

Cabinet

20 March 2025



Lewes District Council

Time and venue:

2.30 pm in the Room 209/210 on the Second Floor, The Marine Workshops, Railway Quay, Newhaven, East Sussex, BN9 0ER.

Membership:

Councillor Zoe Nicholson (Chair); Councillors Christine Robinson (Deputy-Chair) Chris Collier, Johnny Denis, Wendy Maples, Emily O'Brien, Laurence O'Connor and Mark Slater

Quorum: 4

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Agenda

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2025 (Pages 5 - 10)

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 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. A supplementary report will be circulated at the meeting to update the main reports with any late information.

5 Public question time

To deal with any questions received from members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11 (if any).

6 Written question from councillors

To deal with written questions which councillors may wish to put to the Chair of the Cabinet in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 (if any).

7 Matters referred to the Cabinet

Matters referred to the Cabinet (whether by the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee or by the Council) for reconsideration by the Cabinet in accordance with the provisions contained in the Policy and Performance Advisory Procedure Rules or the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules set out in part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

8 Recommendations from Full Council - Southern Water Panel Report (Pages 11 - 16)

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the Full Council on 4 March 2025 in relation to the Southern Water Panel Report.

9 Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution (Pages 17 - 48)

Report of Chief Executive

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Zoe Nicholson

10 Revenue & Capital Financial Monitoring Report - Quarter 3 2024/25 (Pages 49 - 64)

Report of Director of Finance and Performance

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Zoe Nicholson

11 Portfolio progress and performance report 2024/25 - Quarter 3 (Pages 65 - 76)

Report of Director of Finance and Performance

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Chris Collier

12 Eastbourne & Lewes Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report (Lewes) (Pages 77 - 88)

Report of Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Christine Robinson

13 Homes First - Performance & Outlook (Pages 89 - 106)

Report of Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Mark Slater

14 The Future of Grounds Maintenance (Pages 107 - 120)

Report of Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Emily O'Brien

15 Asset Management (Pages 121 - 148)

Report of Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Zoe Nicholson

(This report contains an exempt appendix. Any discussion of this must take place at item 17 following exclusion of the public)

16 Exclusion of the public

The Chief Executive considers that discussion of the following items is likely to disclose exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and may therefore need to take place in private session. The exempt information reasons are shown beneath the items listed below. Furthermore, in relation to paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. (The requisite notices having been given under regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.)

17 Asset Management - Exempt Appendix 2 (Pages 149 - 150)

Report of Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning
Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Zoe Nicholson

Exempt information reason 3 – Information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Information for the public

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Public participation:

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Information for councillors

Disclosure of interests:

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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:

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A member must give notice of the question to the Head of 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.

Other participation:

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Democratic Services

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