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690. PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions were received from members of the public.

691. MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET AND/OR OTHER COMMITTEES

These were discussed under their respective items.

692. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR OTHER DIRECTORS ON MATTERS REQUIRING THE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL

(a) Empty Homes Action Plan (Report 6a)

Further to the meetings of Services Select Committee on 3 March 2009 and of the Cabinet on 12 March 2009, Cllr. Fleming moved and Cllr. Mrs. Clark seconded that the Cabinet's recommendation be approved.

Resolved: That the Empty Homes Action Plan 2009 be adopted as District Council policy.

(b) Members' Allowances (Report 6b)

Further to the meetings of the Modern Local Government Group on 18 December 2008, 4 February 2009 and 18 March 2009, Cllr. Fleming proposed and Cllr. Mrs. Davison seconded that the Modern Local Government Group's recommendations be approved. A full debate on the proposals followed.

Resolved: That

- (a) the allowances as set out at paragraph 11 of the report be adopted.
- (b) Allowances be indexed in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services Pay Award each year.
- (c) the full impact of the allowances be phased in over a four year period, as set out at paragraph 7 of the report.
- (d) Appendix G of the Constitution be updated as included within Appendix C (pages 41 – 50) incorporating the allowances as adopted in (a) above.
- (e) Compensate Members if they are disadvantaged under the new scheme so that they are no worse off than under the current scheme.

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Formally record thanks to Geoff Tomlinson, Susan Holmes, Simon Knott, Jean Selmes and Colin Wilby for their work in preparing a review for the Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2009/10 for Sevenoaks District Council.