

Lewes District Council



Council Agenda

4 December 2013

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Southover House, Lewes
26 November 2013

Jenny Rowlands
Chief Executive

Lewes District Council



Council Meeting

(Councillors are invited to attend The Council Chamber at 1.45pm in advance of the Meeting of the Council for an informal introduction to the Council's new Directors namely: Nazeya Hussain (Director of Business Strategy and Development); Gillian Marston (Director of Service Delivery); and Julian Osgathorpe (Director of Corporate Services)).

Councillors are kindly requested to switch off their mobile 'phones and other mobile devices prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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.

26 November 2013

To: The Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of **the Council** on 04 December 2013 at 14:30 in The Council Chamber, County Hall, St Annes Crescent, Lewes when it is proposed to transact the following business:

- 1 Minutes**
To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council dated 16 October 2013 (copy previously circulated).
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 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

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 Meeting of the Council on 16 October 2013 is enclosed – Appendix A.

Attached Documents:

[Announcements - Chair's Engagements](#)

5 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 10 (if any).

6 Petitions

To receive petitions from councillors or members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 (if any).

7 Written Questions from Councillors

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 11 (if any).

8 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 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).

9 Ward Issues

To deal with ward issues which councillors wish to raise. A councillor wishing to raise a ward issue must notify the Chair of the Council prior to the commencement of the meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.8 (if any).

10 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 Meeting of the Council on 16 October 2013.

11 Recommendations from Cabinet

To consider the Recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 18 November 2013 (Minute Extracts herewith) (and to receive questions and answers on those Recommendations) and to make resolutions thereon.

Attached Documents:

[Recommendations from Cabinet - 18 November 2013](#)

12 Updates to Constitution

To consider the Report of the Corporate Head – Legal and Democratic Services (Report No 200/13 herewith).

Attached Documents:

[Updates to Constitution - Report](#)

[Updates to Constitution - Appendix A](#)

[Updates to Constitution - Appendix B](#)

[Updates to Constitution - Appendix C](#)

[Updates to Constitution - Appendix D](#)

13 Scrutiny at Lewes District Council – Annual Report 2012/2013

To consider the Annual Report 2012/2013 relating to Scrutiny at Lewes District Council (Report No 201/13 herewith).

Attached Documents:

[Scrutiny at Lewes District Council – Annual Report 2012/2013](#)

14 Notices of Motion

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 Councillor Lambert has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SEAFORD HOUSEHOLD WASTE SITE

East Sussex County Council is carrying out a consultation on a service review of its Household Waste Recycling Sites (HWRS). The service review proposes to close three sites including the one in Seaford.

The County Council argues that it has built a brand new HWRS in Newhaven with excellent road access and capacity to take waste from both Newhaven and Seaford and their surrounding areas.

It states that the overwhelming majority of residents will still be within a 10-20 minute drive of their nearest site and that the proposals will provide an efficient network of HWRS across the county and will be consistent with their proposed aims of increasing re-cycling rates.

The proposals have been strongly opposed by residents, Seaford Town and District Councillors and County Councillor Carolyn Lambert. The main objections can be summarised as follows:

1. Closure of the HWRS at Seaford will lead to increased fly tipping, the cost of which will fall on Lewes District Council.
2. The site at Newhaven is already extremely busy and congested. During last summer, the HWRS at Newhaven had to close three times whereas the site at Seaford was able to remain open.
3. Increased road traffic to the HWRS at Newhaven will cause further disruption and queues at the site. The figures provided by ESCC show that the amount of waste being deposited at Newhaven if the Seaford site is closed will double.
4. There will be an environmental cost in the increased travelling time as well as costs to residents in terms of petrol and wear on vehicles. Many people who use the HWRS in Seaford are elderly and/or on fixed incomes and some currently have to walk to the site. And it cannot be right for infrastructure planning to assume car dependence in the long term.
5. Seaford is the largest town in Lewes District and the population is increasing. It needs its own HWRS with adequate facilities.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Lewes District Council will write to East Sussex County Council expressing its strong opposition to the proposed closure of the HWRS at Seaford. The letter expressing this opposition will call for the proposed closure to be rescinded, and that, if ESCC objects, that ESCC involve LDC in negotiations about disposing of household waste in Seaford”.

15 Reporting Back on Meetings of Outside Bodies

To receive feedback from the Council’s representatives who serve on outside bodies in respect of meetings they have attended (if any). A

councillor wishing to provide feedback must notify the Chair of the Council prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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Chief Executive

For further information about items appearing on this Agenda, please contact Catherine Knight at Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1AB. Telephone (01273) 484332.