

Full Council

15 July 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 15 July 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 20 May 2019 (Pages 5 - 18)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council dated 20 May 2019.

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 19 - 20)

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 Notice Received for Removing the Leader of the Council (Pages 21 - 22)

Attached is a notice received from Councillor MacCleary and Councillor Collier on 19 June 2019 in accordance with paragraph 5.3 of the procedure for appointments set out in the Council's Constitution.

Any alternative nominations must be received by midnight on 7th July 2019 and will be circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting.

The Council is asked to vote first on the proposed resolution to remove the Leader. If this is carried, then a second vote will be held on the appointment of a new Leader of the Council, in accordance with procedure 5.4 of the Council procedure rules.

7 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, which have been received no later than noon three working days before the day of the meeting (if any).

8 Petitions

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

9 Standards - Appointment of Independent Persons (Pages 23 - 24)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services).

10 Recommendation from Audit and Standards Committee (Pages 25 - 26)

To consider the recommendation from the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 18 March 2019.

11 Notices of motion.

In accordance with council procedure rule 14, the following notice of the motions have been received for the consideration of the Council.

- (a) Motion 1 - To Declare a Climate Emergency (Pages 27 - 28)

Motion proposed by Councillor Bird.

12 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.

13 Written questions from Councillors

To deal with written questions which councillors may wish to put to the Chair of the Council, a Cabinet Member or Chair of any committee or sub-committee in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 which have been received no later than the close of business on the fourth working day before the meeting (if any).

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.



Robert Cottrill
Chief Executive

Information for the public

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Information for councillors

Disclosure of interests: Members should declare their interest in a matter at the beginning of the meeting.

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).

Councillor right of address: A member of the Council may ask the Chair, the Leader, a Cabinet member, the Chair of any committee or sub-committee, or a member of the Council to any external body or joint authority a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers of duties of which affects the district.

A member must give notice of the written question to Democratic Services in writing or by electronic mail no later than close of business on the fourth working day before the meeting at which the question is to be asked.

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Full Council

Minutes of meeting held in Council Chamber at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes on 20 May 2019 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Stephen Gauntlett (Chair)

Councillors Johnny Denis (Vice-Chair), Sam Adeniji, Robert Banks, Nancy Bikson, Matthew Bird, Liz Boorman, Phil Boorman, Christine Brett, Roy Burman, Julie Carr, Roy Clay, Chris Collier, Phil Davis, Sharon Davy, Lynda Duhigg, Tom Jones, Isabelle Linington, Jim Lord, Sylvia Lord, Ron Maskell, James MacCleary, Sean MacLeod, Imogen Makepeace, Milly Manley, William Meyer, Joe Miller, Zoe Nicholson, Emily O'Brien, Laurence O'Connor, Ruth O'Keeffe, Nicola Papanicolaou, Julian Peterson, Keira Rigden, Christine Robinson, Adrian Ross, Steve Saunders, Christoph von Kurthy and Ian White

Officers in attendance:

Robert Cottrill (Chief Executive), Catherine Knight (Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services) and Sarah Lawrence (Senior Committee Officer)

1 Election of the Chair of the Council

Councillor Denis (Vice-Chair) opened the meeting and advised that he had been asked to preside for this item as the current Chair of the Council, Councillor Gauntlett, was a nominee. Councillor Denis then invited Councillors to formally move the nominations received in advance of the meeting for Councillor Gauntlett and Councillor White.

Councillor MacCleary proposed and Councillor Banks seconded the nomination of Councillor Gauntlett to be elected as the Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

Councillor P Boorman proposed and Councillor Burman seconded the nomination of Councillor White to be elected as the Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

The two nominations were put to the vote and by 19 votes to 18 it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Gauntlett be elected as the Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

Councillor Gauntlett then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office as Chair of the Council and took the chair.

In his speech of acceptance of his re-election, Councillor Gauntlett thanked the outgoing Vice-Chair Councillor Denis for his work over the last year. He also thanked Caroline Hanlon (Civic and Member Services Officer) and Catherine Knight (Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services), in particular for their support and guidance, during the last year enabling him to fulfil his role as Chair of the Council.

(Note: Councillor Carr arrived to the meeting at the end of the voting on this item)

2 Appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Council

The Chair invited members to formally propose the nominations for Vice-Chair of the Council received in advance of the meeting for Councillor Adeniji and Councillor Ross.

Councillor Linington proposed and Councillor L Boorman seconded the nomination of Councillor Adeniji to be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

Councillor Nicholson proposed and Councillor Denis seconded the nomination of Councillor Ross to be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

The two nominations were put to the vote and by 21 votes to 18 it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Ross be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

Councillor Ross then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office as Vice-Chair.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Amy and Rutland.

5 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

6 Announcements

The Council received a list of the Chair of the Council's engagements carried out between 25 February 2019 and 20 May 2019.

7 Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

8 Returning Officer's Report

The Chair of the Council drew the Council's attention to the report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer informing the Council of the result of the elections held on 2 May 2019 and congratulated the returning and newly elected Councillors who would hold office until May 2023 as follows:

WARD	COUNCILLORS (*newly elected)
Chailey Barcombe and Hamsey	Sharon DAVY Isabelle LINNINGTON
Ditchling and Westmeston	Tom JONES
East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs	Ron MASKELL Laurence O'CONNOR* Christine ROBINSON*
Kingston	William MEYER*
Lewes Bridge	Zoe NICHOLSON* Adrian ROSS*
Lewes Castle	Roy CLAY * Milly MANLEY*
Lewes Priory	Mathew BIRD* Imogen MAKEPEACE* Ruth O'KEEFFE
Newhaven North	Julie CARR Steve SAUNDERS
Newhaven South	Graham AMY Christoph von KURTHY* James MACCLEARY*
Newick	Roy BURMAN*
Ouse Valley and Ringmer	Johnny DENIS Sean MACLEOD* Emily O'BRIEN*
Peacehaven East	Chris COLLIER* Lynda DUHIGG*
Peacehaven North	Phil DAVIS* Keira RIGDEN*
Peacehaven West	Joe MILLER* Nicola PAPANICOLAOU*
Plumpton Streat East Chiltington and St John Without	Robert BANKS*

Seaford Central	Stephen GAUNTLETT Geoff RUTLAND*
Seaford East	Phil BOORMAN* Julian PETERSON
Seaford North	Jim LORD* Sylvia LORD*
Seaford South	Sam ADENIJI Christine BRETT*
Seaford West	Liz BOORMAN Ian WHITE*
Wivelsfield	Nancy BIKSON

Councillor Saunders moved and Councillor Denis seconded the recommendation to accept the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

9 Election of the Leader of Council, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules

The Chair invited nominations for the position of Leader of the Council.

Councillor O'Keefe proposed and spoke to her nomination, and Councillor Ross seconded that Councillor Nicholson be elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor L Boorman proposed and spoke to her nomination, and Councillor Miller seconded that Councillor Linington be elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Carr proposed and spoke to her nomination, and Councillor Banks seconded that Councillor MacCleary be elected as Leader of the Council.

The Council voted on the nominations in accordance with the Constitution Part 4, Procedure for Appointments paragraph 5.4. All three nominations were put to the vote, and Councillor Linington received 18 votes, Councillor Nicholson 14 votes and Councillor MacCleary 7 votes. As no candidate had received more than 50% of the total number of votes, Councillor MacCleary was eliminated from the contest as having received the lowest number of votes.

The nominations for the remaining two candidates were put to the vote. Councillor Nicholson received 14 votes, Councillor Linington received 18 votes and there were 7 abstentions.

RESOLVED that Councillor Linington be elected to be Leader of the Council.

10 Appointments

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Linington, thanked members for electing her as Leader of the Council and advised that she would continue to hold the

'Environment Portfolio' and that the following Councillors would be appointed as Cabinet Members:

Cabinet Member	Portfolio
Councillor J Miller	Deputy Leader Regeneration and Growth
Councillor J Lord	Strategic Development
Councillor P Davis	Finance and Corporate
Councillor L Boorman	Communities and Partners
Councillor R Maskell	Housing
Councillor T Jones	Planning

The Chair of the Council drew the Councillors' attention to the list of nominations tabled at the meeting for members and chairs of committees and other council bodies (Appendix 1) and outside bodies (Appendix 2) in accordance with proportionality of the Council. Where there was more than one valid nomination for a position, the Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services read out the nominations in turn to be voted upon.

It was confirmed that in the event of no valid nomination for chair or deputy chair of a Committee being received this position would fall to be appointed at the first meeting. In addition, where any vacancies on any bodies after the meeting, the Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services would seek nominations from the Group Leaders under political balance rules.

As the nomination for Councillor Ross to be the chair of the Audit and Standards Committee was withdrawn there were no disputed places in relation to Appendix 1 (Committees and Other Bodies).

In respect of Appendix 2 (Nominations for Outside Bodies and Joint Bodies) the following position where there was competing nominations was put to a vote:

Outside Body	Proposed Representative	Appointed.
3VA (1 rep)	Councillor Bird Councillor Papanicolaou Councillor Gauntlett	Councillor Papanicolaou

Councillor Nicholson moved and Councillor Meyer seconded that the meeting be adjourned for 20 minutes until 7 pm to enable Councillors to have more time to consider Appendix 2, which had been tabled at the meeting. This was put to the vote and declared carried.

Following resumption of the meeting the following positions where there were competing nominations were put to a vote:

Outside Body	Proposed Representative	Appointed
East Sussex	Councillor S Lord	Councillor Macleod

Health and Wellbeing Board (1 rep)	Councillor Macleod (the nomination for Councillor Brett was withdrawn)	
East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1 rep)	Councillor S Lord Councillor Denis	Councillor Denis
Impact Seaford (1 rep)	Councillor J Lord Councillor Brett	Councillor Brett
Lewes District Citizens Advice (1 rep)	Councillor L Boorman Councillor Makepeace	Councillor Makepeace
Lewes Joint Parking Board (2 reps)	Councillor Makepeace Councillor Clay (the nomination for Councillor Banks was withdrawn)	Councillor Makepeace Councillor Clay (uncontested)
Seaford Head Local Nature Reserve Management Committee (1 rep)	Councillor J Lord Councillor Brett	Councillor Brett
Seaford to Brighton Line Stakeholders Group (1 rep)	Councillor Adeniji Councillor O'Brien (the nomination for Councillor Brett was withdrawn)	Councillor O'Brien
South Downs National Park Authority (1 rep)	Councillor Jones Councillor Meyer (the nomination for Councillor O'Brien was withdrawn)	Councillor Meyer
Sussex Police and Crime Panel (1 rep and 1 substitute)	<i>Representative:</i> Councillor L Boorman Councillor Denis (the nomination for Councillor Banks was withdrawn) <i>Substitute:</i> Councillor Macleod Councillor White	<i>Representative:</i> Councillor Denis <i>Substitute:</i> Councillor Macleod

Upper Ouse Flood Protection and Water Retention Works Working Group (2 reps incl. 1 Cabinet Member)	Councillor Linington Councillor Bird (the nomination for Councillor Banks was withdrawn)	Councillor Linington (Cabinet Member) Councillor Bird <i>(uncontested)</i>
Wave Leisure Trust Board (1 rep)	Councillor Boorman Councillor Saunders (the nomination for Councillor von Kurthy was withdrawn)	Councillor Saunders

Subject to all the matters voted upon, Councillor Burman moved and Councillor Saunders seconded that the appointments be approved.

RESOLVED:

- a) To note the Leader of the Council's appointments to Cabinet, the individual areas of responsibility allocated to the Cabinet and the allocation of those areas of responsibility to the members of the Cabinet as advised at the meeting;
- b) To approve the appointments of members to Committees and Other Bodies and as Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and as set out in Minute Appendix 1; and
- c) To approve the appointment of members to serve on outside and joint bodies as amended and as set out at Minute Appendix 1.

11 Substitute Members

Councillor Gauntlett moved and Councillor Denis seconded, and it was put to the vote and approved that:

RESOLVED – That all members of the Council be appointed to the “approved list” of members appointed as substitute members in accordance with Council procedure rules.

12 Annual Pay Policy Statement

Councillor L Boorman moved and Councillor Maskell seconded and it was:

RESOLVED – That the Council notes and approves the updated Pay Policy Statement as set out in the report of the Assistant Director of Human Resources and Transformation.

13 Recommendation from Licensing Committee - Approval of licensing fees 2019/20

Councillor Adeniji moved and Councillor J Lord seconded and it was:

RESOLVED – To approve the scale of licensing fees set out in Appendix 1 to the recommendation from the Licensing Committee on 14 February 2019.

14 Calendar of meetings

The Chairman drew members to the Calendar of Meetings tabled.

RESOLVED – To approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2019/20, subject to the inclusion of a fifth Council meeting per year to be held on 25th September 2019.

15 Urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet Members, if any.

There was no urgent decisions by Cabinet or Cabinet Members to report.

The meeting ended at 7.11 pm

Councillor Stephen Gauntlett (Chair)

Minutes Appendix 1 - Appointments for Committees, Other Bodies and Outside Bodies- May 2019

Audit and Standards Committee (7 Members)

(cannot contain Cabinet members; chaired by a member of the Opposition Group)

Chair: S Gauntlett

Vice-Chair: J Peterson

Conservative*(3)	Green (2)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (0)	Independent (0)
J Peterson	R Clay	S Gauntlett		
R Burman	A Ross	C Brett		
I White				

(The Standards Panel, usually comprising 3 members, will be convened as and when required from the members of the Audit and Standards Committee)

Scrutiny Committee (11 Members)

(cannot contain Cabinet members; chaired by a member of the Opposition Group)

Chair: J Denis

Vice-Chair: M Bird

Conservative (5)	Green (2)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
N Bikson	J Denis	R Banks	C Robinson	R O'Keeffe
S Adeniji	M Bird	J MacCleary		
J Peterson				
R Burman				
S Lord				

Planning Applications Committee (11 Members)

Chair: S Davy

Vice-Chair: **Appointed at first meeting**

Conservative (5)	Green (2)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
S Davy	S MacLeod	J Carr	L O'Connor	S Saunders
T Jones	I Makepeace	G Amy		
L Duhigg				
N Papanicolaou				
S Lord				

Licensing Committee (10 Members)

Chair: S Adeniji

Vice-Chair: N Papanicolaou

Conservative (5)	Green (2)	Lib Dem (2)	Labour (1)	Independent (0)
I Linington	S MacLeod	C Brett	C Collier	
S Adeniji	M Manley	S Gauntlett		
N Papanicolaou				
G Rutland				
P Boorman				

(The Licensing Sub-Committee, usually comprising 3 members, will be convened as and when required from the members of the Licensing Committee)

Devolution Committee (7 Members)

Chair: R Clay

Vice-Chair: No nomination – to be appointed at the first meeting of this Committee

Conservative*(3)	Green (2)	Lib Dem (1)	Labour (1)	Independent (0)
N Bikson	R Clay	J Carr	C Robertson	
P Boorman	I Makepeace			
R Burman				

Employment Committee (5 Members)

Chair: **Appointed at first meeting**

Vice-Chair: R Burman

Conservative (3)	Green (1)	Lib Dem (1)	Lab (0)	Ind (0)
J Peterson	Z Nicholson	W Meyer		
N Bikson				
R Burman				

Advisory Bodies:

Housing Working Party (7)

Chair: R Maskell (Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing)

Vice-Chair: S Davy

Conservative (3)	Green (2)	Lib Dem (1)	Labour (1)	Independent (0)
R Maskell	A Ross	C Brett	L O'Connor	
S Davy	R Clay			
G Rutland				

Outside Body (Annual appointment unless otherwise stated)	Proposed Representative.
3VA Board (1 rep)	N Papanicolaou
Armed Forces Champion (1 rep)	S Davy
Aspiration Homes Ltd (3 Cabinet Members – Previously Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader and Cabinet for Housing)	Leader – I Linington Deputy Leader - J Miller Cabinet Housing Member – R Maskell.
Coast to Capital (Rep should be Leader of the Council)	1 rep - Leader of the Council – I Linington (if still required)
Community Safety Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Action Group (2 reps – 1 should be Cabinet Member whose portfolio includes Community Safety) Strategy Group Meeting (Rep should be Cabinet Member whose portfolio includes Community Safety) 	2 reps – 1 Cabinet Member for community safety – Cllr L Boorman (tbc) + Cllr Zoe Nicholson 1 Cabinet member – Cllr L Boorman (tbc)
East Sussex Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (1 Rep appointed for 2 years – next due Sept 2020)	J Peterson (Term of Office expires Sept 2020)
East Sussex Health and Well-Being Board (1 rep)	S MacLeod
East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1 Rep - must be a member of Scrutiny Committee)	J Denis
East Sussex Strategic Partnership Board (Leader of the Council + Chief Executive) (Substitute – Deputy Leader)	Leader of the Council – I Linington (Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council – J Miller) (+ Chief Executive)
East Sussex Strategic Planning Members Group (Rep should be Cabinet Member for Planning Policy)	Cabinet Member for Planning Policy – T Jones
Greater Brighton Economic Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member (Rep should be Leader of the Council) Independent Call-in Panel Member (1 rep and 1 appointed sub – rep and sub cannot be on the Board or involved in decision being called-in) Must be Scrutiny Member 	Leader of the Council – I Linington 1 rep - J Denis 1 sub - M Bird
iESE Transformation Ltd (1 rep and 1 appointed sub – rep should be Leader of the Council)	Leader of the Council – I Linington (1 substitute – member of Cabinet – need to ask Leader)
Impact Seaford (1 rep - Cabinet Member /Seaford Ward member if possible)	C Brett

Outside Body (Annual appointment unless otherwise stated)	Proposed Representative.
Joint Waste Committee	Relevant Cabinet Member + 1 Cabinet Member substitute
LEADER Central Sussex Local Action Group (1 rep) <i>(Will cease after 6 months– 2 meetings remaining)</i>	R Burman
Lewes District Citizens Advice (1 rep) <i>(previously known as Citizens' Advice Bureaux, Lewes & Seaford)</i>	I Makepeace
Lewes Housing Investment Company - 3 reps <i>(Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing) (+ Relevant Council Directors)</i>	Leader – I Linington Deputy Leader – J Miller Cabinet Member for Housing – R Maskell
Lewes Joint Parking Board (2 reps)	I Makepeace R Clay
Local Government Association – Coastal Issues Special Interest Group	Cabinet Member- Environment – I Linington
Local Government Association – District Councils Network (1 rep) <i>(Rep should be the Leader of the Council) (appointed substitute no longer a requirement)</i>	Leader of the Council – I Linington
Local Government Association – General Assembly <i>(Rep should be Leader of the Council)</i>	Leader of the Council – I Linington
Seaford Head Local Nature Reserve Management Committee (1 rep)	C Brett
Seaford to Brighton Line Stakeholders Group (1 rep) <i>(Sussex Community Rail Partnership)</i>	E O'Brien
South Downs National Park Authority (1 rep) <i>(Rep will be appointed for 4 year term)</i>	W Meyer
South East Coastal Group (ad hoc) (1 rep – Cabinet Member)	1 Rep – Cabinet Member for Environment
South East England Councils <i>(1 rep and 1 appointed sub – rep and sub should both be Cabinet Members)</i>	1 Cabinet Member (+ 1 Cabinet Member as substitute)
South East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Leader of the Council
Sussex Annual Forum – the University of Sussex <i>(Rep should be Chair of the Council)</i>	Chair of the Council
Sussex Police and Crime Panel	<i>Representative – J Denis</i>

Outside Body (Annual appointment unless otherwise stated)	Proposed Representative.
<i>(1 rep and 1 appointed sub)</i>	<i>Substitute – S MacLeod</i>
Sussex Rural Community Council – 1 rep (Action in Rural Sussex)	N Bikson
Team East Sussex <i>(Rep should be Leader of the Council)</i>	Leader of the Council
Transport for the South East	1 Rep (Relevant Cabinet Member) -
Upper Ouse Flood Protection and Water Retention Works Working Group (Cabinet Member + 1 rep) (Also include officers from Council and from Sussex Wildlife Trust and Ouse and Adur River Trust)	2 Representatives - Cabinet Member for Environment - I Linington + 1 other representative – M Bird
Wave Leisure Trust Board (1 rep)	S Saunders
West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board <i>(previously known as Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board)</i> <i>(Rep should be Cabinet Member for Planning)</i>	1 rep - Cabinet Member – Planning Policy – T Jones

Joint Bodies

Planning Service User Group <i>(Rep should be Cabinet Member for Planning)</i>	Cabinet Member for Planning Policy – T Jones
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CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS 20 May 2019 – 15 July 2019

Saturday 8 June	7pm	Chair and Consort: To attend the Royal Society of St George (Seahaven Branch) formal dinner to commemorate the official birthday of HM The Queen at the Best Western Lansdowne Hotel, Eastbourne.
Monday 10 June	2.30pm	Chair: To attend a meeting for newly elected Chairs and Mayors with the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex at Brighton Town Hall.
Monday 10 June	7pm	Chair and Consort: To attend AGM of Egrets Way at St. John sub Castro, Lewes.
Tuesday 11 June	7pm	Chair: To attend and speak at the Seaford Community Partnership AGM at St Leonard's Church Hall, Seaford.
Monday 17 June	2pm	Chair: To meet with Tor Lawrence, Chief Executive of Sussex Wildlife Trust regarding the Chair's theme of office and the Greenhavens Network in Henfield.
Tuesday 18 June	4pm	Chair and Consort: To attend the High Sheriff of East Sussex's Summer Reception at Charleston Manor.
Thursday 20 June	6.30pm	Chair: To attend the Sussex Armed Forces Briefing at Crawley Army Reserve Centre.
Friday 28 June	10.50am	Chair: To attend a ceremony at the Lewes War Memorial to commemorate the 100 th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, organised by Lewes Old Grammar School.
Saturday 29 June	11am	Chair: To attend the Seahaven Veterans and Armed Forces Day at the Martello Fields, Seaford.
Friday 5 July	10am	Chair and Consort: To explore Castle Hill Local Nature Reserve with Council officers Thyone Outram and Kim Dawson for 'Bees' Needs Week', with a focus on pollinating insects.
Sunday 7 July	5.30pm	Chair and Consort: To attend the Lord Lieutenant's Champagne Reception followed by Open Air Concert and Beating Retreat, at Herstmonceux Castle.

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Notice Received for Removing the Leader of the Council

-----Original Message-----

From: Cllr James MacCleary <James.MacCleary@lewes.gov.uk>

Sent: 19 June 2019 12:24

To: Cottrill, Robert <Robert.Cottrill@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Zoe Nicholson <Zoe.Nicholson@lewes.gov.uk>; Knight, Catherine <Catherine.Knight@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk>; Cllr Chris Collier <Chris.Collier@lewes.gov.uk>; Cllr Ruth O'Keeffe <roklewes@lewes.gov.uk>; Cllr Steve Saunders <Steve.Saunders@lewes.gov.uk>

Subject: Notice and Special Procedure for Removing Leader

Dear Rob

Notice and Special Procedure for Removing Leader

In accordance with paragraph 5.3 of the Procedure for Appointments as set out in the Council's Procedure Rules, we give notice of our intention to propose a resolution that the Leader, Councillor Isabelle Linington, be removed.

We propose to pass such a resolution at the Council meeting which is to be held on Monday 15 July 2019.

We propose that Councillor Zoe Nicholson should replace Councillor Linington as Leader.

Signed Councillor James MacCleary (Proposer). Date 19/06/2019

Signed Councillor Chris Collier (Seconder). Date 19/06/2019

All the best

James

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Report to:	Full Council
Date:	15 July 2019
Title:	Standards – Appointment of Independent Persons
Report of:	Monitoring Officer
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of report:	To seek Council's approval for the appointment of two Independent Persons.
Officer recommendations:	<p>(1) That Council approve the appointment of Neal Robinson and Graham Branton as Independent Persons for Lewes District Council and Eastbourne Borough Council for a term of four years, commencing on 1 August 2019, subject to re-confirmation at Annual Council in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and</p> <p>(2) That Council record its thanks to Vic Kempner for his service as outgoing Independent Person.</p>
Reasons for recommendations:	To meet the Council's statutory duty to appoint at least one Independent Person to advise on councillor code of conduct matters.
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires district and borough councils to appoint at least one Independent Person to advise on the determination of allegations that a member has failed to comply with their code of conduct.
- 1.2 Independent Persons play an important role in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by elected members of the Council and of the town and parish councils in the Lewes district.
- 1.3 On 26 November 2018, full Council resolved that the Independent Persons then in post should serve both Lewes District and Eastbourne Borough Councils ('the Councils') until July 2019. Full Council also approved a recruitment exercise to appoint two Independent Persons covering both council areas from 1 August 2019 for a four year term.

2 Appointment Process

- 2.1 The Councils advertised the posts in June 2019 and received over 30

expressions of interest and 23 applications. Following a shortlisting exercise, a selection panel consisting of the Deputy Chair of Audit and Governance Committee (EBC), the Chair of Audit & Standards Committee (LDC), the Monitoring Officer of EBC and the Deputy Monitoring Officer conducted interviews.

- 2.2 The Councils may not appoint any person who has been a member or co-opted member or officer of the Councils or a town or parish in the Lewes district within the last five years; nor a relative or close friend of any such member or officer.

3 Proposal

- 3.1 Following assessment, the selection panel recommends that Neal Robinson and Graham Branton be appointed as Independent Persons for both council areas for a four term commencing on 1 August 2019.
- 3.2 As a check on the continuing suitability of the Independent Persons, it is recommended that their appointment is subject to re-confirmation at Annual Council in years two, three and four of their term of office.
- 3.3 In accordance with full Council's resolution of 26 November 2018, the Independent Persons will be appointed on aligned job descriptions and remuneration packages.

4 Outgoing Independent Persons

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Council places on record its thanks to the outgoing Independent Person, Vic Kempner, for the valuable advice he has provided to the Monitoring Officer and to the Councils' Standards Panels. His term of office end on 31 July 2019.

5 Financial appraisal

- 5.1 Once appointed, each Independent Person receives an annual allowance of £1,000, plus £25 per hour for duties performed. In addition, the Councils will fund relevant external training to help ensure the post holders perform their role as effectively as possible.

6 Legal implications

- 6.1 The Independent Person appointment process detailed in this report meets the relevant statutory requirements (section 28 of the Localism Act 2011).
- 6.2 Appointments must be approved by a majority of the members of the local authority concerned.

Lawyer consulted 04.07.2019

Legal ref: 007708-JOINT-OD

7 Appendices/ Background Papers

- 7.1 None



Lewes District Council

Meeting: Full Council

Date: 15 July 2019

Subject: Response to Motion on Investment and Climate Change

Report of: On behalf of the Audit and Standards Committee

The Council is asked to note the minute and resolution of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 18 March 2019 in response to the Council motion on Investment and Climate Change as set out below.

The Council is recommended to:-

To note the consideration and resolutions of the Audit and Standards Committee on the Council's motion related to investment and climate change.

Minute extract

Audit and Standards Committee – 18 March 2019.

The Interim Deputy Chief Finance Officer presented a report setting out a response to the motion on Climate Change and Investment. This was referred to the Committee by Full Council in November 2018, so that the Committee could study the detail and implications of the recommendations in the motion and consider any further action the Council might reasonably take, and submit its findings back to Full Council.

The Interim Deputy Chief Finance Officer advised that the report was structured in three sections to respond to the different paragraphs of the motion.

Firstly, in relation to the Council's own investments, it was confirmed that at the Council did not invest directly in equities or certificates of deposits that were not issued by banks or building societies, and did not have any investments in fossil fuel companies. The only area where there was a potential for this type of investment was in the two money market funds used by the Council to diversify risks as an alternative to cash. The Committee was satisfied that this was a very small investment percentage at present, and at the time of writing none of the investments were in fossil fuels, although the funds did not preclude this type of investment.

Secondly, the Committee was advised that in relation to the Council's projects that all projects delivered through Clear Sustainable were subject to achieving sustainable targets, in accordance with a strategy agreed by Cabinet. In addition, capital development schemes had a focus on creating spaces that were sustainable for

communities and not reliant on carbon fuel.

Finally, in relation to the investments of the East Sussex Pensions Fund Committee, a full response had been received from East Sussex County Council confirming that the primary duty of the fund was to secure the best realistic return over the long-term, whilst at the same time keeping employer contributions as low as possible. In addition, it considered that restricting the fund to specific investment types would deny the opportunity for the Fund to influence companies' environmental, human rights and other policies by positive use of shareholder power. However, the Pensions Committee had reserved the right to apply ethical or environmental criteria to investments where relevant and appropriate on a case by case basis. In addition, in relation to impact of climate change, the Committee had commissioned a measurement service to provide data on the levels of carbon emissions and exposure to fossil fuel assets across the Fund's range of equity investments, to inform its future decisions.

Councillors noted that the response received from the Pensions Committee was as comprehensive might have been received if writing as a result of the motion, and that the implications of climate change were being considered in its investment strategy.

Members were satisfied with the information provided in relation to the report on the steps that the Council was itself taking at this time. However, it was requested that this Committee receive regular updates on these considerations as part of its treasury management oversight. The Committee would then be able to make recommendations to Cabinet, as and when required, on any changes which might be required to take account of ethical and climate change implications of investment decisions.

Resolved –

- 1) To report to the next Full Council on the outcome of the Committee's consideration of the motion on Climate Change and Investment.
- 2) That as part of its treasury management monitoring, the Audit and Standards Committee receive a regular update on the implications of the Council's investments on climate change, and make recommendations to Cabinet on these matters as and when required.

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<https://democracy.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=423&MId=1962&Ver=4>

Motion to Declare a Climate Emergency.

Climate change is the most serious and urgent challenge facing communities across the World and in Lewes District.

In October 2018 a '**Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C**' was published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.

The UK Government has recently committed to reducing carbon emissions to net zero by 2050 following advice from the Committee on Climate Change.

The Council has recently carried out some work in considering the impacts of climate change through several meetings of the Climate Action Group and initiated actions such as feasibility for electric vehicle charging points and commissioned some modular housing. This is a good start. However much more urgent action is needed to keep temperature rises to 1.5°C and avoid the worst impacts of climate change. Action needs to be consistent, resourced, coordinated, robust and above all measurable.

A growing number of UK local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions calling for effective action in tackling climate change.

We have a duty to respond to this urgent call for action.

We call on the Council to

Declare a 'Climate Emergency' and enact the following proposals in order to:

Reduce Council greenhouse gas emissions to net zero and become fully 'climate-resilient' by 2030.

We call on the Council

1. To develop a comprehensive Climate Change Strategy within 12 months that addresses all inward and outward-facing Council functions and implement appropriate monitoring and reporting mechanisms in order to:
 - Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030;
 - Ensure that appropriate resources and capacity are put in place to progress the actions needed to address the 'climate emergency' effectively; and
 - Support and work with relevant agencies and stakeholders towards making the entire District zero carbon and climate resilient by 2030.
2. To request Scrutiny Committee to set up a **Climate Change Scrutiny Panel** that receives progress reports on the policy and actions enacted by the Council to

address the 'Climate Emergency'. This incorporates the existing request to Scrutiny Committee to monitor the implementation of recommendations made by the Climate Change Action Group. The Panel will also invite appropriate experts to support Council climate change actions.

3. To request that a **Community Climate Change Forum** is convened with representation and participation from across the district. Invitees to include but not be restricted to representatives from local communities, parish and town councils, organisations, business, education, nature groups, agricultural, food, health and transport groups.
4. To request that the Council is especially proactive in taking steps to include young people in the 'Climate Emergency' process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future.
5. To report on an annual basis to the Audit and Standards Committee on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have, and review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio.
6. To ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budgeting take into account actions the Council will take to address this emergency.
7. The Portfolio Holder write to the Government to set out the Council's intentions and call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask our local MP to do likewise.