

# Full Council

## 15 July 2021

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 Sports Hall, Lewes Leisure Centre, Mountfield Road, Lewes, BN7 2XG on 15 July 2021 at 6.00 pm to transact the following business.**

**Note –** This meeting is open to the public but in order that we can ensure it is covid-safe we would ask anyone wishing to attend as a member of the public to advise us in advance by emailing [committees@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:committees@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk). You will be asked to provide your contact details and to wear a mask and maintain social distance at 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.**

## Agenda

**1 Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2021 (Pages 5 - 10)**

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council dated 27 May 2021.

**2 Apologies for absence**

The Head of Democratic Services to report apologies from Councillors.

**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 11 - 12)

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 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 (if any).

**7 Petitions**

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

**8 Election of the Leader of the Council, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules**

The election of Leader of the Council has been triggered as Councillor MacCleary has formally notified the Chief Executive that he will resign as Leader of the Council with effect from 4 pm on 15 July 2021.

To receive nominations and vote thereon.

**9 Urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet members**

In accordance with Policy and Performance Advisory Committee Procedure Rule 17, to receive details of any urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet members since the previous meeting (if any).

**10 Notices of motion.**

The following notices of motion have been received:

**(a) Motion 1 - Planning Reform** (Pages 13 - 14)

To consider a motion to be moved by Councillor Nicholson and seconded by Councillor Banks.

**(b) Motion 2 - Healthy Homes and Places** (Pages 15 - 16)

To consider a motion to be moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor O'Connor.

**(c) Motion 3 - Disability Access** (Pages 17 - 18)

To consider a motion to be moved by Councillor Macleod and seconded by Councillor Denis.

#### **11 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 12 (if any).

#### **12 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. Whilst current restrictions are in place – these are requested to be received by email to the Chair / Democratic Services by 4 pm on the day of the meeting.

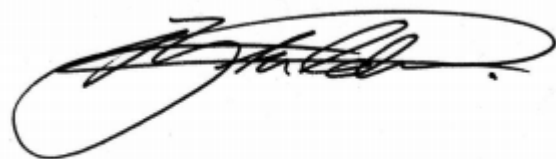
(NB This item is limited to a maximum of 5 questions, with no more than 1 question being asked per councillor. If a question requires a detailed or technical response, the Leader may decide that a written response is more appropriate).

#### **13 Ward issues**

To deal with ward issues which councillors wish to raise (if any).

#### **14 Reporting back on meetings of outside bodies (Pages 19 - 26)**

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**

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## Full Council

**Minutes of meeting held in Lewes Leisure Centre, Mountfield Road, Lewes on 27 May 2021 at 6.00 pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillor Adrian Ross (Chair).

Councillors Christine Brett (Vice-Chair), Sam Adeniji, Graham Amy, Robert Banks, Nancy Bikson, Matthew Bird, Liz Boorman, Roy Burman, Julie Carr, Roy Clay, Chris Collier, Phil Davis, Sharon Davy, Johnny Denis, Lynda Duhigg, Stephen Gauntlett, Tom Jones, Christoph von Kurthy, Isabelle Linington, Jim Lord, Sylvia Lord, James MacCleary, Sean MacLeod, Imogen Makepeace, Milly Manley, William Meyer, Zoe Nicholson, Emily O'Brien, Laurence O'Connor, Ruth O'Keeffe, Nicola Papanicolaou, Keira Rigden, Christine Robinson, Geoff Rutland, Richard Turner, Steve Saunders and Linda Wallraven.

### **Officers in attendance:**

Robert Cottrill (Chief Executive), Oliver Dixon (Head of Legal Services), Simon Russell (Head of Democratic Services) and Sarah Lawrence (Senior Committee Officer).

## **1 Election of the Chair of the Council**

Councillor Ross welcomed Councillors to the meeting, and advised that two nominations had been received for the election of the Chair of the Council for 2021/22 – for Councillor Christine Brett and Councillor Richard Turner, and invited Councillors to formally propose the nominations.

Councillor Nicholson proposed and Councillor Clay seconded the nomination of Councillor Brett to be elected as the Chair of the Council for 2021/22.

Councillor Linington proposed and Councillor Davy seconded the nomination of Councillor Turner to be elected as the Chair of the Council for 2021/22

The two nominations were put to the vote and by 21 votes to 16 (with 1 abstention) it was:

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Brett be elected as the Chair of the Council for 2021/22.

Councillor Brett then signed her statutory declaration of acceptance of office as Chair of the Council and took the chair.

In her speech of acceptance of her election as Chair, Councillor Brett advised that her theme for the year around which her fund raising would be based would be 'Improving Food Security'. She thanked the outgoing Chair, Councillor Ross, for his work over the last year.

## **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 Ross and Councillor Wallraven

Councillor MacCleary proposed and Councillor O'Connor seconded the nomination of Councillor Ross to be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2021/22.

Councillor Boorman proposed and Councillor Turner seconded the nomination of Councillor Wallraven to be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2021/22.

The two nominations were put to the vote and by 21 votes to 17 it was:

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Ross be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Council for 2021/22.

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

## **3 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Maskell, Miller and Peterson.

## **4 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **5 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of the Council.

## **6 Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

## **7 Announcements**

A list of Councillor Ross' engagements as Chair of the Council made since the last meeting of the Council were noted. No other announcements were made.

## **8 Result of the District Council By-Elections 2021**

The Chair of the Council drew the Council's attention to the results of the District By-Elections held on 6 May 2021.

She formally welcomed Councillor Richard Turner (Seaford East Ward) and Councillor Linda Wallraven (Seaford West Ward) back to the Council.

## 9 Appointments

The Leader of the Council, Councillor MacCleary advised that it was his intention to continue with the current Cabinet Member appointments which were as follows:

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
Councillor James MacCleary	Leader of the Council Regeneration and Prosperity
Councillor Zoe Nicholson	Deputy Leader Finance
Councillor Emily O'Brien	Planning and Infrastructure
Councillor Julie Carr	Recycling, Waste and Open Spaces
Councillor Matthew Bird	Sustainability
Councillor Meyer	Housing
Councillor Denis	Communities and Customers
Councillor O'Keeffe	Tourism and Devolution
Councillor Collier	Performance and People

The Chair of the Council drew the Councillors' attention to the list of nominations contained in the agenda for members and chairs of committees and other council bodies (Appendix 1) and outside bodies (Appendix 2) in accordance with proportionality of the Council. As there were no bodies for which there were more nominations than places, she confirmed that the recommendations could be dealt with as one item.

Councillor MacCleary moved and Councillor Nicholson seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved, and this was put to the vote.

### **RESOLVED:**

- a) To approve the appointments of members to Committees and Other Bodies and as Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and as set out in Appendix 1 to the agenda report;
- b) To approve the appointment of members to serve on outside and joint bodies as amended as set out at Minute Appendix 2 to the agenda report;
- c) To appoint all members of the Council to the 'approved list' of members appointed as substitute members in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure, except where prohibited by those rules such as for Licensing Committee and Cabinet.; and
- d) 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.

**10 Annual Pay Policy Statement**

Councillor Collier moved and Councillor MacCleary seconded and it was:

**RESOLVED** – That the Council notes the Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22 and approves it for publication on the Council’s website.

**11 Chailey Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Davy moved and Councillor Linington seconded the recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure to adopt the Chailey Neighbourhood Plan, following a majority ‘yes’ vote at referendum. In recommending this adoption, congratulations were sent to the Chailey Neighbourhood Plan team and Parish Council on their development of the plan.

**RESOLVED** – That the Chailey Neighbourhood Plan be formally made and adopted as part of the statutory development plan for the District, following a majority ‘yes’ vote at referendum.

**12 Calendar of meetings 2021/22**

The Chair of the Council drew members’ attention to the Calendar of Meetings for 2021/22 included in the agenda for ratification, which included two changes since considered at the last meeting:

- Audit and Standards to be moved to 27 September (from 13 September)
- Planning Applications Committee to revert to its normal start time of 5 pm.

Councillor Macleod moved and Councillor O’Keeffe seconded and it was:

**RESOLVED** – To approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2021/22.

**13 Urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet Members**

In accordance with the Policy and Performance Committee Procedure Rule 17, the Council received details of a decision taken by the Leader under special urgency procedures in relation to the Restart Grants Scheme and made on 26 March 2021.

**14 Standards Panel Decision**

In accordance with the Council’s adopted Code of Conduct Hearings Procedure, the Council received a copy of a decision of a Standards Panel held on 19 March 2021 for information.

**15 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Council was due to take place on Thursday 15 July 2021 at 6 pm.



The meeting ended at 6.33 pm

Councillor Christine Brett (Chair of the Council)

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### CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS 27 May 2021– 15 July 2021

Date	Time	Event
5 July	11:30 - 13:30	Chair: To visit Sussex Community Development Association (SDCA) at Denton Island to see the work they are doing. SDCA support community projects addressing the needs of the most vulnerable. Councillor Brett was particularly interested in visiting this project to see the important work they do in helping to increase food security, involve and empower residents and reduce food waste, all important issue being part of the Councillor's Theme of Office. The original Food bank has had to expand and at the height of lockdown last year was delivering upwards for 200 parcels a week across Newhaven and Peacehaven. The recently established Community Supermarket offers foodstuffs on a pay as you can basis to residents using produce from Fareshare. Much of this produce is prepared and cooked by the Community Kitchen volunteers to

Date	Time	Event
		<p>make it into easy to enjoy meals adding variety and fresh vegetables to resident's diet.</p> <p>Councillor Brett will also continue to support the project in any way she is able to and would also like to raise awareness of the important work they are also doing in the district regarding the summer food project the government is funding for children on Free School Meals.</p> <p>SCDA are also launching a new project Seahaven Community Food Stories. The idea is to invite people from the community to share their favourite recipe and the story behind it. So watch this space for more exciting things to come.</p>

## **Motion to July 2021 Full Council - Planning Reform**

**Proposer: Cllr Nicholson Seconder: Cllr Banks**

### **Preamble:**

Our Council has declared a climate emergency and committed to action on biodiversity. However local action is dependent on the right national laws.

The aspirations of the long delayed Environment Bill currently will mean nothing if the parallel Planning Bill due this year follows the route set out in the 'Planning for the Future' White paper on planning reform which was published in August 2020.

That White Paper failed to set out a vision of a zero carbon future, and instead sets out proposals to force a substantial increase in housing growth by deregulating the planning system, and limiting local control on planning applications, for example introducing zoning and downgrading the role of planning committees.

The existing 'standard method' algorithm already means that areas like ours are hit by unrealistic housing targets, with calculations skewed by an 'affordability' index that takes no account of the capacity of an area to sustain that growth. These targets are policed by a punitive 'housing delivery test' based on the same flawed methodology, with failure of the test meaning a further loss of local control.

In June 2021 the Government's own Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee called on the Government to revisit its planning proposals.

### **Proposed motion**

We call on this Council to ask the Government to:

1. Use the opportunity of planning reform to introduce an approach that puts the climate and biodiversity emergencies at the heart, that works with not against the Environment Bill, and which retains local control.
2. Remove the system of housing targets.
3. Remove the punitive housing delivery test.

The Council therefore asks the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure to write to the Robert Jenrick MP setting out these requests, and to the two local MPs, asking them to support these requests and champion them on our behalf in parliament.

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## Motion to July 2021 Full Council - Healthy Homes and Places

**Proposer: Cllr O'Brien, Seconder: Cllr O'Conner**

### Pre-amble:

### This Council notes:

- The powerful evidence which demonstrates the link between people's homes and their health, wellbeing and life chances.
- That the COVID-19 emergency has reinforced the need for healthy environments which provide space for recreation, children's play and walkable streets.
- That well-designed homes that meet all our citizens' needs over their lifetimes can radically reduce costs to NHS and social care budgets.
- That people have a basic right to live in environments free from unacceptable pollution.
- That homes must be affordable to heat and built to zero carbon standards.
- That current government policy to deregulate planning is creating thousands of substandard homes through conversion of existing buildings into homes without planning permission.

**This council also notes that these are the Healthy Homes Principles, as promoted by the Town and Country Planning Association (there is a briefing at <https://www.tcpa.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=9db42a72-ccc7-4b02-a0ed-98ff90488768>)**

- all new homes must be safe in relation to the risk of fire;
- all new homes must have, as a minimum, the liveable space required to meet the needs of people over their whole lifetimes, including adequate internal and external storage space;
- all main living areas and bedrooms of a new dwelling must have access to natural light;
- all new homes and their surroundings must be designed to be inclusive, accessible, and adaptable to suit the needs of all;
- all new homes should be built within places that prioritise and provide access to sustainable transport and walkable services, including green infrastructure and play space;
- all new homes must secure radical reductions in carbon emissions in line with the provisions of the Climate Change Act 2008;
- all new homes must demonstrate how they will be resilient to a changing climate over their full lifetime;
- all new homes must be built to design out crime and be secure;
- all new homes must be free from unacceptable and intrusive noise and light pollution;
- all new homes must not contribute to unsafe or illegal levels of indoor or ambient air pollution and must be built to minimise, and where possible eliminate, the harmful impacts of air pollution on human health and the environment, and;
- all new homes must be designed to provide year-round thermal comfort for inhabitants.

**Proposed motion:**

**This Council resolves to:**

- Strive to ensure that the principles of Healthy Homes and Places are met, in order to create the highest quality places for residents which will be a fitting legacy for future generations;
- Review related policies, processes and procedures as part of current Local Plan review, and develop and adopt new policies, to ensure that all new development is in line with the Healthy Homes and Places Principles;
- Make the Healthy Homes and Places principles an integral part of Council decision making on housing and planning; and
- Ensure the next review of the corporate plan includes healthy homes and places as a priority.



## **Motion to July 2021 Full Council - Disability access**

**Proposer: Cllr Macleod, Seconder: Cllr Denis**

### **Preamble:**

This Council notes that there are some problems in Lewes District relating to accessibility. The 2010 Equality Act does not ensure that shops, pubs and restaurants are fully accessible. There is much more that can be done to make our District more accessible to everyone.

Some disabled residents have reported experiencing reduced or no access to local amenities, shopping areas, and public services due to lack of accessibility. This Council believes that accessibility for disabled residents is a high priority and that the Council must do more to support them.

Local councils can play a major role in a number of areas from gritting footpaths in wintry periods, to more dropped kerbs, and accessible play equipment in parks.

### **Proposed Motion:**

This Council resolves:

- To offer information to businesses about the 2010 Equality Act, and how they can adapt their business to be more disability friendly.
- To investigate how it can work with Town and Parish Councils and the County Council to better grit town and village footpaths on key routes so that everyone can safely access their local amenities.
- To investigate how it can work with travel companies to provide better access to public transport especially in rural areas where often buses are not frequent and often finish early.
- To include accessible play equipment in all new play areas and as part of play area refurbishments, wherever possible.
- To be mindful of disability access in the design of any new public space.
- To ask the Cabinet Member for Communities and Customers to write to East Sussex County Council:
  - To request that it works with councillors and officers from all councils on how they can make their villages and towns more disability friendly including by providing more dropped kerbs and tactile crossings.
  - To request that it does not allow any new A-boards permissions, to help reduce and restrict pavement clutter.
  - To ask that it use powers granted by Central Government to tackle pavement parking as Civil Parking Enforcement.
- To ask the Cabinet Member for Communities and Customers to write to Network Rail and our rail network partners to bring forward plans to make our stations fully accessible.

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## Outside Bodies – Reports from Councillors

The following updates have been received from Councillors since the last meeting in relation to the outside bodies to which they have been appointed by Full Council.

	<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Update</b>
1	East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Stephen Gauntlett	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 10 June 2021</p> <p><u>Business Discussed and Decisions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The redesign of inpatient mental health services was a major item as it represents a potential major improvement to existing provision. It is likely to be modern, purpose-built with ensuite rooms (rather than current dormitory style on a single site). HOSC resolved that as this was a major project, a sub-committee would be formed to work with the NHS. A public consultation period began on 14/6/2021 and runs until 6/9/2021.</li> <li>2) Full reports were received detailing the NHS response to Covid. The ESCC Director of Public Health warned of an imminent third wave of the virus but at this stage it was difficult to know “how fast or high the tide will be”.</li> <li>3) The future work programme for HOSC (meeting on 23/9/2021), will contain proposals for cardiology and ophthalmology services at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust and whether they constitute a major variation to services requiring formal consultation with HOSC. NHS 111 Clinical Assessment Services will also be an agenda item.</li> </ol>
2	South Downs National Park Authority AGM	William Meyer	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 6 July</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> The meeting is broadcast and recorded and available for public view – at the time of writing this report I have not yet attended the meeting but the key issue – appointment of a Chair and Deputy will be marked by no change as no other Members of the authority put themselves forward for election on this occasion. This is because the current Chairman – Ian Philips and his Deputy – Vanessa Rowlands (who have been in post for just one year) are considered by all</p>

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			<p>Members of the Authority to have done an exemplary job during a most challenging year for the Authority.</p> <p>The meeting is the FIRST to be held in PERSON and in Midhurst for over one and a half years.</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> See <a href="#">SDNP public website</a> for full details and conduct of meeting.</p>
3	South Downs National Park Authority ref: transfer of Seven Sisters Country Park from ESCC to the wholly owned Company of the SDNPA – namely ‘South Downs Commercial Operations Ltd’	William Meyer	<p>Date of meeting: 30 April &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> May (shadow Board of Directors) and various informal meetings with the recently appointed Manager / CEO of the shadow South Downs Commercial Operations Ltd company.</p> <p>Business discussed: The process for transfer of the site.</p> <p>The transfer from ESCC is expected to be finalised imminently, and will enable the Park Authority to not only take over the running and management of this iconic site but on so doing to implement the plans it has drawn up to invest the necessary funds required into the assets of the site. These assets including the Visitor Centre are currently in a poor state of repair and remain closed to the public. Overall, the Park aims to ensure a community asset can be restored in a sensitive way to ensure it is remains open and available to the public all year round. Another key and equally important aim is to introduce to new land management schemes aimed at ensuring the County Park’s land is improved for wildlife, fauna and flora in what is a key location on the edge for our District but fully within the confines of the SDNPA.</p>
4	Impact Seaford	Christine Brett	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 17 March 2021</p> <p><u>Business discussed and decisions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A draft version of the Impact Seaford Economic Plan 2025 was shared in advance of the meeting.</li> <li>• Update on LDC Tourism’s promotional activity for Seaford. It was agreed to</li> </ul>

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			<p>discuss wider LDC tourism promotion with the LDC Tourism team and Cllr O’Keeffe (LDC Cabinet member for Tourism).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seaford Town Council (AC) Martello Tower Toilet Facilities and Entertainment Area – a lottery application was pending to provide part of the funding for the Changing Places facility. An entertainment area had been piloted for inclusion in the Martello Tower project but had not been taken forward. It was explained that the need for any revision of this aspect of the scheme should be led by the stakeholder group, including members of the town council.</li> <li>• Seaford Town Council (STC) Climate Change Policy – It was noted that STC had already carried out a number of actions to address climate change locally since the national Climate Change Motion was passed in 2019. An update of council policy was expected this year.</li> </ul> <p>Seaford Community Partnership – an update on the project was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Use It or Lose It campaign – 87 out of 93 businesses had signed up. The Chamber would work with Youth Forum to discuss and develop options. Decision – It was agreed that the Keep It Local and Use It or Lose It campaigns were closely aligned enough to be merged into one project for the purposes of the plan. It was requested that this project be moved forward to Summer 2021.</li> <li>• Walking and Cycling Projects - – the partnership had submitted an application for £150k of funding to the UK Renewal Fund for a study designed to assess how</li> </ul>

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			<p>best to encourage people to walk and cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Renewal Fund – The County Council (ESCC) had now shortlisted applications. Members would be informed of progress when known.</li> <li>• Gateway and Signage Project - It was agreed this project be moved in the plan to Summer 2021, based on progress made. It was agreed discussions would take place around possible opportunities for signage via ESCC. Seaford Community Partnership would formally consult with the town council, which would be key to deciding on the project design.</li> <li>• Consideration of potential sites for Tourist Information Centre Enhancement - it was agreed who would follow up on this matter and agreed that the due date would be moved to 2025.</li> <li>• Encouraging More Walking and Cycling target – was moved to Medium Term and the due date moved to April 2025.</li> <li>• Tourism Development Document - it was agreed that this be revised to be more consistent and include SMART targets.</li> <li>• It was noted that Natural England had approached the town council and asked for permission to install an information panel for kittiwakes at the bottom of Seaford Head. General consensus was approval.</li> </ul>
5	Seaford Head Nature Reserve committee	Christine Brett	<p>Date of meeting: 23 March 2021</p> <p>Business discussed/ decisions:</p> <p>a) Actions from the previous meeting were discussed:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No further action had yet been made on beach access signs.</li> <li>○ Environment Agenda (EA) work on the Cuckmere – Information had not yet been received on planned works. The EA Catchment Co-ordinator (Cuckmere and Pevensey Levels), had declined to attend this meeting but would be invited again in October. This matter was discussed at length.</li> </ul> <p>b) Covid visitor survey has been circulated with papers for the meeting.</p> <p>c) Surveys of the foreshore had been circulated to committee members.</p> <p>d) SWT Site Ranger's Report – This emphasised the effects of Covid restrictions – no winter volunteer activity, incomplete planned habitat management, and high visitor impact on the Reserve. Key points involved the work programme, grazing, rubbish, gates and footpaths, and interpretation boards, some of which generated discussion.</p> <p>e) Some gates were to be replaced by SDNPA on new England Coast Path and some diversions related to coastal erosion.</p> <p>f) According to Seaford Town Council (STC) SWT's Interpretation board maps should only show rights of way.</p> <p>g) SDNPA Update - South Downs Volunteer Rangers would be available to the SWT Site Ranger. The 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign in June. Noted that SDNPA due to take over the Seven Sisters Country Park from mid- May. Assistance has been provided on the</p>

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			<p>new landscape management plan including a short-term grazing plan.</p> <p>h) Sussex Heritage Coast Partnership update received.</p> <p>i) National Trust update received.</p> <p>j) Coastguard Cottages update received.</p> <p>k) Seaford Town Council update – noted the car parking stress at South Hill Barn and the question of parking fees. There was a conflict of interest between increased footfall and litter and the wish to encourage visitors.</p> <p>l) SWT Management Plan Objectives Review – Noted the planned timetable of objectives on page 64 of the SWT Management Plan were generally on course.</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An enquiry would be made about an alternative representative from STC staff.</li> <li>○ Info from EA would be sought concerning proposed Cuckmere activities. Members were invited to provide their comments / concerns to be raised with the EA.</li> <li>○ Copies of the 50 years' book be taken to the Barn coffee shop when available.</li> <li>○ Rubbish at Chyngton Rise had still not been removed – would request an update from STC. The SWT Site Ranger would provide information on the status of the dump area in relation to SSSI.</li> </ul>
6	Mental Health Champion	Sean Macleod	There has been a period of transition in this work over the last few months, with the departure of Phil Evans who had been the staff mental health champion, and the appointment in May of Becky Cooke (Assistant Director – HR and



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			<p>Transformation) to this role. We have now begun to work together and have further meetings arranged to discuss our aims. I am pleased to say the Samaritan Signs are now dotted throughout the District in areas agreed with Sussex Police and the Suicide prevention team at ESCC.</p> <p>The mental health champions from across the country will be meeting on 23 July to discuss plans for the post-covid 19 recovery, and the impacts covid-19 has had on mental health.</p>
7	3VA	Sean Macleod	This has not yet met since my appointment to this role.

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