before the debate and vote on that item (unless a relevant Dispensation has been granted). However, prior to leaving, the Member may address the Committee in the same way that a member of the public may do so.

- (c) **Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests** not required to be disclosed under (a) and (b), i.e. announcements made for transparency reasons alone, such as:

- Membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items, or
- Where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person, or
- Where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position.

[Note: an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc; OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc, would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI].

Advice to Members on Declarations of Interest:

- (a) Government Guidance on DPI is available in DCLG’s Guide for Councillors, at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/240134/Openness_and_transparency_on_personal_interests.pdf
- (b) The Kent Code of Conduct was adopted by the Full Council on 19 July 2012, with revisions adopted on 17.10.13, and a copy can be found in the Constitution at <http://www.ashford.gov.uk/part-5---codes-and-protocols>
- (c) If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or OSI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer or from other Solicitors in Legal and Democratic Services as early as possible, and in advance of the Meeting.