

Lewes District Council



Council Agenda

Thursday, 23 April 2015

Southover House, Lewes

Jenny Rowlands
Chief Executive

Lewes District Council



Council Meeting

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.

To all Members of the Council

A meeting of the **Council** will be held in the **The Council Chamber, County Hall, St Annes Crescent, Lewes BN7 1UE** on **Thursday, 23 April 2015** at **14:30** which you are requested to attend. Please note the start time and that the venue for this meeting is wheelchair accessible and has an induction loop to help people who are hearing impaired.

This meeting may be filmed, recorded or broadcast by any person or organisation. Anyone wishing to film or record must notify the Chair prior to the start of the meeting. Members of the public attending the meeting are deemed to have consented to be filmed or recorded, as liability for this is not within the Council's control.

Agenda

1 Minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council dated 25 February 2015 (copy previously circulated).

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

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 25 February 2015 is enclosed – page 5.

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 (page 7).

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 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).

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 25 February 2015.

11 Notices of Motion

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

"This Council notes that a thriving natural environment (natural capital) in Lewes District is of great value in providing

- significant health benefits to individual residents and the community as a whole

- multiple benefits through ecosystem services for example flood risk reduction, delivery of clean air, micro climate regulation, accessible nature, for the District's economy

The Council therefore resolves to take advantage of any appropriate opportunity within Lewes District to be respectful of and where possible work with others to enhance these natural systems, for example through the

improvement of green infrastructure (GI) and ecological networks in our stewardship of areas such as our nature reserves and other open spaces that we may have responsibility for, and in stewardship of our housing stock and other buildings.

As a Council we will look to give weight to environmental management and community aspirations together with economic issues in the decision making process so as to embed GI network delivery into the delivery of the Core Strategy and Forward Plan for the District.”.

12 Changes to Memberships

To consider the Report of the Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Report No 58/15 herewith – page 8).

13 Electoral Review Update

To consider the Report of the Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Report No 59/15 herewith – page 11).

14 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenny Rowlands". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jenny Rowlands
Chief Executive

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