

C449

Democratic Renewal Working Party 26 April 2012

Members' Attendance Statistics: 2011/2012

1. Background

- 1.1 Full Council has approved the format and publication requirements associated with Members' Attendance Statistics.
- 1.2 The publication of the statistics is accompanied by a list of the activities undertaken by the Councillors as recorded in the statistics and also those activities undertaken by Councillors carrying out their roles but which are not included in the statistics (Appendix A attached).
- 1.3 An annual report is presented to the relevant meeting of the Democratic Renewal Panel and covers the period 1 April to 31 March each year. The statistics are listed in alphabetical order of the name of the Councillor.

2. Attendance Statistics

- 2.1 Members' attendance statistics are usually recorded for the period 1 April to 31 March each year. However, because elections were held on 5 May 2011 and there was a significant change in the membership of the Council the statistics for this reporting year have been compiled for the period 19 May 2011 (the first meeting of the new Council) to 31 March 2012.
- 2.2 Attached as Appendix A are the details of the basis for the compilation of the statistics, which includes details of all the activities that Councillors undertake to perform their duties that are not recorded in the statistics.
- 2.3 Attached as Appendix B are the statistics for 2011/2012 in the format approved by Council. The 'Addit Attend' column records when a Councillor has attended a formal meeting either as a substitute or by invitation or has attended Licensing and Standards Sub-Committee meetings. Councillors' names have been listed in the Appendix in alphabetical order as approved by Council on 30 March 2010 (minute 113(B)(3) refers).

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Members' Attendance Statistics for 2011/2012, attached as Appendix B to Report C449 be noted.

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St Edmundsbury Borough Council Members' Attendance Statistics: 2011/2012

- 1. Members' Attendance Statistics are usually recorded for period 1 April to the following 31 March each year. However, because elections were held on 5 May 2011 and the composition of the Council changed significantly for this reporting year the statistics relate to the period from 19 May 2011, the first meeting of the new Council, to 31 March 2012.
- 2. The attached attendance statistics record where a Councillor has attended formal meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Committees, Working Parties, Panels etc to which he or she has been specifically appointed as **a full Member** of that forum. The Council operates a Substitute System whereby when a full member of the Committee cannot attend a meeting they arrange for a designated substitute member to attend in their place, thereby, helping to ensure full representation at that meeting. In addition, Members may attend a meeting by "invitation" in which they have a special interest or make representations in respect of their Ward. The occasions when a Member has attended as a substitute or by "invitation" are recorded in the "Addit.Attend" column.
- 3. The statistics do **not** record the following activities undertaken by Councillors in carrying out their roles:
 - attending workshops on specific topics and internal meetings where there is no formal publication of the agendas, papers and minutes;
 - representing the interest of the Ward for which the Councillor was elected and dealing with constituents' enquiries and representations;
 - representing the Council on outside bodies, such as on a board, trust or multi-agency groups;
 - (4) assisting in the civic life of the Borough;
 - (5) representing the authority to the community and the community to the authority, through the various forums available, including liaison with Parish and Town Councils and Residents' Associations; and
 - (6) participating in Councillor training and development programmes, including those relating to statutory requirements.

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