

Full Council

25 February 2019

Quorum: 11

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To the Members of the Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes on 25 February 2019 at 6.00 pm to transact the following business.

Note: At the commencement of the meeting the Chair will ask for a period of silence to enable councillors to focus their thoughts on the meeting or to pray silently.

Agenda

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2018 (Pages 1 - 20)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council dated 26 November 2018.

2 Apologies for absence

3 Declarations of interest

Disclosure by councillors of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the councillor regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

4 Announcements (Pages 21 - 22)

To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Council, Leader of the Council, Members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive. A list of the Chair of the Council's engagements since the previous meeting is enclosed.

5 Urgent items

Items not on the agenda which the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances as defined in Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

6 Questions from members of the public

To deal with questions which members of the public may wish to put to members of the Cabinet in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11 (if any).

7 Petitions

To receive petitions from councillors or members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 (if any).

8 Urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet members

In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17, to receive details of any urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet members since the previous meeting (if any).

9 Council budget and setting of the council tax for 2019/20 (To Follow)

Report of Councillor Giles on behalf of the Cabinet.

Councillors are reminded that in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct and Local Government Act 1992 Section 106, if you are two months or more in arrears with your council tax payments, you must disclose this at the meeting and must not vote at any decision being taken which might affect the level of the council tax or arrangements for administering it. Failure to comply is a criminal offence.

Please note that the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 require named votes to be taken and recorded when setting the annual budget and council tax, this to include substantive motions and any amendments.

To consider the attached summary report, the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 February 2019 (Minute Extracts for Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees in respect of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account are attached at item 9a and 9b), and to consider the recommended amendments to the budget set out at item 9c.

(a) General fund revenue budget 2019/20 - Minute Extracts (To Follow)

Extracts from the minutes of the Cabinet meeting on the 11 February 2019 and Scrutiny Committee held on 7 February 2019.

(b) Housing revenue account budget 2019/2020 - Minute Extracts (To Follow)

Extracts from the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet on 11 February 2019 and Scrutiny Committee held on 7 February 2019 are attached.

- (c) Recommended amendments to the Budget (Pages 23 - 24)

To consider amendments to the budget submitted by Councillor Osborne.

10 Matters referred from Cabinet and other Council bodies

The following matters are submitted to the Council for decision.

- (a) Annual treasury management strategy statement and investment strategy 2019-2020 to 2020-2021 - Minute Extract **(To Follow)**

Report of Councillor Giles on behalf of the Cabinet.

- (b) Review of Lewes District Council's Gambling Statement of Principles - Minute Extract (Pages 25 - 26)

Report of Councillor Adeniji on behalf of the Licensing Committee.

11 Memberships

To note the appointment to the following committee:

- Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Murray replacing Councillor O'Keeffe

Due to changes to the membership of the Council, a political balance review has resulted in the following changes for noting:

- Devolution Committee – Councillor Murray replacing Councillor Osborne
- Planning Applications Committee – Councillor Neave replacing Councillor Gardiner

12 Notices of motion. (Pages 27 - 32)

To consider notices of motion received.

13 Written questions from Councillors (Pages 33 - 34)

To deal with written questions which councillors may wish to put to the Chair of the Council, a Lead Councillor on the Cabinet or the Chair of any committee or sub-committee in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

14 Questions to the Leader of the Council

To deal with questions (if any) which councillors may wish to put to the Leader of the Council. It will be at the Leader's discretion to re-direct questions to relevant Members of the Cabinet. A councillor wishing to raise a question must notify the Chair of the Council of the text of the question prior to the commencement of the meeting. (NB This item is limited to a maximum of 5 questions, with no more than 1 question being asked per councillor. If a question requires a detailed or technical response, the Leader may decide that a written response is more appropriate).

15 Ward issues

To deal with ward issues which councillors wish to raise (if any).

16 Reporting back on meetings of outside bodies

To receive any reports from the Council's representatives who serve on outside bodies in respect of meetings they have attended:

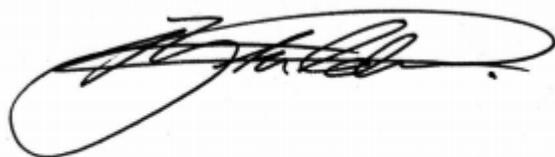
- Councillor Catlin will provide a verbal update on the Southern Community Rail Partnership AGM. Copies of the notes from the AGM are available to Councillors from Committee Services on request.

17 Changes to scheduled meetings

The Council is asked to note the following changes to the schedule of meetings:

- The annual meeting of the Council will now take place on the 20 May 2019 (6pm at County Hall) due to its close proximity of the original date to the District Council Elections.
- The Planning Applications Committee, scheduled for the 22 May 2019 has been cancelled due to its close proximity to the annual meeting and next scheduled meeting.
- Following the November 2018 Council meeting, the option of a fifth Council meeting on 25 September 2019 has been added to the calendar for 2019/20.
- The annual meeting of the Council in 2020 will now take place on the 13 May 2020.

The final calendar of meetings for 2019/20 will be presented for ratification at Annual Council on 20 May 2019.



Robert Cottrill
Chief Executive

Information for the public

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In the case of a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI), if the interest is not registered (nor the subject of a pending notification) details of the nature of the interest must be reported to the meeting by the member and subsequently notified in writing to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

If a member has a DPI or other prejudicial interest he/she must leave the room when the matter is being considered (unless he/she has obtained a dispensation).

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Full Council

Minutes of meeting held in Council Chamber at County Hall, St Annes Crescent, Lewes on 26 November 2018 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Stephen Gauntlett (Chair)

Councillors Johnny Denis (Vice-Chair), Graham Amy, Simon Barnes, Nancy Bikson, Liz Boorman, Wayne Botting, Julie Carr, Joanna Carter, Stephen Catlin, Mike Chartier, Sharon Davy, Will Elliott, Paul Franklin, Peter Gardiner, Bill Giles, Jackie Harrison-Hicks, Olivia Honeyman, Vic lent, Tom Jones, Alex Lambert, Isabelle Linington, Ron Maskell, Elayne Merry, Susan Murray, Dave Neave, Tony Nicholson, Ruth O'Keeffe, Sarah Osborne, Julian Peterson, Robbie Robertson, Tony Rowell, Steve Saunders, Jim Sheppard, Andy Smith and Richard Turner

Officers in attendance:

Robert Cottrill (Chief Executive), Homira Javadi (Chief Finance Officer), Ian Fitzpatrick (Director of Regeneration and Planning), Tim Whelan (Director of Service Delivery), Catherine Knight (Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Services), Jane Goodall (Strategy and Partnership Lead (Quality Environment)), Gareth Robinson (Deputy Chief Finance Officer), Tondra Thom (Planning Policy Lead) and Simon Russell (Committee and Civic Services Manager)

31 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

32 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Enever, Loraine and Wallraven.

33 Declarations of interest

Councillor Smith declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 (Lewes District Local Plan Part 2: Site allocations and development management policies) as he had an acquaintance who owned one of the sites referenced in the report. He remained in the room and voted on the decision.

Councillor Saunders declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (questions from members of the public) as a trustee of the CTLA. He remained in the room whilst the item was considered.

34 Announcements

(i) Chair of the Council's engagements

The Council received a list of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council's engagements carried out since the meeting of the Council held on 16 July 2018.

(ii) Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Chief Finance Officer

The Chair and the Council welcomed Homira Javadi, Chief Finance Officer and Gareth Robinson, Deputy Chief Finance Officer to their first meeting of the Council.

35 Order of business

Given that the majority of questions from members of the public were in relation to agenda item 10, the Chair agreed to consider agenda item 6 (Questions from members of the public) after agenda items 7 to 9.

36 Recommendation from Scrutiny Committee

The Chair of the Council moved, and Councillor Denis seconded the motion, that the recommendations of Scrutiny Committee on the 13 September 2018, relating to the scrutiny annual work programme 2018/19 be approved.

Resolved (Carried):

That the annual work programme, as set out at appendix A of the report be approved.

Reason for decision:

Decision is in accordance with scrutiny procedure rule 7.

37 Questions from members of the public

The following questions were submitted by members of the public. Copies were circulated to all councillors at the meeting and made available to the public attending the meeting.

Questioner: Paula Woolven

Question One: I would like to ask if the administration consider that CTLA meets the criteria set out in their policy statement and are therefore worthy of

applying for grant funding, to support the residents and communities of the whole District?

Former Coalition Local Government Secretary, Eric Pickles, said when publishing his code of practice in 2011 “Transparency and openness must underpin every decision a council makes for its residents.”

The funding scheme was not open to all the strategic voluntary sector organisations in the District who meet the criteria listed in the policy on grants to voluntary organisations and Equality and Fairness Analysis and I am asking if this could be reconsidered.

Response by Councillor Nicholson: Thank you for the information you have provided to us with about CTLA Community Transport. You obviously provide a highly active and valued service in the area and we are sorry to hear that you had been experiencing financial challenges.

The Council recognised and valued the significant contributions that the community and voluntary sector play in delivering services to our residents.

Despite the challenging financial times, the council had continued to prioritise the allocation of grants totalling £216,840 to organisations which play a core role in the local communities of the district.

It was not currently council policy to conduct an open bidding process for grants, as we feel the organisations we currently fund are those which most closely meet our objectives and complement council services.

This policy was periodically reviewed, and we may in future choose to take a different approach. However, we intend that our grant decisions this year (which we would be making in February 2019) would follow the current policy and practice.

When considering the giving of grants, the council must always be mindful whether it is the most appropriate public body to support a particular cause or activity. It was clearly the County Council who was the lead agency for matters of public transport, under which we would consider community transport to fall. We also note that you had previously received funds from the NHS for providing services.

In these times of diminishing resources, we must focus our spending on those areas which were within our own jurisdiction, and not on services which are for others to fund. It was unlikely, therefore, even if we should establish a grants application process, that funding of community transport would command a high priority.

Question Two: Could I please ask how much of the development levies charged on new housing and other properties was dedicated to supporting Community Transport in the District? There were considerable developments

approved and were currently being built where residents may not be able to access public transport through a variety of reasons including disability, poor mobility, isolation and many other access barriers and I would like to know the level of investment from the District Council in transport facilities specifically to help these residents?

Response by Councillor Nicholson: LDC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) governance required that after the first regulatory apportionment of 15% or 25% passed to the towns and parishes and 5% towards administration costs, 20% of the remaining CIL for every CIL liable development is ring-fenced into the Community Pot. This could be bid by Community Infrastructure providers such as the NHS, Police or Community Transport providers such as CTLA for funding the provision, maintenance or operation of infrastructure in accordance with the CIL Regulations.

The CIL Community Pot at present was £515,243. Demand notice for a further £288,813 was due within the coming year and the next bidding round would begin in summer 2019.

Questioner: Geoff King

Question One: How can Lewes District Council justify that Policy E1 is sound and sustainable when Policy E1 had the poorest score overall of the three proposed sites when measured against the 18 objectives listed in the Lewes District Council Local Plan Part 2 on pages 56 to 61 of the Sustainability Assessment as included with the consultation documents of September 2018. Table 36 on page 79 of the Sustainability Assessment showed Policy E1 to have the highest number of Amber scores (Likely Negative Effect) and lowest rating of Green scores (Likely Positive Effect). Thus Policy E1 had the poorest score overall of all three proposed sites. Therefore how could Lewes District Council justify selecting Policy E1 over the other proposed sites.

Response by Councillor Jones: Within the Sustainability Appraisal the employment sites were not compared to each other; each site was tested against the sustainability criteria to assess its sustainability. The Examination Inspector would hear all the objections and reach a decision on whether the policy was justified and sound.

Supplementary: As per the Council procedure rules, Mr King submitted a supplementary question, arising directly out of the original question or the reply. Councillor Jones agreed to send a written response following the meeting.

Question Two: It was recognised that Newhaven Port Access Road would occupy the western section of E1 but given that Newhaven Port and Properties are understood to have no interest in development further east than the Newhaven Port Access Road and given that E1 are not part of the Newhaven Enterprise Zone I ask why the eastern section of E1, the historic WW1 Seaplane Base and internationally recognised vegetated shingle beach,

which was part of the UNESCO World Biosphere, none of which was needed for the Newhaven Port Access Road, cannot be removed from Policy E1?

Response by Councillor Jones: Core Policy 4 of the adopted Local Plan Part 1 required the Council to retain the unimplemented employment site allocations from the 2003 Local Plan unless there was clear economic viability or environmental reasons for not doing so. Core Policy 4 also stated that the Council would support plans for expansion of the Port as identified in the Port Masterplan. Core Policy 4 was considered at the public examination into the Plan and found sound by an independent inspector. Policy E1 carried forward the unimplemented area of land allocated for the expansion of the Port in Policy NH20 of the 2003 Local Plan and supported the Port Masterplan, in accordance with Core Policy 4. Newhaven Port & Properties submitted a formal representation in support of Policy E1, clearly stating that the allocation was vital to the long-term viability of the Port and the economic regeneration of Newhaven.

Supplementary: As per the Council procedure rules, Mr King submitted a supplementary question, arising directly out of the original question or the reply. Councillor Jones agreed to send a written response following the meeting.

Questioner: Caroline Standen and Zoe Brown (The Old Brickworks Business Park)

Question One: Much time and effort had been put into examining whether GT01, the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site in Plumpton, would be a suitable site for Gypsies and Travellers but, to date, nobody from Lewes District Council had visited The Old Brickworks or spoken to any of our tenants, yet these people would be the ones most directly affected by the proposed GT01. What is the justification for ignoring the impact on this community of hard-working individuals?

Response by Councillor Jones: Officers from both the District Council and East Sussex County Council attended a Parish meeting on the 9th October which was well attended by members of the local community, including the Old Brickworks. The proposed site was discussed here at length and the officers present recognised that concerns were raised.

Question Two: If all our tenants were forced to relocate by the proximity of GT01 and The Old Brickworks Business Park had to close down then us, the directors of The Old Brickworks, shall be unable to meet the monthly mortgage payments and shall be forced into bankruptcy. How does Lewes District Council reconcile the needs of five Traveller families over and above the needs of the 30 families who are reliant on the continued security and prosperity of The Old Brickworks Business Park?

Response by Councillor Jones: You do not give a reason, and the Council does not accept that there is any reason, why proposed policy GT01 should force tenants to relocate.

The Council had a Public Sector Equality Duty which required the Council, as a matter of law, to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination and harassment.

It must have regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (such as gypsies and travellers) and persons who did not.

It must also have regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between members of protected groups, and other persons

The Council must have regard to its Public Sector Equality Duty in the carrying out of all its functions and activities, including the carrying out of its planning functions. It must develop planning proposals which would serve the needs of all members of its community.

I want to point out too that allocating a site for a particular use is not the same as granting a planning permission. In the event of any planning application coming forward the Council would have a duty, at that time, to consult the neighbours and to give further consideration to the impact of the proposed development on the amenity of the immediate community.

Having regard to the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty this was the only comment I propose to make in response to this line of questioning.

Question Three: Much attention had been paid to the "visual impact", traffic and ecological surveys of the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site, GT01, but how was Lewes District Council going to mitigate the social impact on Plumpton Village, the 21 businesses at The Old Brickworks Business Park, who would be forced to move elsewhere at great expense, if GT01 goes ahead with the loss of jobs, the loss of trade to our local village shop, pub and disruption to our close neighbours?

Response by Councillor Jones: Same answer as question 2 above.

Questioner: Seaford Town Councillor Penny Lower

Question: The officer's report stated that other than a change to the area covered by it, 'Draft Policy E1 essentially carried forward Policy NH20 from the Lewes District Local Plan 2003, which was retained'. This was simply not true.

The saved policy NH20 allocated this land for a proposed new ferry terminal i.e. "to respond to opportunities to introduce new, faster services such as the larger high-speed catamaran" (paragraph 12.80) in order to provide a

sufficient area to accommodate fully satisfactory operating conditions for an operator of cross-channel ferries. (paragraph 12.79)

E1, however, changed this purpose to any industrial use which bore a relation to port activity. We note that the term 'port-related' had recently been used to grant permission to a concrete manufacturing plant. Going even further, Draft Policy E1 also allowed for industrial use "which was not associated with port-related activity"

We ask therefore how can the Council possibly justify adding such a controversial and substantial change to a saved policy, at such a late stage of the local planning process, and how could this be considered either sound or acceptable?

Response by Councillor Jones: Policy NH20 allocated land at East Quay for the "upgrading and expansion of the port", with a possible extension further to the east if open storage was required to support the operation of the ferry service. Newhaven Port and Properties proposals for upgrading and expanding the port were set out in its Port Masterplan, which the District Council was committed to support, as formally set out in Core Policy 4 of the adopted Local Plan Part 1.

The Port Masterplan identified land at East Quay as an opportunity to accommodate a range of industrial and warehouse uses associated with the Port and this was reflected in the wording of Policy E1, as required by Core Policy 4. Newhaven Port & Properties had submitted a formal representation in support of Policy E1, clearly stating that the allocation was vital to the long-term viability of the Port and the economic regeneration of Newhaven. Officers would support a minor modification to the policy to remove the second sentence that currently suggested other uses; non-port related uses would be appropriate so long as they didn't undermine the operational use of the Port. A minor Schedule of Changes was proposed to accompany the Plan upon submission.

38 Lewes District Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies

The Council considered the report of the Director of Regeneration and Planning regarding the representations received to the Pre-Submission Local Plan Part 2. Council approval was sought to formally submit the Local Plan Part 2 to the Secretary of State for examination.

Councillor Jones moved, and Councillor Merry seconded the motion that the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Smith and Cabinet member for Planning, Councillor Jones made a personal commitment to extend the consultation, detailed at resolutions two to four below, to all group leaders, on

any minor modifications or editorial changes to the Plan that are made by the Director of Regeneration and Planning under delegated authority.

Councillors requested a named vote on the motion, in accordance with the council procedure rules.

For: Barnes, Bikson, Boorman, Catlin, Davy, Franklin, Gardiner, Giles, Harrison-Hicks, Jones, Linington, Maskell, Merry, Nicholson, Peterson, Sheppard, Smith, Turner **(18)**

Against: Amy, Botting, Carr, Chartier, Denis, Elliott, Gauntlett, Honeyman, Ient, Lambert, Murray, Neave, O'Keeffe, Osborne, Robertson, Rowell, Saunders **(17)**

Abstentions: Carter **(1)**

Resolved (By 18 votes to 17, with 1 abstention):

- (1) To approve the submission of the Local Plan Part 2 to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations for examination, along with the other submission documents required by the regulations as referred to in Paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 of the report;
- (2) To authorise the Director of Regeneration & Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, to make minor editorial changes to the Local Plan Part 2 prior to submission to the Secretary of State;
- (3) To authorise the Director of Regeneration & Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, to prepare a schedule of minor modifications to the Local Plan Part 2 prior to submission to the Secretary of State;
- (4) To authorise the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, to respond to issues arising during the examination and to agree any further or revised minor modifications to the Local Plan Part 2 during the examination process;
- (5) To approve and publish a revised Local Development Scheme with effect from 26 November 2018.

Reasons for decisions:

To ensure that the Local Plan Part 2 is progressed towards adoption in a timely manner, thereby supporting the implementation and delivery of the Local Plan Part 1: Joint Core Strategy through the allocation of additional development sites and up-to-date planning policies to assist in the determination of planning applications.

(N.B. Councillor Barnes withdrew for the remainder of the meeting following this item.)

39 Lewes District Council Plan – 2018/19 refresh

The Council considered the report of the Director of Regeneration and Planning seeking approval for the further development and refinement of the Lewes District Council Plan as it moved into its third year.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Smith moved, and Councillor Catlin seconded the motion that the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

Councillor Rowell moved, and Councillor Denis seconded, an amendment as follows:

“To approve the officer recommendations, subject to the removal of the final bullet point under the success criteria for Housing and Development (Southern part of Newhaven Port area made accessible to development).

The amended motion was put to the meeting and:

Resolved (Carried):

That the design changes and updates to the Council plan, appended to the report be approved, subject to the removal of the final bullet point under the “Measuring our success” criteria for Housing and Development.

Reasons for decision:

During the period of a four year Council Plan, adjustments and refinements may need to be made to respond to changed circumstances and emerging opportunities. In acknowledgement of this an annual review is a helpful way of ensuring that the Plan remained focused on delivery of the organisations overall strategic objectives.

40 Standards - Appointment of independent persons

The Council considered the report of the Monitoring Officer to consider interim appointments of Independent Persons for Eastbourne Borough and Lewes District Councils to support the statutory standards regime.

The Chair of the Council moved, and Councillor Denis seconded the motion that the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

The motion was put to the meeting and:

Resolved (Carried):

(1) That Mr Neal Robinson and Mr Vic Kempner be confirmed as interim Independent Standards Persons across both Eastbourne Borough and Lewes District Councils until July 2019.

(2) That an updated recruitment be held in 2019 to confirm two appointments for the next 4 years with aligned job descriptions and remuneration packages across both Councils.

(3) That the specific remuneration of the Independent Persons appointed by the Councils be delegated to the Monitoring Officers.

Reasons for decision:

(1) To provide each Council with sufficient Independent Person cover.

(2) To align the terms, across both Councils, on which Independent Persons are engaged.

41 Draft calendar of meetings 2019/20

The Chair of the Council moved, and Councillor Catlin seconded the motion that the draft calendar of meeting for 2019/20 be provisionally approved.

It was requested and agreed that the option of a fifth Council meeting be added to the final proposed calendar that would be considered by Council on 15 May 2019.

The motion was put to the meeting and:

Resolved (Carried):

That the draft calendar of meetings for 2019/20 be approved, subject to final ratification at the Council's next annual meeting.

Reason for decision:

To facilitate the running of the Council's business in the municipal year 2019/2020.

42 Memberships

The Council noted the following appointment to an outside body:

- Sussex Rural Community Council (Action in Rural Sussex) – Councillor Linington replaced Councillor Nicholson

Resolved:

That the appointment be noted.

43 Notices of motion

The Chair of the Council reported that notices of motion had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 14.

1) The Planning System – Tackling Climate Change – Proposed by Councillor Ient

Councillor Ient moved, and Councillor Osborne seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“That from April 1st, 2019, all planning applications for the creation of new dwellings must be accompanied by a Compliance Statement to show how their development meets the requirements of Core Policies:

Core policy 9 – air-quality

Core policy 13 – sustainable travel

Core policy 14 – renewable and low carbon energy (a checklist has been developed to address Core Policy 14 and can be included within the Compliance Statement)

Further, applicants should be invited to submit an Exception Statement if they feel their application will not affect these Core Policies or is not relevant to these policies. The planning authority will then take both the compliance and exception statements into account when deciding upon the planning application”

The motion was put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved (Carried)**2) Climate action – Proposed by Councillor Denis**

Councillor Denis moved, and Councillor Ient seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“In order to facilitate the most rapid change possible this council agrees to:

- Establish, within this term of Council, a cross-group task and finish group, with a remit to seek advice from experts; to consider systematically each area of the council’s activities; to make recommendations and propose challenging targets for mitigation and adaptation.

- Require all report risk assessments to include Carbon Emission Appraisals, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce emissions wherever possible.
- Task a director level officer with responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Councils activities.
- Call on the government to establish a National Climate Taskforce across ministries and to include the Local Government Association, and to require Councils to produce – and provide resources for – Climate Action Plans to cut emissions quickly.”

Councillors requested a named vote on the motion, in accordance with the council procedure rules.

For: Amy, Bikson, Boorman, Botting, Carr, Carter, Catlin, Chartier, Davy, Denis, Elliott, Franklin, Gardiner, Gauntlett, Giles, Harrison-Hicks, Honeyman, Ient, Jones, Lambert, Maskell, Merry, Murray, Neave, Nicholson, O’Keeffe, Osborne, Peterson, Robertson, Rowell, Saunders, Sheppard and Smith **(33)**

Against: Linington and Turner **(2)**

Resolved (Carried) (By 33 votes to 2)

3) Air pollution – Proposed by Councillor Linington

Councillor Linington moved, and Councillor Davy seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“(1) That the Council continues to engage with Head Teachers, school managers and governors and erects signs within the vicinity of each infant, primary and secondary school within Lewes District requiring drivers to switch off their engines while waiting to pick up or drop off their children

(2) That an article on the subject is published in the DN Magazine in as early an edition as possible

(3) That the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Environment supporting the UK Health Alliance in its request to Government that the Government should implement legislation that enshrines WHO limits into law and creates a body that holds Government to account after the UK leaves the EU.”

The motion was put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved (Carried)

4) Governance arrangements – Proposed by Councillor Davy

Councillor Davy moved, and Councillor Catlin seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“Following the motion passed at February’s Council meeting, that a cross group Governance Working Group be formed and this will include Councillors with and without Cabinet or Shadow Cabinet responsibilities. The Working Group will strengthen the officer’s governance report and options paper that will be presented following the 2019 district council elections. Further that it be requested that the officer’s governance report and options paper include the option for a hybrid system.”

Councillors requested a named vote on the motion, in accordance with the council procedure rules.

For: Amy, Bikson, Boorman, Botting, Carter, Catlin, Davy, Denis, Elliott, Franklin, Gauntlett, Harrison-Hicks, Lambert, Murray, Neave, Nicholson, O’Keeffe, Robertson, Rowell, Sheppard and Turner **(21)**

Against: Carr, Chartier, Maskell, Merry, Osborne, Peterson, Saunders and Smith **(8)**

Abstentions: Gardiner, Giles, Honeyman, Ient, Jones and Linington **(6)**

Resolved (Carried) (By 21 votes to 8, with 6 abstentions)

5) The Lewes District Council quarterly 'Portfolio Progress and Performance Report' – Proposed by Councillor Ient

Councillor Ient moved, and Councillor Denis seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“That from quarter 2 2019 (April 1st) the District Council include data in its portfolio progress and performance reports in relation to the following under the existing category 'data with no performance targets':

- a) Air quality data from its existing 2 air quality monitoring stations and its NOx tubes cited around the district.
- b) Number of planning permission given which include the provision of electric car charging points including the number per development set alongside a number of houses and the number of total car parking spaces provided.
- c) Number of planning permissions given where some form of renewable energy is included in the development with a note indicating the percentage of each type of renewable energy provided.

The data being compared quarter on quarter in the report”

The motion was put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved (Carried)

6) Rail transport in the District – Proposed by Councillor Ient

Councillor Ient moved, and Councillor Catlin seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“This Council writes to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Chancellor, on behalf of the many commuters who live in the Lewes district, and request that whilst road fuel duty continues to be frozen that regulated train fare increases should be frozen too and accordingly the scheduled rail fare increases for 2019 be shelved”.

The motion was put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved (Carried)

7) Gatwick Airport proposed expansion and its potential effect on the District Council area – Proposed by Councillor Ient

Councillor Ient moved, and Councillor Denis seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“That members of the Council be invited to submit representations to Democratic Services (committees@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk) by Friday 30 November in relation to the current Gatwick ‘Master Plan’. Cabinet, at its meeting on 5 December will then be tasked with taking account of the views submitted and making a submission accordingly.”

The motion was put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved (Carried)

8) Leaving the European Union – Proposed by Councillor Ient

Councillor Ient moved, and Councillor Catlin seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“That Lewes District Council forms a Task Force and invites the County Council and other appropriate public & commercial organisations to participate in assessing the risks and developing proposals to limit the difficulties which may be faced in relation to the import-export location of Newhaven”.

Councillors requested a named vote on the motion, in accordance with the council procedure rules.

For: Amy, Botting, Carr, Carter, Catlin, Chartier, Denis, Elliott, Gardiner, Gauntlett, Honeyman, lent, Lambert, Murray, Neave, O’Keeffe, Osborne, Robertson, Rowell and Saunders **(20)**

Against: Bikson, Boorman, Davy, Franklin, Giles, Harrison-Hicks, Jones, Linington, Maskell, Merry, Peterson, Sheppard, Smith and Turner **(14)**

Abstentions: Nicholson **(1)**

Resolved (Carried) (By 20 votes to 14, with 1 abstention)

(N.B. Councillor Elliott withdrew for the remainder of the meeting following this motion)

9) Brexit – Proposed by Councillor Rowell

Councillor Rowell moved, and Councillor Catlin seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“Council notes the devastating impact that the Brexit ‘negotiations’ are having on the UK. Concerns about the impact on the economy and its negative effect on Lewes citizens welfare and prospects and the Irish border issue are just two such areas of concern. The government seems incapable of providing leadership in these turbulent times and Council therefore calls on the leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister asking for a general election to be called at the earliest opportunity.”

Councillors requested a named vote on the motion, in accordance with the council procedure rules.

For: Amy, Botting, Carr, Carter, Catlin, Chartier, Denis, Gardiner, Gauntlett, Honeyman, lent, Lambert, Neave, O’Keeffe, Osborne, Robertson, Rowell, Saunders **(18)**

Against: Bikson, Boorman, Davy, Franklin, Giles, Harrison-Hicks, Jones, Linington, Maskell, Merry, Murray, Nicholson, Peterson, Sheppard, Smith and Turner **(16)**

Resolved (Carried) (By 18 votes to 16)

10) A People’s Vote on Brexit – Proposed by Councillor Carter

Councillor Carter moved, and Councillor Smith seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

“This Council notes:

- the background of considerable political uncertainty, and continuing evidence of damage, that any form of Brexit will cause to the national economy according to the Treasury's own figures;
- that more detail is now available on the potential impact of Brexit on our local and regional economy, such as on our local tourism and hospitality sector, including Newhaven port;
- that more detail is also now available on the potential impact of Brexit on Lewes District residents welfare and prospects;
- that the best way to secure legitimacy for a deal, or for a change in direction, is to have a People's Vote including an option to remain, now that the implications of all options are much clearer.

This Council therefore requests:

- that the Chief Executive write to James Brokenshire, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, affirming this Council's desire for a People's Vote including an option to remain;
- that a report is written considering the strategic risks arising from Brexit that will affect the council and District, before February 2019; and
- that officer report authors be reminded that in the event of there being Brexit implications as a consequence of any proposal these should be set out in full in the body of the officer report, offering an assessment and analysis of any Brexit impact."

The motion was put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved (Carried)

11) Investment – Proposed by Councillor Denis

Councillor Denis moved, and Councillor Catlin seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

"That Lewes District Council will:

- (a) immediately freeze any new investment in the top 200 publicly-traded fossil fuel companies (ie. the 100 coal companies and the 100 oil and gas companies whose proven fossil fuel reserves have the largest carbon content) and develop and implement a Responsible Investment Policy through which it will;
- (b) divest from direct ownership and any commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds within 5 years;

(c) set out an approach to quantifying and addressing climate change risks affecting all other investments; and

(d) focus future investments in property and other assets on areas that minimise climate change risk and continue to reduce the council's carbon footprint, while ensuring that the investment continues to generate a sufficient level of return to ensure the current and future sustainability of the investment"

Secondly, that the Chief Executive of Lewes District Council writes to the Chair of East Sussex County Council Pension Committee asking the Committee:

(1) To immediately freeze any new investment in the top 200 publicly traded fossil fuel companies;

(2) To Commit itself, over the course of the next 5 years, to divest the East Sussex Pension Fund from direct ownership and any commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds; and

(3) To focus re-investment in areas that minimise climate change risk and reduce the Fund's carbon footprint; while ensuring the Fund continues to generate a sufficient level of return to ensure the current and future sustainability of the investment."

Councillor Osborne moved, and Councillor Carr seconded, an amendment as follows:

To add the wording:

"Given how imperative it was that the Council does everything within its power to minimise climate change risks, the proposals contained in the motion be referred to the Audit and Standards Committee as soon as possible where it can fully study the detail and the implications of the recommendations in the motion and consider any further action the council might reasonably take. Thereafter the Audit and Standards Committee would present its findings to Full Council."

The amended motion was put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved (Carried)

12) Council tax reduction scheme – Proposed by Councillor Carter

Councillor Carter moved, and Councillor Denis seconded, the notice of motion as follows:

"That officers investigate and report back to the next available Cabinet, those ways in which the Council might make access to the exceptional

hardship fund more readily available to self-employed persons, particularly those on the minimum income floor, and to those persons generally who are on low income.”

Councillor Carter moved an amendment to her own motion as follows:

“That officers:

- Identify the barriers that prevent people (particularly those on low income, or self-employed and assessed as being on the minimum income floor) from accessing the exceptional hardship fund; and;
- Identify ways to remove these barriers, including reviewing the criteria for eligibility, in order to make access to the fund easier for those who need help; and;
- Report back to the next available Cabinet.”

Councillors requested a named vote on the amended motion, in accordance with the council procedure rules.

For: Amy, Bikson, Boorman, Botting, Carr, Carter, Catlin, Chartier, Davy, Denis, Franklin, Gardiner, Gauntlett, Giles, Harrison-Hicks, Honeyman, Ient, Jones, Lambert, Linington, Maskell, Merry, Murray, Neave, Nicholson, O’Keeffe, Osborne, Peterson, Robertson, Rowell, Saunders, Sheppard, Smith and Turner

Resolved (Carried) (By 34 votes)

44 Questions to the Leader of the Council

Questioner	Question
Councillor Catlin	Is the Department for Work and Pensions investigating Lewes District Council?
	<p>Response</p> <p>The Council is not being investigated. The DWP are aware that the team in Lewes have transitioned to a new way of working and are rolling out universal credit. The team are working on an improved plan which has seen an improvement in performance for quarter 3. Further design improvements have been carried out to continue the reduction in the number of days to process a claim including training for staff. The DWP are satisfied no customers have</p>

	suffered financial hardship and will continue to monitor.
Questioner	Question
Councillor Honeyman	I understand that the air quality monitoring station in Newhaven is still out of action after 18 months. I'm sure you will appreciate that this is not a very satisfactory situation. I have spoken to the officers and they are urgently looking into matters. Please would you ask other departments such as property to give every assistance to environment health in overcoming any location problems so that this air monitoring station can come back into use on an urgent basis?
	Response
	I support what is being proposed.
Questioner	Question
Councillor Ient	Roll out of broadband to rural villages has been slow to say the least over the last 15 years. Despite government promises, rural villages are still not fully covered in our district. Southease villagers were told by East Sussex County Council that they would be included in a further tranche of broadband rollout but this appears not to be the case. This village has been waiting decades for broadband. It's unbelievable that in the UK, in a technically advanced society, we can't service a village in the crowded South East of England. Please would you write to the county council and ask them to get on and tackle the last few remaining villages including Southease?
	Response
	I support that we should write to East Sussex County Council.

Questioner	Question
Councillor Saunders	<p>Agenda Item 7 from the cabinet report of 18th January this year refers to the grant funding of various organisations, as well as setting aside a figure of £30,000 for voluntary organisations to apply for, in order to mitigate the risks raised by the Universal Credit roll-out. It also refers to the regular quarterly meetings held with larger recipients and annual meeting with smaller recipients. Could you please let me have details of the meetings that have been held with grant recipients since January, so that we can be advised of where the money has been spent and whether or not the £30,000 set aside for mitigation of the Universal Credit roll-out has been either applied for and/or given out to organisations requesting Grant Funding?</p>
	Response
	Officers would forward the requested information.

45 Reporting back on meetings of outside bodies

The Council considered the reports submitted by the Chair of the Council (3VA) and Councillor Catlin (GTR Stakeholder Forum).

Councillor Catlin advised the Council that the date of line closures referenced in his report was the 7-10 March 2019.

Resolved:

That the written reports submitted, be received and noted.

The meeting ended at 9.48 pm

Councillor Stephen Gauntlett (Chair)

Agenda Item 4

Lewes District Council



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CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS

26 November 2018 – 25 February 2019

Saturday 1 December	8am	Chair and Consort: To attend the East Sussex Prayer Breakfast hosted by the High Sheriff of East Sussex at the East Sussex National Golf Resort, Uckfield
Sunday 2 December	3pm	Chair and Consort: To attend the HOMELINK Christmas Concert by the Ashdown Singers at The Church of St Thomas More, Seaford
Thursday 6 December	5pm	Chair: To host the Lewes Late Night Shopping Santa's Grotto at Lewes House in aid of Rockinghorse childrens' charity
Saturday 8 December	6pm	Chair and Consort: To attend the Peacehaven Players production of Dick Whittington at the Meridian Centre, Peacehaven
Sunday 9 December	6.15pm	Chair and Consort: To attend the Friends of Arundel Cathedral Christmas 'Pontifical Sung Vespers' at Arundel Cathedral
Wednesday 12 December	12.30pm	Chair: To jointly host, with the Chief Executive and Leader, the staff mulled wine and mince pies event in Mezzanine kitchen, Southover House
Thursday 20 December	7.30am	Chair: To attend the 2018 Royal Mail Delivery Office Christmas Visit at Seaford Delivery Office
Sunday 23 December		Chair and Consort: To attend the '9 Lessons and Carols' service and to read one of the lessons at St Leonards Church, Seaford
Wednesday 23 January	9am	Chair: To attend the 3VA Annual General Meeting at Seaford Baptist Church
Thursday 24 January	6.30pm	Chair: To attend Eastbourne's Holocaust Memorial Day event at the Tennis Centre, Eastbourne
Friday 25 January	5pm	Chair: To attend the Launch of the 2019 Lewes Holocaust Memorial Day Group events hosted by the Mayor of Lewes at Lewes Town Hall
Saturday 26 January	2pm	Chair: To attend the Lewes Holocaust Memorial Day Group event, 'Persecution, Survival and Celebration' and to provide the closing remarks at Depot Cinema, Lewes
Saturday 9 February	2.30pm	Chair: To attend the Minister Induction Service at Cross Way Church, Seaford

Budget Amendment proposals from Councillor Osborne

1. Citizens' science project - Air quality monitoring

£10,000 - To provide residents with self-build sensors installed outside their homes that generate a continuously updated particular matter map from the transmitted data. This could focus on areas not already covered by local authority equipment. The funding should include officer time and work with partners on the construction of the equipment and ensuring accurate calibration. The principle of the project is to kick start an air quality partnership with private funding for the monitors in the future and provide an education opportunity.

3. Biodiversity Improvements

£10,000 - For supporting bio diversity improvements on Lewes District Council land using a variety of improvements including nest boxes and wildflower, and to use it as a catalyst for more community engagement and interest in their local bio-diversity. Funding is to include officer time using established teams and to work with partners (such as Plumpton Headway, Mind) on the construction / supply of material and delivery in local communities.

4. Trade & Investment Account Manager

£25,000 - To Pilot the creation of a new Trade and Investment Account Manager focusing on attracting new investment to Lewes District and supporting businesses to grow, trade locally, nationally and internationally. Specifically targeting high growth scale-up businesses including priority sectors for the LEP, Newhaven Enterprise Zone and Greater Brighton City region.

5. Pop up and Flexible Business Space

The proposed investment set out in these proposals are a cost effective way of bringing back underutilised council-owned assets into productive use. Furthermore, the proposed use would directly contribute to economic growth by supporting micro businesses to expand. By their nature, micro businesses are locally-owned; providing an environment where they can grow will help their owners who are likely to be residents of the district. It also provides an environment where micro businesses can network and support each other thereby improving their resilience and increasing their longevity.

Cost to Develop Pop-Up Business Case -

Newhaven - It is proposed that development of pop-up space is funded in two phases:

Phase 1: £20K fund made available to fully develop a business case including the long-term viability assessment of growing pop-up office space in The Havens.

Phase 2: Up to £105K capital (from the capital programme to be ring-fenced) to invest in the refurbishment, should the business case show a good rental income based on a 5 year plan.

Lewes - It is proposed that development of pop-up space is funded in two phases:

Phase 1. £10k for a detailed and costed survey on 4 Fisher Street to understand the capital expenditure required. This will then inform a full business case.

Phase 2. Up to £300K capital (from the capital programme to be ring-fenced) to invest in the refurbishment, should the business case show a good rental income.

6. Recycling on the go bin roll out.

£28k - To replace litter bins around the district with dual bins that allow residents to 'recycle on the go'.

There are 40 further locations in the districts' main shopping areas where we can install the dual bins, extending the 'recycling on the go' scheme.



Lewes District Council

Meeting: Full Council

Date: 25 February 2019

Subject: Review of Lewes District Council's Gambling Statement of Principles

Report of: Councillor Adeniji on behalf of the Licensing Committee

The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Licensing Committee meeting held on **11 December 2018** as set out below.

The Council is recommended to:-

Approve the reviewed and revised Statement of Gambling Principles.

Minute extract

Licensing Committee – 11 December 2018.

The Committee received the report which requested that Members consider and approve the recently reviewed and revised Statement of Gambling Principles.

The Senior Specialist Advisor (Licensing) referred to Appendix 1 which detailed the proposed changes to the Council's Statement of Gambling Principles. She explained that members of Licensing department had recently Licensing Committee 2 11 December 2018 attended a meeting with the Gambling Commission at which time it was recommended that all current premises license holders be required to undertake risk assessments and have the assessments available for inspection at the premises.

The Committee queried if the risk assessments related solely to new gambling related applications. The Senior Specialist Advisor (Licensing) clarified that risk assessments would be required to be submitted with any new or variation applications submitted in the future.

Resolved:

1. That the reviewed and revised Statement of Gambling Principles be agreed;
2. That a 4 week consultation period of the review and revised Statement of Gambling Principles be agreed; and
3. That the Senior Specialist Advisor (Licensing), in conjunction with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, be authorised to recommend the reviewed and revised Statement of Gambling Principles to Full Council and that all other Members of the Licensing Committee be informed of that action, unless substantial changes were suggested during the 4 week consultation period.

For a copy of the report please contact Democratic Services:

Tel. (01273) 471600.

E-mail: committees@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

A copy may be downloaded on the Council's website by following the link below:

<http://democracy.eastbourne.gov.uk/mgGeneric.aspx?MD=CommitteesLanding&bcr=1>



Notices of motion for consideration by Council at the meeting on Monday, 25 February 2019

In accordance with council procedure rule 14, the following Councillors have given notice of the motions for the consideration of the Council:

1. Motion from Councillor Ient

Renewable Energy –

I propose this motion:

“That this Council resolves to bring forward the date for implementation of the renewable energy schemes motion which was carried on 16 July 2018 whereby the implementation period is brought forward from 1 September 2019 to 1 April 2019, in recognition that the Council is already in the position to put this in place from the earlier date of 1 April 2019 ”

2. Motion from Councillor Ient

Questions – Amendment to deadline for receipt

Preamble – The constitution currently requires receipt of questions not later than the close of business of the fourth working day before the meeting.

I propose this motion:

That paragraph 12.4 (a) of the constitution of the Lewes District Council be amended to read:

“they have given notice of the question to the Head of Democratic Services in writing or by electronic mail not later than close of business on the second working day before the meeting at which the question is to be asked; or”.

3. Motion from Councillor Rowell

Air Source Heat Pumps

Preamble - Lewes District Council has 3,200 council housing properties most of which will have a gas boiler. Approximately 200 boilers might be replaced every year. These boilers could be replaced with those harnessing renewable energy. LDC is also building new properties which could be fitted with renewable energy systems. Air source heat pumps continue to come down in

price as well as becoming more efficient. The Government's Renewable Heat Incentive scheme means costs are subsidised and may bring the cost of installing and running an air source heat pump as comparable to conventional schemes.

I propose this motion:

This Council will set aside up to £10,000 to undertake a feasibility study to assess whether the capital and running costs involved to both the Council and tenants of installing air source heat pumps in existing and new properties is a viable option both in terms of cost and carbon emissions reduction for the future and report back to Cabinet by 30 June 2019, subject to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance identifying the funding for the feasibility study from limited contingency monies contained in the Council budget for 2019/20.

4. Motion from Councillor Linington

Clearing Litter on A26 and A27

Preamble - Clearing litter from our District's roads is a major issue for our Council with the A26 and A27 posing particular problems. Over the past 4 years around £150k has been spent clearing up the A26 and A27 including £40k for 9 days of litter picking over both routes. In February 2018, 155 bags of rubbish were collected over 4 nights between the Southerham roundabout and Falmer. Within 4-6 weeks after a litter pick the A26 and A27 revert back to the way they were before the pick. In order to reach acceptable levels of litter clearance at least 8 full litter picks per year (nearly half of the Council's entire street cleaning budget) would be needed. Staff can only operate safely on the carriageways when there is an official closure of the roads, which occurs 2-3 times per year. Otherwise the Council has to pay for possession of the road which is very expensive as a traffic management company has to be hired to co-ordinate this. The responsibility for clearing litter from some all-purpose trunk roads has been transferred to Highways England in various parts of England.

I propose this motion:

This Council calls on the Secretary of State for Transport, working as necessary with the Secretary of State for the Environment, to achieve the transfer of responsibility for clearing litter from the A26 and A27 within Lewes District to Highways England and that the Cabinet Member for the Environment shall write to the Secretary of State for Transport to make the case for this.

5. Motion from Councillor Rowell

Tackling Littering

Preamble - Litter is an increasing problem in Lewes Town and across the district. In order to tackle the problem of litter, groups of volunteers have sprung up to collect litter on a regular basis. Volunteering is to be commended but it is a Lewes District Council responsibility to deal with problem litter in the

district. There may be a number of issues which have led to the increase in litter but the Council needs an ongoing strategy for dealing with it that does not rely on ad hoc volunteering.

I propose this motion:

This Council will therefore set aside up to £50,000 to devise and implement a strategy that will look at education, prevention, extra bins and extra staff to reduce and if possible eliminate the reliance on volunteers to keep Lewes District clean and tidy, subject to Officers being instructed to provide an early report to Cabinet setting out a business case for the strategy and its implementation, including identification of the cost implications and a proposal for how this will be funded from limited contingency monies contained in the Council budget for 2019/20.

6. Motion from Councillor Denis

Drug Litter

Preamble - Drug litter, including needles, syringes, packaging, wipes and sharps boxes, increasingly plague the more secluded areas, such as playing fields and playgrounds; a problem which is particularly noticeable in our towns. Our Neighbourhood First teams are great responders when contacted, but many who raise this issue on the doorstep do not know how to report this problem or to whom. The Council can and should encourage more effective reporting and use gathered intelligence to identify priority areas for targeted ongoing clearance. It should work with other agencies to look for insight into reducing drug litter in the first place.

I propose this motion:

That this Council will put in place a strategic approach to drug litter and refuse by facilitating and encouraging reporting, using reporting evidence to prioritise regular clean-ups of frequently used areas and by working with such other agencies towards reducing litter.

7. Motion from Councillor Denis

Tackling Dog Poo

Preamble - Dog poo bags greet walkers at nature spots, alongside footpaths and at any green space suitable for dog walking; each community has its own hot spots. The Council needs to introduce to the District schemes such as the Dog Poo Fairy (Keep Britain Tidy) which encourages people to bag AND bin it, currently in operation in Eastbourne or Green Dog Walkers, as used in Aberdeen, for example, where green dog walkers pledge to: clean up after their dog, carry extra dog waste bags, be happy to be approached to 'lend' a dog waste bag to those without, and to be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

I propose this motion:

That this Council will introduce such measures as Green Dog Walkers, Dog Poo Fairy, or other suitable methodology to reduce the incidence of dog poo

and bagged dog poo left in our amenity and green spaces at the earliest opportunity.

8. Motion from Councillor Denis

Graffiti

Preamble - Graffiti is a growing problem in parts of our District. According to Keep Britain Tidy's report "Good Graffiti Bad Graffiti" people do not report graffiti as they do not believe local councils will address it. Undealt-with graffiti contributes to people's lack of community wellbeing and depletes council resources. The same report studies people's attitude to graffiti, and notes that some graffiti such as urban art is considered "good" and others such as tagging or offensive graffiti as troublesome. As reductions in other services such as youth services hit harder, there is less and less to involve young people and so graffiti grows. This motion calls on this Council to form a joined up strategy with partners from the county council, town and parish councils, community groups and other agencies with an interest in Graffiti, to work together to come up with a local strategy that looks at prevention, enforcement, and removal and considers how best to work with young people to create graffiti spaces, where urban art or graffiti is an asset to the environment. Our Council could lead the way in inspiring youth and community groups to work together with us to tackle the problem of under-reporting, cleaning, enforcement of illegal graffiti, including the creation of some legal graffiti spaces. The first step would be to form a multi-organisational working group involving young people to create a strategy.

I propose this motion:

This Council will

- a) work with young people and strategic partners to address graffiti by:
 - supporting the creation of legitimate creative graffiti spaces;
 - encouraging reporting and prompt removal of graffiti which impacts negatively on communities;
 - considering resourcing a longer-term plan to reduce the incidence of graffiti.
- b) In the meantime, actively encourage the reporting of graffiti through the Council's reporting app, Report It! (rather than Fix my Street), or by otherwise contacting the Council.

9. Motion from Councillor Adeniji

Provision of Changing Places Toilets

Preamble - Everyone in the District has a right to live in the community, to move around within it and access all its facilities, but for some people the lack of a fully accessible toilet is denying them this right. This can include people with profound and multiple learning disabilities or with physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis. Their needs can be met by a Changing Places toilet, which costs in the region of £12-15k, and has more

space and the right equipment, including a height adjustable changing bench and a hoist. According to the website www.changing-places.org, only one changing places toilet exists in the district, and that is in the Warwick Day services in Seaford and has restricted opening hours.

Providing Changing Places toilets in public places would make a dramatic difference to the lives of thousands of people who desperately need such facilities.

I propose this motion:

That this Council actively pursues the provision of more Changing Places toilets in the district by

- When upgrading or renovating any of its toilets considering whether a changing Places toilet can be installed in addition to standard accessible toilets and managed from the location;
- When installing new public toilets considering whether a changing Places toilet as well as standard accessible toilets can be installed and managed from the location; and
- Encouraging its partners and campaigning for the provision of Changing Places toilets in the district with the aim of having at least one Changing Place Toilet in every Town.

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Written Questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12:

1. Question from Councillor Joanne Carter to the Leader of the Council

Along with my fellow Green Councillors, whilst we recognise and applaud the significant improvements the Council has made to our recycling rates, we wonder when we are going to set ourselves new and higher targets for recycling? I note that Wales is aiming for a target of 70% recycled waste by 2025, and that in England there is a national commitment to meet a waste directive recycling target of 50% by 2020 – which is in only one year's time.

Could the leader let me know what he will be doing to ensure we set and then meet a higher target for our food waste and recycling?

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