

Selection and Constitutional Review Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **29th September 2022**.

Present:

Cllr. Clarkson (Chairman);
Cllr. Bartlett (Vice-Chairman);

Cllrs. Chilton, Feacey, Forest, Harman, Hayward, Meaden, Ovenden, Shorter.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2 (c) Councillor Shorter attended as Substitute Member for Councillor Howard-Smith.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Farrell, Howard-Smith.

Also Present:

Electoral Services Manager, Member Services Manager.

147 Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Minute No.
Bartlett	Made a Voluntary Announcement as a Member of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council and Kennington Community Council, who had both expressed an interest in these items	149, 150
Chilton	Made a Voluntary Announcement as a Member a Director of the Academies Trust, which had a number of schools that were used as Polling Stations.	150
Feacey	Made a Voluntary Announcement as Chairman of the Ashford International Development Company.	151
Hayward	Made a Voluntary Announcement as a Trustee of building which was a potential Polling Station.	150
Ovenden	Made a Voluntary Announcement as a Member of Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council who had expressed an interest in these items	149, 150

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Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 30th June 2022 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

149 Community Governance Review – Final Recommendations

The report of the Electoral Services Manager set out the final recommendations resulting from a Community Governance Review as approved by the Local Government and Polling Districts Task Group. The report requested that this Committee now approve the final recommendations to be presented to Full Council

The Chairman said that had discussed this matter and understood there was general unanimity with the proposals amongst the Local Councils.

Recommended:

That the final recommendations as set out in the report, be agreed for submission to Full Council.

150 Interim Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places 2022

The report of the Electoral Services Manager presented a review of the proposals arising from an interim review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places. A public consultation on the proposed Polling Districts and Places had been held in the period beginning 9th May 2022 and concluding on 27th June 2022.

Members made a couple of suggestions of potential new locations for Polling Stations in Furley and Bybrook Wards. The Electoral Services Manager advised that there was flexibility to change venues within a Polling 'Place' (area) so he would be more than happy to examine any opportunities for alternative venues that presented themselves.

Recommended:

That the proposed Polling Districts and Polling Places scheme as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

151 Update on Appointments to Cabinet Boards and Outside Bodies

The report asked the Committee to ratify a small number of updates to appointments reported to this Committee on 3rd May and 30th June 2022 and subsequently ratified by the Full Council. The Chairman clarified that Councillor Ovenden was being added as an Observer on the Ashford Strategic Delivery Board in his role as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved:

That the following appointments be noted and approved: -

- **Ashford Strategic Delivery Board – Cllr Ovenden added as an Observer.**
- **KCC Superannuation Fund Committee – Cllr Clokie no longer the Conservative Rep for Kent Districts.**
- **NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board – Cllr Bartlett – Rep for East Kent Districts.**

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