

# Full Council

## 21 November 2022

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, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE on 21 November 2022 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 Minute of Silence

The Council will pay tribute to and hold a minute of silence for former Councillors, the late Jackie Harrison-Hicks and Jo Lewry.

### 2 Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council dated 18 July 2022.

### 3 Apologies for absence

### 4 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.

### 5 Announcements (Pages 13 - 16)

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.

## **6 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.

## **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 (if any).

## **8 Petitions**

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

## **9 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.

## **10 Member Attendance**

To approve the absence of Councillor Gauntlett and Councillor Jones from attendance at any Full Council, committee or sub-committee meeting of Lewes District Council pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, due to their current ill health, for a period of six months commencing on 21 November 2022, if needed, or until the date of the next District election.

## **11 Notices of motion.**

To consider the following notices of motion submitted in accordance with council procedure rule 14.

### **(a) Motion - Rent to Buy (Pages 17 - 18)**

Notice of motion submitted by Councillor Davy.

### **(b) Motion: Reducing HGV traffic affecting villages and narrow, unsuitable roads (Pages 19 - 20)**

Notice of motion submitted by Councillor O'Brien.

### **(c) Motion - Gambling advertising in football (Pages 21 - 22)**

Notice of motion submitted by Councillor Macleod.

### **(d) Motion - Fracking and the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (Pages 23 - 24)**

Notice of motion submitted by Councillor O'Brien.

**12 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).

**13 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).

**14 Ward issues**

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

**15 Reporting back on meetings of outside bodies (Pages 25 - 34)**

To receive any reports from the Council's representatives who serve on outside bodies in respect of meetings they have attended.

**16 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Full Council is scheduled for 20 February 2023 at 6 pm.



**Robert Cottrill**  
**Chief Executive**

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## Full Council

**Minutes of meeting held in Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE on 18 July 2022 at 6.00 pm.**

### **Present:**

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

### **Officers in attendance:**

Robert Cottrill (Chief Executive), Kate Slattery (Solicitor), Sarah Lawrence (Committee Team Manager), Simon Russell (Head of Democratic Services), Jane Goodall (Environment Lead), Ola Owolabi (Deputy Chief Finance Officer - Corporate Finance) and Tim Whelan (Director of Service Delivery).

### **16 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2022.**

**RESOLVED** – To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2022.

### **17 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adeniji, Bikson, Clay, Papanicoloau, Peterson and Wallraven.

It was noted that Councillors Banks, Macleod and O'Keeffe had been delayed and would arrive late.

### **18 Declarations of interest.**

There were no declarations of interests.

### **19 Announcements.**

The Chair advised that a list of his engagements as Chair of the Council held since the last meeting were set out in the agenda.

Councillor Denis provided an update as Cabinet Member for Communities and Customers on the Council's response to the amber warning for extreme weather, working in conjunction with the Sussex Resilience Partnership for both residents and staff. Councillor Meyer, as Cabinet Member for Housing,

advised on the support being provided for residents and rough sleepers in terms of sunscreen, water and emergency accommodation, and also the longer term investment needed of insulation in Council properties to cope with seasonal extremes.

(Note: Councillor Banks joined the meeting during this item).

## **20 Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

## **21 Questions from members of the public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

## **22 Petitions**

There were no petitions.

## **23 Election of the Leader of the Council**

The election of Leader of the Council had been triggered by Councillor Nicholson notifying to the Chief Executive her resignation as Leader of the Council with effect from 4 pm on 18 July 2022.

Two nominations were received for the position of Leader:

Councillor MacCleary, was proposed by Councillor Nicholson and seconded by Councillor Collier.

Councillor Linington, was proposed by Councillor Boorman and seconded by Councillor Davy.

The nominations were then put to the vote, with 20 votes for Councillor MacCleary and 13 votes for Councillor Linington, with one abstention.

In accepting his election as Leader, Councillor MacCleary thanked Councillor Nicholson for her leadership over the last year, and advised that he would retain the portfolio for regeneration and planning and his Cabinet would be unchanged as follows:

Councillor Zoe Nicholson – Deputy Leader and portfolio holder for finance

Councillor Stephen Gauntlett - Portfolio holder for planning and infrastructure

Councillor Julie Carr - Portfolio holder for recycling, waste and open spaces

Councillor Matthew Bird - Portfolio holder for sustainability

Councillor William Meyer - Portfolio holder for housing

Councillor Johnny Denis - Portfolio holder for communities and

customers

Councillor Ruth O’Keeffe - Portfolio holder for tourism and devolution

Councillor Chris Collier - Portfolio holder for performance and people

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor MacCleary be elected as the Leader of the Council and his Cabinet appointments be noted.

(Note – Councillor Macleod joined the meeting during the discussion of this item and was able to participate in the vote. Councillor O’Keeffe arrived at the end of this item and therefore was not in time to vote).

**24 Urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet members.**

In accordance with the Policy and Performance Procedure Rule 17, the Council received and noted the details of a decision which had been taken by the Leader of the Council under special urgency procedures, regarding the Council Tax Rebate Scheme and Council Tax Discretionary Rebate Scheme on 13 June 2022.

**25 Recommendations from Cabinet and Committees**

**25a Waste and recycling services - fleet.**

Councillor Carr moved and Councillor Bird seconded the recommendation of the report of the Director of Service Delivery, to seek approval for the cost of purchasing a second-hand fleet of recycling vehicles in the current financial year, on the basis that the proposal agreed in principle at Cabinet on 9 June 2022 would incur expenditure outside the budget framework set for 2022/23.

In a response to a question, Councillor Carr confirmed that the team was aware of the need for the provision of additional electric charging points and would be working to deliver them.

The recommendation was debated and received support from across the Council. The matter was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED -**

That Full Council approves the release of funding (£720,000) within this financial year, 2022/23, in support of the immediate operational priority:

To make immediate purchase of second-hand recycling collection vehicles (RCVs), to replace six vehicles currently on hire, thus saving on significant hire costs that are presently being incurred.

**25b Treasury Management Annual Report 2021/22.**

Councillor Nicholson (as Cabinet Member for Finance) moved and Councillor Ross (as Deputy Chair of Audit and Standards Committee) seconded the recommendation made by Cabinet on 13 July 2022 to approve the annual Treasury Management Report for 2021/22 and the 2021/22 prudential and

treasury indicators included in the Cabinet Report.

These proposals had received support from the Audit and Standards Committee and Policy and Performance Advisory Committee before being recommended by Cabinet and were debated and received support from all Councillors.

The matter was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

1. To approve the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2021/22; and
2. To approve the 2021/22 prudential and treasury indicators included in the Cabinet Report.

**25c Approval of additional Licensing Fee 2022/23.**

Councillor Robinson (as Deputy Chair of the Licensing Committee) moved and Councillor Macleod (as Chair of the Licensing Committee) seconded the recommendation to Full Council made by the Licensing Committee on 7 July 2022 to approve the licensing fee proposed for 6 monthly DBS check of £65, and which would come in effect in September 2022. This was an increase to cover the cost of administration.

It was emphasised that the intention over time was to encourage taxi drivers to use the Government online form for the DBS check which would save the taxi drivers money.

The matter was put to a vote and carried by 34 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Licensing Fee of £65 for the 6 monthly DBS check.

**26 Notices of motion.**

**26a Motion on Ukrainian refugees.**

Councillor Brett moved and Councillor O'Brien seconded the motion in support of Ukrainian Refugees as set out on the agenda.

The motion was debated by the Council. There was a difference of opinion over whether the additional funding should be a separate fund which was ringfenced for use for Ukrainian refugees or not, and whether all of the proposals in the proposed motion were required. However, no formal amendments were submitted at the meeting. There was shared view across the Council on the need to do more to support Ukrainian refugees.

The motion was put to a vote and carried by 25 votes to 0, with 10 abstentions.



**RESOLVED -**

The Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Home Secretary and local MPs including the following:

1. A request for urgent clarification on the plan for refugees in our District once the initial six months ends.
2. To remind them that a system to support those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and honour the promise of sanctuary which has been given as well as acknowledge the commitment already made by those who have already opened their homes.
3. To request that they urgently seek a second tranche of placement hosts in the towns where many are already living, and children are being educated.
4. To take steps to support refugees looking to move into privately rented accommodation specifically increasing the Homeless Prevention Grant above the current level of £520K. This will enable the Lewes District Council Housing Needs Team to better address the emerging housing issues of this particular group of residents.
5. To increase the Local Housing Allowance to better reflect the costs of rents within Lewes District outside those in the Affordable / Social Rent sector in order to prevent a further deterioration in availability of suitable housing for all those in need of appropriate local accommodation.

**26b Motion on Cost of Living.**

Councillor Banks moved and Councillor Makepeace seconded the motion on the cost of living crisis, as set out on the agenda.

The motion was debated across the Council, and there were different views on how to tackle the crisis. However, no formal amendment was put forward to the meeting

The motion was put to a vote and carried by 22 votes to 0, with 13 abstentions.

**RESOLVED –**

This Council:

1. Recognises that more can be done and therefore declares a ‘Cost of Living Emergency’.
2. It asks the Leader of the Council to write to Chancellor of the Exchequer to ask for Lewes District residents to get extra help and support by:
  - a) Immediately reducing the standard rate of VAT from 20% to 17.5% for one year, saving the average family £600.
  - b) Immediately restoring the Universal Credit supplement of £20 and doubling that uplift, which was cancelled by the Government in 2021;

and reverses the cuts to Working Tax Credit.

- c) Note the imposition of the 'Windfall Tax' on the super profits of oil and gas companies but raise the concern that this needs to be directed at those on the lowest incomes.
- d) Extending free school meals to all families.
- e) Urging the introduction of a price cap for LPG and heating oil under OFGEN regulation while supporting alternative heating such as air source heat pumps.
- f) Call on the Government to introduce a £25bn fund to enable Councils to insulate council homes and homeowner homes.

In addition, this Council will:

- a) Arrange a local Cost-of-Living Emergency Summit, with stakeholders, including Citizens Advice, Food Banks, Chambers of Commerce and Trade Unions and invite local MPs to attend this hybrid meeting.
- b) Develop a Food and Fuel Action Plan that clarifies and captures all actions tackling the Cost of Living of Crisis.
- c) Examine the potential for strengthening any technical advice on the use of renewable heating sources such as air source heat pumps instead of fossil fuels in advance of the Local Plan being developed.
- d) Request the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee to review the support that the Council has available to support those in council tax arrears.

## **27 Written questions from Councillors.**

No written questions had been received for the agenda in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.

## **28 Questions to the Leader of the Council**

One question was submitted by Councillor Saunders to the Leader, highlighting the concerns of residents in relation to the Clifton Road Development in Newhaven, and the use of longer hours of construction allowed by a change in Government rules, and the reported lack of appropriate consultation with local Councillors and residents on the changes. Councillor Saunders asked through the Leader, if the Lead Member for Planning and Regeneration could intervene to re-impose standard construction hours to the site, as well as advise what he had known about the situation and the petition that was presented to the Planning Applications Committee at its last meeting.

Councillor MacCleary responded that he was aware of this issue in his ward

and asked Councillor Gauntlett as Cabinet Member to respond. Councillor Gauntlett advised that he had not been informed of this matter but would investigate it with officers immediately and would respond in writing to Councillor Saunders.

## **29 Ward issues**

No ward issues were raised by the deadline set out in the constitution.

## **30 Reporting back on meetings of outside bodies.**

The following reports had been received on outside bodies set out in the agenda and were noted:

- Sussex Downs Line Steering Group – Councillor O’Brien
- LGA People and Places Board – Councillor O’Brien
- South East Councils – Councillor O’Brien and Councillor Denis
- Impact Seaford – Councillor Brett
- Citizens Advice – Councillor Makepeace
- Wave Leisure Trust – Councillors O’Connor and Denis
- Sussex Police and Crime Panel (PCP) – Councillor Denis
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Executive Board – Councillor Denis
- Community Safety Partnership- Councillor Denis
- Armed Forces Champion – Councillor Davy
- Greater Brighton Economic Board – Councillor Nicholson
- Team East Sussex (SELEP) – Councillor Nicholson
- South Downs National Park Authority Board (AGM, Seven Sisters Country Park “South Downs Commercial Operations Ltd” and Equity and Diversity Training for Elected Members) – Councillor Meyer
- Decarbonising Our Housing Stock (DOHS) – Councillor Bird
- South East Coastal Group – Councillor Bird
- Upper Ouse Flood Protection and Water Retention Works Working Group– Councillor Bird

Councillor Davy emphasised the importance of the Armed Forces Cadet Scheme for enabling the aspiration and future careers of young people, in particular for those who come from disadvantaged or non-academic backgrounds.

Councillor Macleod, apologised for not submitting a written report, but advised in his role as Mental Health Champion that the Taxi Trade had recently attending excellent mental health and suicide prevention training, with all five sessions fully booked.

## **31 Date of the next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place at 6 pm on Monday 26 September 2022.

The meeting ended at 7.47 pm

Councillor Adrian Ross (Chair)

# Agenda Item 5

## Lewes District Council



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### CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS 18 July – 21 November 2022

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 20 July	4pm	Chair: To attend the Bishop of Chichester's afternoon Reception in the Garden of the Bishop's Palace, Canon Lane, Chichester, followed by Evensong at 5.30pm in the Cathedral
Thursday 21 July	3.30pm – 5pm	Chair: To attend Fitzjohns Foodbank's summer tea party at Christ Church, Lewes
Thursday 21 July	5pm	Chair: To attend Summer drinks to celebrate the beauty of Cuckmere Haven hosted by the community at Cuckmere
Tuesday 2 August	12pm	Vice-Chair: To attend the opening of the 'Darkness into Light' exhibition to mark the 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous at Eastbourne Public Library
Sunday 14 August	12.30pm	Vice-Chair: To attend the 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid Commemorations in Newhaven
18 - 19 August	various	Chair and Consort: To attend the 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid Commemorations, Dieppe
Tuesday 23 August	2pm – 4pm	Chair: To attend Lewes House Garden Project – celebration of 3 years at Lewes House
Thursday 1 September	5pm – 7pm	Chair: To host the Lewes Heritage Open Days Launch at Lewes House and to provide the welcome remarks

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 2 September	5pm – 7pm	Chair: to attend ‘Celebrate Cuckmere Haven’ – opening of 2022 Artwave Festival Exhibition at South Hill Barn Seaford
Thursday 9 September	4pm – 6.30pm	Chair: To attend the High Sheriff of East Sussex’s Summer Reception at Bluebell Vineyard, East Sussex
Thursday 9 September	7pm	Chair: To attend the LEAP Celebration Event at The View, Seaford
Saturday 10 September	10am	Chair: To lay a wreath for the late Queen Elizabeth II at Lewes House along with the Mayor of Lewes and Chair of East Sussex County Council
Sunday 11 September	Various	Chair: To visit venues in the District taking part in Artwave Festival 2022: The River Show, Lisa Jones & Friends, Paul Evans & Keith A. Pettit, Mike Pattison: Moving Mechanical Sculptures and Iford & Swanborough Artists
Sunday 11 September	1pm	Chair: To attend the County Proclamation of the new Monarch read by the High Sheriff of East Sussex at County Hall, Lewes
Sunday 11 September	3pm	Chair: To attend Lewes Town Council’s local Proclamation of the new Monarch read by the Mayor of Lewes at Lewes Town Hall
Sunday 18 September	3pm	Chair: To attend Evensong with Thanksgiving for the Life of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Chichester Cathedral
Sunday 18 September	6pm	Chair: To attend a Service of Thanksgiving for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at St Annes Church, Lewes
Saturday 24 September	3pm – 4.30pm	Chair: To attend the Women Over Fifty Film Festival at Depot Cinema and to say a few words
Wednesday 5 October	8.50am	Chair: To attend a Theme of Office visit the Havens Community Hub, Newhaven

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday 18 October	1.30pm	Chair: To attend a Theme of Office visit to the Energy Advice Service, Lewes
Friday 21 October	4.10pm for 4.30pm	Chair: To attend a Judges' Service hosted by the High Sheriff of East Sussex at St Anne's Church, Lewes
Friday 21 October	6-8pm	Chair and Consort: To attend a Mayor Making Reception in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton hosted by the Mayor of Brighton & Hove
Tuesday 25 October	6.30pm for 7pm start	Chair: To attend the Lord Lieutenants of East and West Sussex – Presentation of Awards ceremony at Christ's Hospital
Thursday 3 November	12pm	Chair: To attend a Theme of Office visit to Peacehaven Community Supermarket, Kempton House, Cavell Avenue, Peacehaven
Friday 4 November	2.30pm	Chair: To attend the official launch of Bishopstone Station Community Hub
Saturday 5 November	8.30 am – 10am	Chair: To attend the East Sussex Prayer Breakfast at The Eastbourne Downs Golf Club, East Dean Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex
Saturday 5 November	5.30pm – 9pm	Chair and Consort: To host the annual Bonfire Night celebrations at Lewes House for staff and civic guests
Thursday 10 November	10.15am – 12pm	Chair: To attend a Theme of Office visit to Newhaven Sharing Library at Newhaven Library
Sunday 13 November	9.20am	Vice-Chair: To attend Newhaven Town Council's Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church, Newhaven followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at Memorial Green
Sunday 13 November	2.30pm	Chair: To attend Lewes Town Council's Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial and to lay a wreath, followed by Divine Worship in the Church of St. Michael's
Thursday 15 November	10.30am – 11.30am	Chair: To attend a Commonwealth Service of Remembrance at Seaford

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
		Cemetery, Alfriston Road, Seaford organised by the Royal Society of St. George, Seahaven Branch



## **Motion - Rent to Buy**

**Submitted by Councillor Davy**

### **Explanatory preamble:**

Five years ago, Plymouth City Council was one of the first Councils to adopt an innovative, affordable rent-to-buy model to help first-time buyers on lower incomes onto the housing ladder. I have spoken to the Plymouth Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning Homes and Communities, as well as senior officers in other local authorities who have included rent to buy housing within the jigsaw of local housing needs and, in particular - helping young people and families who aspire to owning their own home but have found it impossible when paying high rents to save a deposit.

It is recognised that rent to buy is one of a range of housing products for those who are seeking social mobility or are stuck on the housing register.

One example of a rent to buy scheme I found allows those who choose to buy a gifted ten percent of the property's market value to put towards a deposit. Homes are new-build properties with strong energy efficiency performance, so lower household bills mean occupiers can save money. It is also an opportunity for residents in social housing and on the council waiting lists to move and free up much needed homes for those in greater need. Many occupants are key workers in their local communities, some come from the armed forces and for those who have local connections in our towns and villages. There would be no financial requirement or commitment from the Council.

It should be noted that there are a range of rent to buy and other similar schemes available. Rent control usually requires a rent of no more than 80% of local market rent.

I have sought advice from the Head of Planning, Housing, and our Senior Legal Planning Solicitor.

### **Accordingly, I propose this motion:**

“That in accordance with the current National Planning Policy Framework: Annex 2: Glossary Affordable Housing section d), rent to buy is included as an option in the refreshed Supplementary Planning Document that will accompany the new Local Planning housing strategic policies.”

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## **Motion: Reducing HGV traffic affecting villages and narrow, unsuitable roads Submitted by Councillor O'Brien**

### **Preamble**

The Government's figures show that HGV traffic nationally is increasing. The most recent figures, up to September 2021<sup>1</sup>, show that whilst car traffic decreased, there was an 8.9% increase in HGV traffic in just one year.

The growth in HGV traffic affects noise, air quality, and safety in many of our local villages and towns, and can have a real impact on quality of life for those living on affected streets, causing sleepless nights and even mental health problems. It also affects cyclists and pedestrians, especially older or vulnerable people and those with small children.

One cause of HGV traffic on unsuitable roads is the use by lorry drivers of google maps and/or satnavs which are only intended for car use. In extreme cases, HGVs are being routed up narrow and unsuitable routes and becoming stuck.

Following a request from Councillor Emily O'Brien, the Local Government Association has now renewed an earlier call to make mandatory for HGVs the use of commercial satnavs (see <https://trans.info/en/sat-navs-lorries-301372>).

Locally, a large volume of HGV traffic is caused by new development, and residents frequently report frustration that the appropriate routing of construction traffic is not given sufficient care and attention as part of the planning process, and may feel like an afterthought, when from their perspective it should be front and centre.

Currently the Construction Traffic Management Plan required by the council at the validation stage requests information on the 'level of vehicle movement and routing arrangements' however new wording could better encourage the routing of construction traffic away from narrow, residential or unsuitable roads. This would require any major Development to consider this important issue at the very beginning of the planning process, and send a strong message that the Council takes this issue seriously.

More widely, there is no strategic approach to HGV traffic routing in our District, with East Sussex County treating all A roads and B roads across the county as equally

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/provisional-road-traffic-estimates-great-britain-october-2020-to-september-2021#:~:text=in%20Great%20Britain%20for%20the%20year%20ending%20September%202021.,%2C%20an%20increase%20of%200.4%25>.

suitable for lorry use, and failing to respond to the increasing levels of traffic and the concerns of residents.

There is substantial local support for a local campaign to ask East Sussex County Council to adopt a lorry route network across the county, similar to the one in West Sussex, which would encourage HGVs to take the best route not just the shortest one, and avoid villages and narrow and residential streets. A protest on Ringmer Village Green in October 2022 in support attracted over 60 attendees.

**Motion:**

**This Council resolves:**

- To ask the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure to write to Government Transport Minister Mark Harper, asking for the Minister's view on the Local Government's Association's call for HGVs to be required to use commercial satnavs, and expressing this council's support for such a measure;
- To ask the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure to write to East Sussex County Council to express this Council's support for the campaign for a strategic lorry route network, similar to the one already adopted by West Sussex; and
- To ask Council officers to expand the current validation requirements for planning applications for major development, so that routing away from narrow, unsuitable and residential roads and away from villages becomes an integral feature of any planning permission discussed or granted, and is thought about at the earliest possible stage.

## **Motion - Gambling advertising in Football**

**Submitted by Councillor Macleod**

### **Preamble:**

Football has an unhealthy relationship with gambling and it shows almost daily when a game is on, most teams are sponsored by a betting firm. Leagues up and down the Country are sponsored by betting firms and gambling is constantly in our faces throughout the game. This is through betting shirt sponsorships or advertising around the ground it is impossible to get away from it. 21% of European football teams have a gambling sponsor on the front of their football shirt. Currently, there is just one premier league club without a gambling sponsor or partner.

Gambling is worth £78.5M to the five big leagues in Europe which is not even 3% of the Premier League wage bill annually. So, despite the clear health consequences of gambling advertising, it has little financial benefit to top-flight football. Even when you go to children's sections of a premier league club website, some have clear links to gambling websites; seven premier league clubs do this. Gambling has hijacked the game and it has serious consequences on the people that watch and support it.

There are between 250-650 suicide-related deaths every year due to gambling addiction, gambling addiction is said to cost the England economy alone 1.27 billion pounds a year, and scarily 450,000 11-16 years gamble and at least 45,000 are addicted, gambling is creating health crisis and we have to treat it seriously and decide do we want our children being fed this constant message of gambling, they are essentially being groomed to think gambling is normal.

In the Lewes District, every local club has supported the big step <https://the-bigstep.com/home> which calls for football to drop its unhealthy relationship with gambling. This action is to be supported.

But it is not just our football clubs that have an unhealthy relationship with gambling companies, 28 MPs received £225k in free gambling donations, some of these MPs then warned Parliament that anti-betting laws cannot be driven by anti-gambling ideology. Some MP and gambling lobby industry people argue that gambling advertising does not lead to making people gamble, but if this was the case the gambling industry would not spend £1.8B a year on advertising.

Gambling costs lives and we need to deal with it seriously and to consider the impact on the Lewes District community.

### **Motion**

The Council resolves:

- To express its concern on the influence of gambling in all levels of football;
- To endorse the action being taken by every local football club in the Lewes District in the support of the Big Step Campaign <https://the-bigstep.com/home> which calls for football to drop its unhealthy relationship with gambling;

- To ask the Council Mental Health Champion and Leader of the Council to write to the Director of Public Health for East Sussex noting the Council's concern about the influence on gambling in football, and ask that the Director of Public Health investigates the effects gambling has on our local community and report back to the Council on actions being taken to address these effects; and
- That the Council Mental Health Champion writes to the Department of Culture media and Sport and asks them to publish the 2-year delayed Gambling White Paper as soon as possible.

## **Motion: Fracking and the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT) Submitted by Councillor O'Brien.**

### **Preamble**

Having declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, Lewes District Council is committed to a just energy transition and to ambitious investments in the green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs and rapidly decarbonise our economy.

The construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels is at odds with these commitments.

Fracking (the hydraulic fracturing of bedrock to produce shale gas):

- relies on high levels of water use at a time of increasing drought risk;
- risks dangerous contamination of water aquifers and the creation of toxic waste water;
- risks earthquakes and subsidence;
- will increase heavy vehicle traffic using local roads; and
- will reduce the visual and biodiversity amenity of the areas of outstanding natural beauty and national park.

Fracking will also fail to provide relief to those struggling with soaring fuel bills, as no output will come on-stream in the short to medium-term, and the tiny contribution such activity would make to supplies would have almost no effect on the global markets in which these commodities are traded.

In September, the Government lifted the 2019 national moratorium on fracking, re-exposing communities to the threat and pollution of shale gas extraction. The moratorium has now been reinstated but remains just a moratorium “until further evidence is provided that it can be carried out safely here” rather than an outright ban. So, it is essential that communities strongly state their opposition to future attempts to reimpose fracking.

More widely, fossil fuels are not the right answer to our energy problems. The construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes our climate and our communities to untenable risks to public health and safety. The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty initiative is a campaign for a global treaty to: end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and accelerate the transition to renewable energy and other reliable, cost-effective low-carbon solutions. It has been endorsed by the Vatican, the World Health Organisation, the European Parliament, Nobel laureates, academics, and a growing list of governments (local and national).

### **Motion**

Therefore, the Council resolves:

- To oppose, as a matter of Council policy, any initiatives with an impact on Lewes District to develop fracking for shale gas and any other fossil-fuel extraction;
- To endorse the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; and
- To instruct the Cabinet Member for Sustainability to write to UK government ministers and our local MPs to ask them to maintain the ban on fracking and to support the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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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>Councillor</b>	<b>Update</b>
1	ESCC Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)	Christine Brett	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 22 September 2022</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> The minutes have not yet been published. The following reports were presented, and questions were asked, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hospital handovers</b> – There was a big concern regarding waiting times in ambulances, especially at the Royal Sussex. There are discharge delays. It was noted that last year the Committee was told that overseas staff (as well as local staff) would be recruited to help with community care roles for Adult Health and Social Care staffing shortage. But there was still nowhere near enough (potential 3K shortfall). Visas take time etc. Noted that some block care home space had been purchased to help with this. Agreed that access to GPs and to community nurses must be improved to avoid the need to go to A and E. Also, need to work harder on admission avoidance strategies.</li> <li>• <b>South East Coast Ambulance Foundation NHS Trust (SEC Amb) Quality Care Commission (CQC) report.</b> Concerns raised over the reported bullying culture, and the need to focus on a cultural change. The Trust has put strategies in place, and hope to be out of special measures in 12-24 months</li> <li>• <b>Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) report</b> Questions were asked about the numbers on waiting lists and treatment patterns. There has been some progress, but not all data was available. Once again, recruitment and staffing was a problem area.</li> <li>• <b>Cardiology and Ophthalmology refiguration</b> The panels for these have been hearing evidence over the few months and the</li> </ul>

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			outcomes of decisions will be given at the next HOSC on 15 December.
2	Wave Leisure	Laurence O'Connor	<p><b>Attended two Board and two Health and Safety meetings</b></p> <p>In the six months to September, overall income was higher than forecast and expenditure less than forecasted, making for a more positive year to date financial position.</p> <p>Membership increases were slightly below forecast but it is anticipated that 100% of pre-pandemic levels will be achieved by the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Wave's Swim School (learn to swim) membership already exceeds pre pandemic levels which again is very encouraging.</p> <p>Participation levels have bounced back after the quieter summer months with 72,000 recorded for the month of September.</p> <p>Wave has re-commenced the consideration of applications for free access to sports facilities for those who compete at a national and international level.</p> <p>Wave has continued to deliver in line with maintenance responsibilities and has made a number of investments, for example, a new gym in Downs Leisure Centre and a new functional training area in Lewes Leisure Centre. In addition, work has commence on the "Destination Newhaven" Town's Fund Project at Newhaven Fort which will ensure £5.7 million of investment works across a number of projects, one of which is protecting and preserving the heritage of this scheduled ancient monument.</p> <p>Wave continues to be exposed to the recruitment challenges faced by others within the Hospitality and Leisure Sector. This impacts directly on the number and type of activities being provided.</p> <p>Moving forward, in line with all businesses, Wave will be exposed to the increase in utilities costs which will present a host of new challenges.</p>

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			<p>Thanks are extended to staff during the exceptional heat experienced over the summer and for their continued support in such difficult times.</p> <p>Staff Rep meetings with the CEO and Head of People and Culture continue.</p>
3	Armed Forces Champion	Sharon Davy	<p><u>10<sup>th</sup> September</u> - As the Armed Forces Champion for Lewes District Council, I had the privilege of being invited to the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the Royal Sussex Regimental Association lunch on Saturday 10 September, held in Lewes Town Hall. The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 gave a sombre note and I was honoured to be with veterans as we came together to mourn her death, as well as toasting our new King: His Majesty King Charles III. Our cadets from all over Sussex were in attendance.</p> <p><u>28<sup>th</sup> September</u> - I attended the East Sussex Armed Forces Champion meeting at County Hall in person, others took part via TEAMS. One of the topics was the Employer Recognition Scheme. Currently Lewes District Council are bronze award holders. I reiterated my wish for the Council to achieve silver status. It was an opportunity for me to promote our Cadets and suggested that an event is organised for all Armed Forces Champions to meet in person.</p> <p>Also discussed was – Meeting the Duty. To endorse the unique obligations of, and sacrifices made by the Armed Forces and their extended family.</p>
4	South Downs National Park Authority	William Meyer	<p><u>SDNP Authority:</u> Despite the contested election of Vanessa Rowlands as the new Chair of the Authority, at the AGM in July, there have been no notable strategic changes to report regarding the overall direction and governance of the Authority.</p> <p>The greatest challenge continues to be the ongoing squeeze on budgets impacting all National Parks across England, something local authorities have been working to overcome for many years. Nevertheless, current financial pressures are a growing challenge to many National Parks, not least in their statutory</p>

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			<p>planning duties and the SDNPA is no exception. This situation has the potential to impact upon those parts of Lewes District Council that are within the planning boundaries of the Park. I continue to take a close interest in and oversight of the planning department, paying particular attention to the day to day interface between the SDNPA's planning function and that of Lewes District Council (LDC).</p> <p>Any significant changes in the planning relationship and operational functionality the SDNPA and LDC are, however, managed (and reported) by other Cabinet colleagues and Senior Officers as the hosting relationship between the SDNPA and LDC continues to evolve and develop.</p> <p><u>General Comments:</u> As the local Lewes District Council Member at the Park since 2019, my general opinion and impression of the South Downs National Park Authority as it has entered upon its second full decade since its creation in March 2010, is that the governance system based in Midhurst remains a work in progress. This is neither a new nor a surprising statement as this particular issue was highlighted by the Glover Report published in the autumn of 2019. The problems identified were partly recognised in the subsequent work undertaken by the SDNPA after 2020. Members looked at various ways of mitigating concerns about diversity and overall representation at Board and Sub Board level at the Park Authority. As a result, Members resolved to appoint three new co-opted members, to the Policy and Resources Committee from 2021. Whilst this has not been a straightforward process, the third and final new member was officially appointed by Members at the live-streamed National Park Authority Board meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p><u>South Downs Commercial Operations / Seven Sisters Country Park</u></p> <p>Having entered my final six months at the Park Authority as the Lewes District Council Member, I have concluded that my remaining time will be best spent supporting the challenging environment confronting the Seven Sisters</p>

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			<p>Operating Company – South Downs Commercial Operations where I have acted as a Director since the beginning of 2021.</p> <p>The headwinds the Company faces are no different, nor are they any more surprising, than those confronting many small businesses given the overall state of the wider national economy. However, the commercial challenges facing the Seven Sisters Country Park must be set in the wider context of the current financial environment faced by the SDNPA as the only shareholder and the ultimate guarantor.</p> <p>Whilst the Company has been successfully trading at arm’s length from the SDNPA for over 12 months, delays and difficulties beyond the control of the Board of Directors / South Downs Commercial Operations have meant that some anticipated income streams have yet to come online. In particular, the new tourist accommodation I have written about in previous reports, together with the camp site at Foxholes, has yet to open.</p> <p>However, both the cottages and the camp site will be open after Easter 2023, following the completion of the extensive refurbishment and refit. The works required there, at this isolated site, have taken place against a challenging and inflationary environment and one that has impacted heavily on the construction sector as a whole.</p> <p>Whilst these delays have created additional headwinds for the new organisation, Directors remain confident that when the Company is fully operational across the whole of the Seven Sisters County Park in 2023, the lasting results of the original decision to purchase the Country Park from East Sussex County Council (ESCC) as long ago as 2019, will be proved to have been prescient. The benefits will be equally long lasting for the nearby residents of LDC, the wider public and especially the flora and fauna of this unique and beautiful place.</p> <p>Detailed operational issues are commercially sensitive, but in line with the operating agreement established between the Directors and the SDNPA, reports on Company</p>

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			performance are submitted to the Authority Board on a regular basis. These meetings are live-streamed and open to any member of the public who may wish to attend in person.
5	Lewes Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)	Imogen Makepeace	<p>New members of staff have been recruited and are now in place. Sarah Archer replaces Jackie Wiles and a new Money Advisor replaces Emma Bateman.</p> <p><b>CAB/LDC relationships meeting 29 September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAB reports that appointments are taking longer- over 30 minutes, twice as long as previously. Consequently, waiting times for phone calls is extended.</li> <li>• This is because issues are ever more complex. We now have 10% inflation; rents continue to rise, and fuel debts have overtaken Council Tax as no.1 debt. This is partly because the positive effects of 100% Council Tax Rebate moving Council Tax debt down the list as other debts rise up.</li> </ul> <p><b>At the Cost of Living Summit – 27 October</b> CAB presented a case study of how the discrepancy between Local Housing Allowance for a person under 35 years (1 bedroom with shared facilities) £428 pm is inadequate when the cheapest available rented accommodation in the District is £650pm.</p> <p>CAB is able to provide limited face to face appointments mostly in Newhaven, some in Lewes at Southover House. These are predominantly for people who struggle to access support by online, or phone. They will often be time consuming and complex support needs.</p> <p>Face to face support is essential to include people who are digitally excluded. This is a demographic that continues to be underestimated; there are many reasons why people do not access online support including some that are on the increase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>economic</u> (budgetary restrictions on equipment and Wi-Fi/phone charges)</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>mental health</u> (as stress and anxiety build, the patience and resilience to navigate unfamiliar online platforms decreases).</li> </ul> <p>The news that the LDC telephone line to Grant Support is to be made a free phone number is very welcome.</p> <p>Advisors at CAB are experiencing increasing numbers of calls, that are longer, and involve more complex problems. Key areas of concern are expected to be benefits, energy and housing.</p> <p>This inevitably leads to a need for more volunteers and more staff to manage them.</p> <p>Note from the CAB CEO:  <b><i>“We are in urgent need of recruiting more volunteers to work as Advisors. But we need very capable individuals who can commit to at least half a day a week (ideally 1 day) for 1 year. Potential volunteers need to commit to undertaking our training and ongoing CPD in their role. We are aiming to increase our volunteer base by 25 people in the next 6 months. Any suggestions or support with this would be most welcome. We have applied for some additional funding to support us to extend our trainers hours to support with both extended volunteer training provision and volunteer support.”</i></b></p> <p>The AGM will be on 10<sup>th</sup> November, too late for reporting on here, but will be reported verbally at the meeting if appropriate.</p>
6	Sussex Downs Line Steering Group (formerly Seaford to Brighton Line)	Emily O'Brien	<p>Date of meeting: 16/9/22</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates from station partners and GTR including that Diversity Lewes now a station partner in Lewes; Seaford 'Your Station your community' bid; possible bike hub e-charging in Falmer.</li> <li>• Exciting new on Bishopstone community hub finally completed (lovely community room available for hire and for community groups). I also attend the official opening on 4 November.</li> </ul>

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			Decisions made: N/A
7.	LGA People Places Board (NB this is an LGA appointment)	Emily O'Brien	<p>Date of meeting: 8/11/22</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued Board discussions on LGA Levelling up locally inquiry plus LGA retrofit asks.</li> <li>I also attended for the Board a DEFRA round table on Green Jobs, plus a pre-meet on green jobs BEIS green jobs delivery group (which have since been invited to attend, likely late November).</li> <li>I was appointed as the Board's Green Jobs Champion.</li> </ul> <p>Decisions made: As above.</p>
8.	South East Councils Executive	Emily O'Brien	<p>Date of meeting: 14/10/22</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting of the executive.</li> <li>Presentation by Roy Millard, Head of the South East Strategic Partnership for Migration (SESPM).</li> </ul> <p>Decisions made: n/a</p>
9.	South East Councils SE Summit	Emily O'Brien	<p>Date of meeting: 19/10/22</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bringing together of SE councils and stakeholders.</li> <li>I was a panellist in a session discussing Levelling Up in the South East</li> <li>Opportunity to question new local government minister Paul Scully who committed to announcement on housing targets 'within 2 weeks' (he was sadly out of a job the next day).</li> </ul> <p>Decisions made: n/a</p>
10	Team East Sussex (TES)	Zoe Nicholson	<p><u>Date of Meeting:</u> 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <p><b>Funding Programme Update – Getting Building Fund (GBF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The group were updated on the SELEP GBF pipeline for which there was an unallocated balance of £3.3175m, as a result of two programmes being removed</li> </ul>



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			<p>from the programme. East Sussex received bids from 5 GBF projects which were assessed and ranked into a priority order for consideration by the SELEP Strategic Board on 21<sup>st</sup> October.</p> <p><b>UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Districts and Boroughs confirmed that their UKSPF Investment Plans were submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> August deadline. As yet, they have not received any further information from Government.</li> </ul> <p><b>Growing Places Fund (GPF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SELEP currently holds £10m in GPF pot, so they intend to open a new GPF future round in the new year. This will be an opportunity to bid for loan funding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic Transport Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates were provided on the Strategic Road Network (SRN); the rail network; Gatwick North Runway; the Active Travel Programme; major projects; EV infrastructure, Transport for the South East, Local Plans; and the planned engagement for the new LTP.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Sussex would be allocated £41.4m towards a range of projects set out in the BSIP to be spent by March 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b>Evolution of LEPs – the future of TES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A paper was presented which set out the roles and responsibilities of TES with an explanation of the position in regard to the LEP functions being devolved over the next few years.</li> </ul>
11	Newhaven Town Deal Board	Zoe Nicholson	<p><u>Dates of Meeting:</u> 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board discussed the Better Journeys for All business case. The Board made the decision not to approve the business case.</li> <li>The Board then discussed the options available to reallocate the Better Journeys for All funding to ensure the budget is retained for Newhaven and the</li> </ul>

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			need for the Board to submit a Project Adjustment Request to Government.
12	Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB)	Zoe Nicholson	<p><u>Date of meetings:</u> 15<sup>th</sup> September and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <p><b>Away Day Session on 15<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main areas covered were around the current and future focus of the Board and the governance arrangements. There was also a discussion around devolution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports on the following were considered – economic outlook for Greater Brighton; Greater Brighton retrofit taskforce; Greater Brighton 10 Pledges Annual Update; and Greater Brighton Investment Programme.</li> </ul>