



Annual Meeting of the Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held in The Council Chamber, County Hall, St Annes Crescent, Lewes on Wednesday, 11 May 2016 at 2.30pm

Present:

Councillor N Enever (Chair)

Councillors G Amy; W Botting; J Carter; S Catlin; M Chartier; S Davy; P Franklin; P Gander; P Gardiner; S Gauntlett; B Giles; J Harrison-Hicks; O Honeyman; V Ient; T Jones; A Lambert; I Linington; R Maskell; E Merry; S Murray; D Neave; T Nicholson; R O’Keeffe; S Osborne; J Peterson; R Robertson; T Rowell; J Sheppard; A Smith; C Sugarman; and R Turner.

Apologies received:

Councillors S Adeniji; S Barnes; J Carr; A Loraine; S Saunders; and L Wallraven.

Minutes

1 Election of the Chair of the Council

The Chair of the Council (Councillor O’Keeffe) invited the Solicitor to inform the Council of the nomination which had been received for the Office of the new Chair of the Council.

The Solicitor reported that Councillor Nigel Enever had been nominated by Councillors Smith and Davy.

Councillor Smith moved, and Councillor Davy seconded, the motion:

“That Councillor Nigel Enever be elected Chair of the District Council of Lewes until the next Annual Meeting of the Council and his successor is entitled to act as Chair.”

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

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Resolved:

1.1 Accordingly.

The new Chair of the Council (Councillor Enever) then made and subscribed the Declaration required by law and announced that his theme during his year of Office would be supporting the arts and culture in the District and that he would take a particular interest in Artwave and heritage open days. Additionally, he would like to hear from any theatrical or musical group that wished him to be involved.

Councillor Enever further announced that his wife Lynn Enever would be his Consort during his year of Office.

Councillor Enever in the Chair

Councillor Smith moved a vote of thanks for Councillor O’Keeffe’s work on behalf of the Council during her year of Office during which she had a theme of charities and voluntary organisations and had attended over 146 engagements. Councillor O’Keeffe had also recently hosted the Unsung Hero’s event. Councillor O’Keeffe then gave a brief speech in response during which she thanked the Council for giving her the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Council and thanked her consort, Nick Robinson, for supporting her during that period. Councillor O’Keeffe further thanked the Civic and Member Services Officer, Caroline Hanlon, for the work that she had undertaken with particular regard to the events in which Councillor O’Keeffe had been involved and for managing the Chair’s diary of engagements.

2 Appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Council

The new Chair of the Council (Councillor Enever) invited the Solicitor to inform the Council of the nomination which had been received for the Office of Vice-Chair of the Council.

The Solicitor reported that Councillor Stephen Gauntlett had been nominated by Councillors Osborne and Chartier.

Councillor Osborne moved, and Councillor Chartier seconded, the motion:

“That Councillor Stephen Gauntlett be appointed Vice-Chair of the District Council of Lewes until immediately after the election of a Chair at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

2.1 Accordingly.

The Vice-Chair of the Council (Councillor Gauntlett) then made and subscribed the Declaration required by law.

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3 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Honeyman declared her personal, non-prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 17(c) (Notices of Motion).

5 To Receive any Announcements From the Chair of the Council, Leader of the Council, Members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive

(i) Chair of the Council's Engagements

The Council received the list of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council's engagements carried out since the Meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2016.

(ii) Former Councillor Daisy Cooper

The Leader of the Council moved a vote of thanks for the work that had been undertaken by former Councillor Daisy Cooper who had recently resigned from the Council following a change in her circumstances.

6 Petitions

(i) The Chair received a petition from Councillor Carter and three students from Priory School, Lewes, which contained 736 signatures. The petitioners supported a campaign for a share of the Section 106 money that was allocated to the community in respect of the Phoenix development, Lewes, to be allocated in order to improve recreational opportunities for young people as, they felt, there was a lack of such facilities in the local area. Accompanying the petition were the results of a survey that had been undertaken which related to the type of recreational facilities that the young people wished to see provided by use of the money.

Councillor Carter addressed the Council on the subject matter of the petition and the number of signatures.

Upon receipt of the petition, Councillors thanked the students from Priory School for their input to the Council's work.

As the petition contained less than 750 signatures, in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme, as set out in Part 6 of its Constitution, the Council would contact Councillor Carter and the students from Priory

School in order to let them know what action it would be taking in respect of the petition.

(NB Subsequent to the Meeting, Councillor Carter had advised that she would shortly be submitting to the Council a minimum of a further fourteen signatures to the petition so as to increase the total number of signatures in respect thereof to 750 or more. In that circumstance, in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme, the relevant senior Officer of the Council would give evidence at a public meeting of the Council's Scrutiny Committee in respect of the petition. Councillor Carter and the students from Priory School would be advised of the date of that Scrutiny Committee meeting).

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(ii) The Chair received a petition from Councillor Murray which contained 1501 signatures. The petitioners supported Councillor Murray's request that the Council offers to home at least ten refugee families. Furthermore, they urged the Council and East Sussex County Council to recognise the petitions which stated that refugees were welcome and to help with setting up the necessary infrastructure to bring together refugees, people willing to offer space and offers of help in other forms.

Councillor Murray addressed the Council on the subject matter of the petition and the number of signatures.

As the petition contained 1500 signatures or more it would be debated by Councillors as an Agenda item at a full Council Meeting. Councillor Murray would be advised of the date of that Meeting.

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7 Appointments

The Leader of the Council reported that he had appointed the following Councillors to be members of the Cabinet with the following portfolios:

Individual Areas of Responsibility	Councillors
Regeneration and Business	A Smith (Leader of the Council)
People and Performance	E Merry (Deputy Leader)
Customers and Partners	T Nicholson
Finance	B Giles
Waste and Recycling	P Franklin
Planning	T Jones
Housing	R Maskell

The Leader of the Council moved, and Councillor Robertson seconded, the motion that the recommendations contained in Report Nos 63/16 (Appointments 2016/17) and 64/16 (Appointments of Representatives to Serve on Outside and Joint Bodies 2016/17), be approved, subject to the replacement of Councillor Davy in place of Councillor Robertson on the Housing Working Party; the replacement of Councillor Gardiner in place of Councillor O'Keeffe to serve as the Council's representative on the Wave

Trust Leisure Board; and to the replacement of Councillor O’Keeffe in place of Councillor Gander as one of the Council’s representatives to serve on the Landport Bottom Management Committee – which was a Conservative seat that had been gifted to the Independent Group for the 2016/17 municipal year.

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

- 7.1** That the membership of Committees etc for the municipal year 2016/2017, based on the political structure and the political balance as set out in Appendix B to Report No 63/16 and taking account of the adjustments referred to in that Report, be as follows:

Proportionality is shown as Conservative – Liberal Democrat – Green – Independent:

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Audit and Standards Committee Membership 7 (5-1-1-0)

N Enever	M Chartier (Chair)	T Rowell
I Linington		
VACANT (Cons seat)		
R Robertson		
S Gauntlett (Cons gifted seat)		

(plus up to 3 co-opted, non-voting Town/Parish Council members – participation restricted to Standards matters)

Devolution Committee Membership 7 (4-2-1-0 becomes 5-1-1-0, see paragraph 12 in the Report)

T Nicholson (Chair)	G Amy	J Carter
B Giles		
P Gander		
J Harrison-Hicks		
S Osborne (Cons gifted seat)		

Employment Committee Membership 5 (3-2-0-0)

J Peterson (Chair)	S Gauntlett
P Franklin	M Chartier
E Merry	

Licensing Committee Membership 10 (6-3-1-0)

S Adeniji (Chair)	M Chartier	S Murray
W Botting	S Gauntlett	
B Bovington	I Linington (Lib Dem	
P Gander	gifted seat)	
J Harrison-Hicks		
A Loraine		

Planning Applications Committee Membership 11 (6-3-1-1)

S Davy (Chair)	G Amy	S Murray	S Catlin
T Jones	P Gardiner		
D Neave	V Ient		
J Sheppard (Vice-Chair)			
R Turner			
L Wallraven			

Scrutiny Committee Membership 11 (6-3-1-1)

S Adeniji	P Gardiner (Chair)	J Carter	R O'Keeffe
N Enever	V Ient		
J Harrison-Hicks	S Osborne		
I Linington			
J Peterson			
C Sugarman			

The following Working Party be re-appointed in order to continue the business for which it was originally established:

Housing Working Party Membership 7 (4-2-1-0)

R Maskell (Chair)	M Chartier	T Rowell
S Davy	S Saunders	
B Giles		
R Turner		

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| 7.2 | That the Electoral Review Working Group be re-appointed in order to continue the business for which it was originally established. As an advisory group, it is not subject to the political proportionality rules but it is representative of all political Groups and its membership comprises the Leaders of each political Group; | CMT |
| 7.3 | That the New Homes Project Working Group be re-appointed in order to continue the business for which it was originally established. As an advisory Group, it is not subject to the political proportionality rules but it is representative of all political Groups and its | CMT |

membership comprises Councillors M Chartier, N Enever, P Gardiner, B Giles, R O’Keeffe and T Rowell;

- 7.4** That the nominations of the Majority Group for the appointment of Chairs (and of the largest Opposition Group for the appointment of the Chairs of the Audit and Standards and Scrutiny Committees) be approved as indicated above and that the remaining Chairs be appointed at the first meetings of the bodies concerned;

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- 7.5** That the appointment of representatives to serve on outside and joint bodies be as set out below:

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Outside Body (annual appointment unless otherwise stated)	Representative(s)
3VA Board (Voluntary Action Lewes)	J Peterson
Age UK East Sussex Governing Body	R Turner
Chailey Common Nature Reserve Management Committee	S Davy
Citizens’ Advice Bureaux, Lewes & Seaford	P Gander
Coast to Capital <i>(Rep should be Leader of the Council)</i>	A Smith
Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board <i>(Rep should be Cabinet Member for Planning)</i>	T Jones
Community Safety Partnership <i>(2 reps – 1 should be Cabinet Member whose portfolio includes Communities)</i>	T Nicholson (Chair) E Merry
Court of the University of Sussex <i>(Rep should be Chair of the Council)</i>	N Enever
East Sussex Flood Risk Panel	P Franklin
East Sussex Gypsy and Travellers Forum <i>(2 reps)</i>	J Harrison-Hicks R Turner
East Sussex Health and Well-Being Board	L Wallraven
East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee <i>(Rep cannot be member of Cabinet)</i>	S Adeniji

Outside Body (annual appointment unless otherwise stated)	Representative(s)
Greater Brighton Economic Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board member <i>(Rep should be Leader of the Council)</i> Independent Call-in Panel member <i>(1 rep and 1 appointed sub – rep and sub cannot be on the Board or involved in decision being called-in)</i> 	A Smith Scrutiny Committee member Scrutiny Committee member (sub)
iESE Transformation Ltd <i>(1 rep and 1 appointed sub - rep should be Leader of the Council)</i>	A Smith E Merry (sub)
Impact Seaford	P Franklin
Joint Portfolio Holders Strategic Planning Group <i>(Rep should be Cabinet Member for Planning)</i>	T Jones
Joint Waste Committee <i>(Rep should be Cabinet Member for Waste)</i>	P Franklin
Lewes Joint Parking Board (2 reps)	R Turner L Wallraven
Local Government Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Assembly <i>(Rep should be Leader of the Council)</i> Coastal Issues Special Interest Group District Councils' Network <i>(1 rep and 1 appointed sub)</i> 	A Smith B Giles I Linington N Enever (sub)
Seaford Head Local Nature Reserve Management Committee (2 reps)	B Bovington P Franklin
South Downs National Park Authority <i>(Rep appointed for 4 years, expires 2019)</i>	T Jones
South East England Councils <i>(1 rep and 1 appointed sub – rep and sub should be Cabinet Members)</i>	R Maskell B Giles (sub)
Supporting People Strategic Forum <i>(Rep should be Cabinet Member for Housing)</i>	R Maskell
Sussex County Playing Fields Association	A Loraine
Sussex Downs and Low Weald LEADER Local Action Group	J Sheppard
Sussex Police and Crime Panel <i>(1 rep and 1 appointed sub)</i>	T Nicholson A Smith (sub)
Team East Sussex <i>(Rep should be Leader of the Council)</i>	A Smith
Wave Trust Leisure Board	P Gardiner

Outside Body (annual appointment unless otherwise stated)	Representative(s)
West Sussex Joint Planning Board <i>(Rep should be Cabinet Member for Planning)</i>	T Jones

Joint Body (annual appointment unless otherwise stated)	Proportionality (where appropriate) Con-LibDem-Green-Ind (see Report No 63/16)	Representative(s)
Housing Consultative Panel <i>(4 reps and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing as ex-officio member)</i>	4 (3 - 1 - 0 - 0)	P Gander J Harrison-Hicks A Loraine M Chartier (plus R Maskell, Cabinet Member for Housing, ex officio)
Landport Bottom Management Committee <i>(4 reps)</i>	4 (2 - 1 - 0 - 1)	J Carter (Cons gifted seat) R O'Keeffe (Cons gifted seat) V lent S Catlin
Planning Service User Group <i>(3 reps – 1 should be Cabinet Member for Planning)</i>	3 (2 - 1 - 0 - 0)	T Jones J Harrison-Hicks V lent

8 Substitute Members

The Leader of the Council moved, and Councillor Gander seconded, the motion that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, all members of the Council be appointed to the “approved list” of members appointed to act as substitute members.

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

8.1 Accordingly.

9 Written Questions from Councillors

Councillor lent asked questions of

- (a) The Leader of the Council, Councillor Smith, relating to providing regular reports to the Cabinet and the full Council on

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the programme of projects and proposals by the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership; and

- (b) The Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling, Councillor Franklin, relating to the introduction of the proposed new kerbside collection scheme across the district and its implementation so that there was a smooth changeover from the current to the new scheme with the public being kept fully informed at all times,

copies of which were circulated to Councillors at the meeting and made available to the public attending the meeting (copies of which are contained in the Minute Book).

Oral replies to the questions were given at the meeting by Councillors Smith and Franklin.

10 Questions to the Leader of the Council

<u>Questioner</u>	<u>Question/Response</u>
Councillor Murray	<p><u>Question:</u> Was the Leader of the Council aware that Landport Youth Centre, that was a small charity upon which Councillor Murray served as chair, was recently a recipient of an award at the Unsung Heroes event that had been hosted by the Chair of the Council? Did he recognise that it represented a significant accolade for a group that undertook important work for young people in our community? Did he accept that, although the building was owned by the Council, it had never had to contribute a single penny towards the building or the upkeep of that vital resource? All those being so, could he explain why the Council felt that it needed to extract a commercial rent – or sell the building – when that would clearly endanger the goals of the charity and its ability to provide a space for targeted youth services and other important community activities? Was that really an authority that put money before morality and cash before community and compassion?</p> <p><u>Response (by Councillor Smith, Leader of the Council):</u> One of the first meetings that Councillor Smith had attended as Leader of the Council was with Councillors Murray; Chartier and O’Keeffe as they were all Trustees of that Youth Centre. In 2008 the Cabinet had agreed that, in principle, the property should achieve a commercial rent, a decision which Councillor Smith was not looking to change. However, as the Youth Centre was unable to fund a commercial rent, instead it had the benefit of a Tenancy at Will which, in effect, was a peppercorn rent. Opportunities</p>

<u>Questioner</u>	<u>Question/Response</u>
	that had arisen since that time had meant that consideration could be given to the Council selling the asset but Councillor Smith was keen to see the building continue to provide the existing services and, possibly, additional service provision in the future.
Councillor Osborne	<p><u>Question:</u> Prior to the commencement of this Annual Meeting of the Council, Councillors had received a presentation by a representative of the South East Coast Ambulance Service during which he encouraged Councillors to consider locations at which additional Public Access Defibrillators could be located in the District. Consequently, Councillor Osborne asked the Leader of the Council if he would meet with her in order that they could discuss the matter further.</p> <p><u>Response (by Councillor Smith, Leader of the Council):</u> Councillor Smith indicated that he would be pleased to discuss such matter with Councillor Osborne.</p>

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11 Ward Issues

Ward issues were raised by Councillors on the following subjects:

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>	
Councillor Botting – East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs Ward	<p>There were several potholes in the surface of the Council's car park in Fairlight Avenue, Telscombe Cliffs, some of which were in excess of 40 millimeters deep, which had resulted in several Telscombe residents falling over whilst trying to access the Council's recycling facility which was located in that car park.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council arrange for the pot holes to be repaired so as to maintain its asset.</p>	DSD
Councillor Robertson – Peacehaven West Ward	<p>A film production crew had arrived in the car park in Roderick Avenue, Peacehaven, a matter in respect of which Councillor Robertson had not been informed. He had subsequently been contacted by some local residents about the issue.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Cabinet give consideration to passing the</p>	

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>	
	revenue received from filming rights obtained in any ward in the District to the ward in question.	DBSD

12 Recommendations from Cabinet

Reserved Item

The Leader of the Council moved, and Councillor Gardiner seconded, the motion that the recommendations of Cabinet held on 28 April 2016 in respect of Minute 79 relating to the Adoption of the Lewes District Local Plan Part 1: Joint Core Strategy, be received and adopted.

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

12.1 Accordingly.

(Note: In agreeing the Recommendations as set out in Minute 79, the Councillors who had input into the Joint Core Strategy process and the Officers who had undertaken work in the preparation of the Strategy, were thanked for all that they had done in respect thereof).

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13 Notices of Motion

(a) The Chair reported that a Notice of Motion had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 14 by Councillor Franklin which related to public speaking at meetings of the Planning Applications Committee in respect of tree applications.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Franklin moved, and Councillor Nicholson seconded, the Notice of Motion as follows:

“To Amend Part 10 of the Constitution – Public Speaking at Planning Applications Committee - to include Tree Applications

That the scheme for Public Speaking at Planning Applications Committee be amended to include applications relating to works to Protected Trees to be included within its scope and that the Planning Applications Committee agree amendments to the Public Speaking Scheme to bring this into effect.

The Scheme as set out at Part 10 of the Constitution specifically excludes interested parties in ‘Tree Matters’.

The Introduction to the Public Speaking Scheme at Part 10 states that “the Council considers this adds value to the planning process, offering increased involvement for the public and more informed decision-making by the Committees”

These arguments should apply equally to applications under the planning legislation relating to trees; it is just as important for 'Tree Applications' to be included within the scheme, as Public Speaking helps to ensure the Planning Application Committee is provided with full details of the issues concerned. This will also help avoid real or perceived unfairness in not extending public speaking provisions to members of the public affected by tree applications.

Other local councils including Brighton and Hove, Eastbourne Borough Council, Adur District Council, Worthing Borough Council and the SDNPA – all make provision for public speaking on tree applications that fall to be determined by committee”.

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

13.1 Accordingly.

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(b) The Chair reported that a Notice of Motion had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 14 by Councillor Murray which related to accountability and transparency.

With the consent of the Council and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Murray moved, and Councillor Rowell seconded, a revised version of the Notice of Motion to that which was set out in the Agenda papers as follows, copies of the revised version were circulated to Councillors at the meeting and made available to the public attending the meeting (a copy of which is contained in the Minute Book):

"Accountability and Transparency

The Council notes that:

1. Across the country, many public services have been outsourced to private sector providers. Local government outsourcing doubled under the last parliament. (1)
2. Outsourcing has often failed to deliver the expected savings to the taxpayer, and failed to lead to better service provision. In-house provision can provide better value for money and more flexibility at a time of severe budget cuts. (2)
3. Research by the independent campaign group We Own It shows that the public have very little trust in outsourcing companies. They want to see more transparency and accountability over outsourcing contracts, and they want public ownership to be the default for running services. (3)

The Council believes that:

1. Transparency is needed in the provision of public services. Public service

contracts and performance and financial data of providers should be made available wherever that is lawful and possible. Freedom of Information legislation should apply to private companies running public services.

2. Accountability is needed in the provision of public services. The public must be consulted about what they want from their services, and before any outsourcing or privatisation. They should have a right to call on the council to terminate a contract where a contractor is not complying with the contract or the service standards set out in it.
3. People, not profit, need to be the priority in public service delivery. Public ownership should be the default, so a public interest case must be made for any outsourcing or privatisation. Where the outsourcing of service provision is a possibility, then so far as is feasible an in-house comparator should be used to assess best value and an explanation given where this is not done. Social value requirements must be a priority whenever contracts are awarded, providing those requirements do not infringe EU procurement law.

The Council resolves to:

1. Support the We Own It campaign 'Our Services Our Say'. (4)
2. Provide a brief statement explaining what the council is doing in practice to work towards the principles of transparency, accountability and people before profit. This information will be made available through the We Own It website. (See the local authority guidance for suggestions on how the principles above could be translated into public service provision and procurement policy).

Notes

1) Financial Times www.ft.com/content/244f0bd8-eccb-11e4-a81a-00144feab7de

2) Association for Public Service Excellence www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2013/06/On-line-Catalogue201223.pdf

3) Public opinion about outsourcing <http://weownit.org.uk/privatisation/outsourcing>

4) Our Services Our Say campaign <http://weownit.org.uk/public-solutions/our-services-our-say> "

Councillor Osborne moved, and Councillor Gardiner seconded, an amendment that the aims of the Notice of Motion be referred to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration in order that it could explore whether or not there was any more that the Council could do to enhance accountability and scrutiny.

The amendment was put to the meeting, Declared not Carried, and the vote thereon was recorded in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.6 as follows:

For the Amendment:

Councillors G Amy; J Carter; S Catlin; M Chartier; P Gardiner; S Gauntlett; O Honeyman; V Ient; A Lambert; S Murray; R O'Keeffe; S Osborne; and T Rowell (13).

Against the Amendment:

Councillors W Botting; S Davy; N Enever; P Franklin; P Gander; B Giles; J Harrison-Hicks; T Jones; I Linington; R Maskell; E Merry; D Neave; T Nicholson; J Peterson; R Robertson; J Sheppard; A Smith; C Sugarman; and R Turner (19).

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared not Carried, and it was

Resolved:

13.2 Accordingly.

(c) The Chair reported that a Notice of Motion had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 14 by Councillor Murray which related to the welcoming and housing of some Syrian refugees in the District.

With the consent of the Council and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Murray moved, and Councillor Carter seconded, a slightly revised version of the Notice of Motion to that which was set out in the Agenda papers as follows:

"Refugee motion

LDC notes:-

1. That a petition entitled REFUGEES WELCOME IN LEWES addressed to Lewes District Council and asking it to offer to home 10 refugee families in our town has now been signed by 1501 people (as of 11 May).
2. That there is already a strong group of at least 70 people from Lewes and the district who are actively involved in discussions about how to welcome refugees to the district and who are very much ready and willing to work with and assist the Council in making its preparations.
3. That Syrians arriving under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme enter the country already recognised as in need of humanitarian protection. On arrival they are entitled to housing, to benefits, and can work if they are able to. The government is giving grants to LAs for the five years on a sliding scale to meet the expense - <http://www.local.gov.uk/refugees>
4. That the experience across the country has been that joint working between the relevant statutory bodies, the voluntary sector, charities and faith groups etc. has proved the most effective way to provide valuable support and to

facilitate integration. The link above recommends councils to work in conjunction with both the voluntary sector and the local Regional Strategic Partnership on Migration (RSPM).

5. That LDC will be required to house 8 refugees from Syria as part of the government' official relocation policy

LDC therefore resolves to:

1. require the Director of Service Delivery to report on the Council's progress in preparing to receive refugees from the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, particularly in identifying suitable accommodation, including but not limited to the feasibility of using Saxonbury to provide initial accommodation. The report to be tabled at the next Housing Working Party meeting and to the Cabinet.

2. to ask the relevant officers to meet with local refugee support groups, such as Lewes Group in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers, to establish a multi-disciplinary approach to welcoming and settling refugees into the district."

(Note: The revisions to the text of the Notice of Motion as set out in the Agenda papers related to the number of signatures (and date) to the petition which previously read ".....signed by 1451 people (as of 25th April).", and to reference to the Housing Working Party which previously read "Housing Committee").

With the consent of the Council and of her seconder, Councillor Murray agreed to the amendment of her Notice of Motion as follows:

".....LDC therefore resolves to:

- 1.note the Director of Service Delivery's work in preparing to receive refugees from the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement and that such details be reported to the Housing Working Party; and

2. ask the relevant officers to meet with local refugee support groups across the District at an appropriate point in the process to assist in welcoming and settling refugees into the District where such help is supportive, and that Councillors be fully briefed in respect of the Council's current work with refugees."

The amended Motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

13.3 Accordingly.

(Note: Councillor Honeyman declared her personal, non-prejudicial interest in 13(c) above as she served on the committee of the Lewes Group in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers and, therefore, took part in the consideration, discussion and voting thereon).

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14 Electoral Review: Consultation Response to Local Government Boundary Commission for England on new Electoral Arrangements

Councillor Smith moved, and Councillor Gardiner seconded, the motion that the recommendations set out in Report No 65/16 relating to Electoral Review: Consultation Response to Local Government Boundary Commission for England on new Electoral Arrangements, be received and adopted.

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

14.1 Accordingly.

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15 Pay Policy Statement

Councillor Smith moved, and Councillor Giles seconded, the motion that the recommendation set out in Report No 66/16 relating to the Pay Policy Statement, be received and adopted.

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

15.1 Accordingly.

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16 Reporting Back on Meetings of Outside Bodies

Councillor Jones reported that the Council undertook the majority of its cross-boundary planning functions, as required by the Duty to Co-operate, through the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board to which he had been appointed by the Council to be its representative.

All member authorities of that Board were currently unable to meet their objectively assessed housing needs except for Mid-Sussex and Horsham District Councils. One of the purposes of the Board was for its member authorities to work together in an effort to meet the shortfall in such target.

All member authorities were currently considering the production of a joint, long-term development plan that would consider options for whether the shortfall in housing could be sustainably met in any location(s) within the authority areas.

Resolved:

16.1 That the oral report by Councillor Jones relating to a meeting of the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board

to which he had been appointed by the Council to be its representative, be received and noted.

The meeting ended at 4.45pm.

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