

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 at 3.00 pm in Austen Room, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Dr Jonathan Sexton (Independent Chairman); Mrs Janet Bacon (Independent Vice Chairman)

Councillors: Campbell, Dixon, Tomlinson and Wright

In Attendance: Councillor Messenger

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Dennis.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

108. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Campbell proposed, Councillor Tomlinson seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Constitutional Review Working Party held on 14 August 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

109. MANDATORY TRAINING

Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager presented the report.

Members asked questions and it was noted:

- Many Members had thought that it was already compulsory for them to have regular training before sitting on quasi-judicial committees.
- Regular training reinforced sound decision making by Members.

Councillor Messenger spoke under council procedure rule 20.1.

It was proposed by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Tomlinson and AGREED:

“To recommend to Standards Committee that the below is added to article 8 of the Council’s constitution:

‘No member or substitute member of the General Purposes Committee, Planning Committee or the Licensing Board will be allowed to take their seat on the committee unless they have received relevant, appropriate, up-to-date training.

In relation to Planning Committee this is attending at least one session run by the Council’s Planning team every six months. In relation to Licensing Board this is attending at least one training session run by the Council’s Licensing team every six months. In relation to the General Purposes Committee this is attending at least one training session run by the Council’s Monitoring Officer at least every six months.’”

The recommendations would be considered at the Standards Committee on 12 February 2019.

Meeting concluded : 3.25pm