

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Report of the County Secretary Considered by the cabinet

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1. Cabinet Panels

The Council at its meeting on 27th November 2001 adopted the new constitution. In so doing, the Council invited the Cabinet to consider the establishment of Cabinet Panels.

This they did at their meeting on 17th December 2001, and the following Panels have now been established:-

ADULT CARE PORTFOLIO

Eligibility

Health

CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO

Achievement

Resources

Strategy

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

Community Strategy

Crime Reduction

E-Government

Libraries

ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

Aggregates

Rural Estates

Structure Plan

Transport

Waste Management

PROTECTION & REGISTRATION PORTFOLIO

Fire Service Panel

RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

Property

Equalities

Recruitment & Retention

REGENERATION, THE REGION AND EUROPE PORTFOLIO

Regeneration, the Region and Europe

2. Investment Committee

Special consideration needs to be given to the Investment Panel. Legislation prohibits those functions which fall within that Panel's remit from being dealt with by the Cabinet (or by a Panel on the Cabinet's behalf). These must be dealt with either by the full Council, or by a traditional style Committee (or by an officer).

The Cabinet feels that there needs to be a member body to oversee the management of the Pension Fund, and to take decisions on policy issues relating to it. They accordingly recommend to the Council that the Investment Panel be converted into an Investment Committee with full delegated powers to deal with pension matters. The Panel's added members, representing non-Council participants in the Fund, would be retained as non-voting Members of the Committee

3. RECOMMENDATION

That the Investment Panel be converted into an Investment Committee with the following remit and membership:-

Remit: the Council's functions in relation to the Local Government Pension Scheme and the Fireman's Pension Scheme.

Membership: 8 County Councillors (5.3)

3 persons appointed by the Hertfordshire Local Government Association (non-voting).

Background material used by the author in writing this report
Cabinet report and minutes 17th December 2001