

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
RESOURCES, PROSPERITY, PARTNERSHIP AND
CONSULTATION SELECT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2000 AT 10.30 A.M.**

**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 Committee's requirements for Panels.

2. Summary

The Committee are invited to: -

- (1) Establish the following panels:
 - (a) Investment Panel
 - (b) Crime and Disorder Panel
 - (c) Regeneration, Regionalism and Europe Panel
 - (d) Equalities Panel
- (2) To agree the remits of the panels
- (3) To agree the size and membership of the panels to be appointed at this meeting or by the County Secretary after consultation with the Committee Spokesmen.

3. Conclusion

The panels referred to in the report, with remits as shown, have been identified as being required by the Resources, Prosperity, Partnership and Consultation Select Committee.

4. Background

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.

Each select committee may set up topic groups with limited life to consider and comment on “one off” matters

Panels may include, or consist of, members who are not members of the parent select committee, and also non-members of the council in a non-voting capacity.

5. Proposals for Panels

This report invites the committee to set up the following panels and to agree the remits and membership thereof: -

- (a) **Investment Panel** [previously 8 County Council Members and three co-opted members representing the Hertfordshire District Councils' Association.

Remit

To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to the management of the Pension Fund.

To scrutinise any matter in relation to the management of the Pension Fund chosen by them or referred by the Select Committee.

- (b) **Crime and Disorder Panel** [previously 8 members: 5.3]

Remit

To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to the County Council's approach to the Crime and Disorder Act and Community Safety.

To scrutinise any matter in relation to County Council's approach to the Crime and Disorder Act and Community Safety chosen by them or referred by the Select Committee.

- (c) **Regeneration, Regionalism and Europe Panel**
[previously 8 members: 5.3]

Remit

To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to the County Council's work in improving the prosperity of Hertfordshire and in fostering a strong position in Europe and the East of England Region in order to: -

- encourage inward investment
- support key partnerships
- combat social exclusion and
- bid for resources

To scrutinise any matter in relation the County Council's work in improving the prosperity of Hertfordshire and in fostering a strong position in Europe and the East of England Region, chosen by them or referred by the Select Committee.

(d) Equalities Panel [previously 8 members: 5.3]

Remit

To comment on proposals from the Cabinet in relation to the County Council's equal opportunities policy.

To scrutinise any matter in relation to County Council's equal opportunities policy chosen by them or referred by the Select Committee.

6. 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:

The Constitution adopted by the County Council on 16 May 2000.