

MOTION ON NOTICE

- 1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13.1, the following motion has been received from Cllrs T G Cutmore and Cllr K H Hudson:-

‘That the size of the Development Committee be changed from 39 to 13 Members with effect from the meeting scheduled for 19 November 2015 to better align with the sizes of the Council’s other probity and regulatory Committees, facilitate non Committee Members to be able to champion the views of their residents on planning applications, minimise potential for political influence and recognise the introduction of thirteen three Member Wards with effect from the next Municipal Year. The Committee to be appointed to on a political pro rata basis (9 Conservative, 2 Green and Rochford District Residents, 1 UKIP and 1 Liberal Democrat) and to retain existing terms of reference. The following administrative arrangements to apply:-

- (1) District Councillors within a Ward to which a planning application relates to be afforded opportunity to speak at a Committee meeting for five minutes should they so wish, in line with current arrangements for applicants, objectors and Parish/Town Council representatives.
- (2) The retention of compulsory training and recognition that potential substitute Members would have to have undertaken such training. Having a substitute arrangement in place would mean that, should all Members from a particular Ward conclude that they would wish to be able to champion the views of their residents but one of those Members is an appointee to the Development Committee, that Member could be freed up to do so.’



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Background Papers:-

None.

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