

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY INFORMATION & PROTECTION
SELECT COMMITTEE
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Agenda Item No.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF PANELS

Report of the County Secretary

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1. Purpose of the report

To consider the Select Committee's requirements for Panels.

2. Summary

The Select Committee are asked to consider:-

- (i) establishment the following panels: -
 - (a) Gateway Panel
 - (b) Community Fire Safety Panel
 - (c) Fire Service Equal Opportunities Panel
- (ii) remits of the panels
- (iii) size of panels 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 as shown, have been identified as being required by the Community Information & Protection 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 and size of panels.

2. Proposals for Panels

- 2.1 The Select Committee are requested to consider the establishment of the following:-

- 2.2 Gateway Panel [previously 8 members (5:3)]

Remit

- (a) To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to the implementation and monitoring of the Gateway.
- (b) To scrutinise any matter in relation to the Gateway chosen by them or referred by the Select Committee.

- 2.3 Community Fire Safety Panel [previously 5 members (3:2)]

Remit

- (a) To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to Community Fire Safety issues.
- (b) To scrutinise any matter in relation to Community Fire Safety chosen by them or referred by the Select Committee.

- 2.4 Fire Service Equal Opportunities Panel [previously 3 members (2:1)]

Remit

- (a) To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to Fire & Rescue Service equal opportunities issues.

- (b) To scrutinise any matter in relation to Fire & Rescue Service equal opportunities issues 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.

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.