

Agenda Item No: 13



**Notices of Motion for consideration by Council at the Meeting of the Council
on Monday, 19 February 2018**

(a) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Rowell has submitted the following Notice of Motion for consideration of the Council:

“It is proposed that:

1. Lewes District Council will become a ‘single-use plastic free’ council by phasing out the use of ‘single use plastic’ (SUP) products such as bottles, cups, cutlery, food containers and drinking straws in all council activities, where it is reasonable to do so, by 1 April 2018 and will encourage our facility users and other organizations to do the same, by championing alternatives such as reusable water bottles.
2. The Council will support in principle (and in practice where possible) district wide initiatives to reduce the use of SUP products including but not exclusively the group Plastic-Free Lewes.
3. The Cabinet member for the environment will consider how best the Council might engage with emerging initiatives to make Lewes a ‘SUP-free’ district.”

(b) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Rowell has submitted the following Notice of Motion for consideration of the Council:

“That officers bring a report to Council no later than July 2018 outlining the implications of introducing a Council tax reduction scheme with a maximum relief of 100%, so that Council, taking into consideration any recommendation which may be made by Cabinet, may determine whether to publish and consult on a draft scheme to implement the same commencing from April 2019.”

(c) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Rowell has submitted the following Notice of Motion for consideration of the Council:

“Lewes District Council currently operates a system of cabinet government. The current Conservative administration despite only having 48.8% of the 41 seats in Lewes holds 100% of the cabinet seats.

It is possible to change the way the council is governed and move to a committee structure with membership that is proportional to the political groups represented on the council which would provide a better measure of transparency, openness and democracy.

In order to explore this a working party made up of representatives from all political groups on Lewes District Council will be established to review the current arrangements and to propose a new structure which provides for better transparency, openness and democracy. The working party will research any councils that have already moved from the cabinet to the committee model and will attempt to evaluate the costs and benefits of doing so and report back by the end of 2018.”

(d) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Rowell has submitted the following Notice of Motion for consideration of the Council:

“That officers review the Council’s stance regarding special expenses for maintenance of open spaces and consult with town and parish councils and residents generally with a view to removing the practice of “special expensing” the collection of money for such maintenance with effect from 2019 if that is the preferred outcome evidenced by the public consultation exercise.”