

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ADULT CARE SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE
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Agenda Item No:

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APPOINTMENTS OF PANELS AND TOPIC GROUPS

Report of the County Secretary

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1. Purpose of the report

To consider the Select Committee's requirements for panels and topic groups.

2. Summary

The Select Committee are asked to consider

- (i) establishing the following panels and topic group:-
 - (a) Eligibility Panel
 - (b) Gypsy Panel
 - (c) Accommodation Review Topic Group
- (ii) remits of the panels/topic group
- (iii) size of panels/topic group and membership, to be appointed at this meeting or by the County Secretary in consultation with select committee spokesmen.

3. Conclusions

The panels referred to within the report, with remits, have been identified as being required by the Adult Services Select Committee.

1. Background

- 1.1 The County Council on 16 May 2000 adopted a new constitution with effect from 1 August 2000. Within that constitution it was agreed that each select committee should determine whether to establish panels to consider matters which regularly require comment or investigation. Two or more select committees may agree to establish a joint panel to report to them.
- 1.2 Each select committee may set up topic groups with limited life to consider and comment on “one off” matters.
- 1.3 Both Panels and Topic Groups may include, or consist of, members who are not members of the parent select committee, and also non-members in a non-voting capacity.
- 1.4 This report invites the committee to agree the establishment of panels and topic groups and to agree the size of these bodies.

2. Proposals for Panels / Task Groups

- 2.1 The Select Committee is requested to consider the establishment of the following:-
- 2.2 Eligibility Panel - previously 8 members (5:3)
Remit
 - (a) To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to eligibility criteria for social care and NHS continuing health care.
 - (b) To scrutinise any matters in relation to eligibility criteria for social care with NHS continuing health care chosen by them or referred to the Select Committee.
- 2.3 Gypsy Panel - previously 3 members (2:1)
 - (a) To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to the oversee of gypsy and traveller matters.
 - (b) To scrutinise any matters in relation to gypsy and traveller matters.

2.4 Accommodation Review Topic Group - previously 3 members (2:1)

- (a) To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to the review of accommodation for people with learning disabilities.
- (b) To scrutinise any matter in relation to the review of accommodation for people with learning disabilities chosen by them or referred by the Select Committee.

3. Financial Implications

No additional financial implications are envisaged as a result of the establishment of panels and topic groups.

Background Information used by the author in compiling this report:

Constitution of County Council adopted by the Council at its meeting on 16 May 2000.