

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.

	Outside Body	Councillors	Update
1	Aspiration Homes	James MacCleary and Zoe Nicholson	<p><u>Date of Meeting: 26 February 2021:</u> Business discussed: Strategy and Business Plan: 2021-2023.</p> <p>Decision: To adopt the strategy and 2021-2023 business plan, subject to monitoring and review.</p> <p><u>Date of Meeting: 24 March 2021:</u> Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Performance for the period ending 31 December 2020. • 2021/22 Rent Increase • 2021/22 Draft Budget • Rent Arrears & Tenancy Management, Q3, 2020/21 <p>Decision: 2021 budget and rent increase approved.</p>
2	Greater Brighton Economic Board	Zoe Nicholson	<p><u>Date of meeting 27 April 2021:</u> Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrogen Sussex update. • Sustainable Recovery Plan Update. • Digital Action Plan. • Sussex Tourism and Culture Recovery Group Annual Report 2020/21 & 2021/22 Operational Arrangements. • Investment Programme – Progress Update. <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supported and approved the funding for the core activities of Hydrogen Sussex. • The Board agreed that recovery actions to become BAU going forward. • The Board agreed the revised priorities and projects as outlined in the report. • Agreed to secure the budgetary contributions sought to fund the cost of running the Board and delivering its workplan in 2021/22.

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			<p><u>Date of Meeting: 20 July 2021:</u></p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crawley Recovery Focus. • Greater Brighton Recovery – where next? • Coast to Capital Update. • Low Carbon Economy Blue/Green Print. • Creation of a Greater Brighton Retrofit Taskforce. • Greater Brighton Food Plan. <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed to the development and production of a net-zero innovation led economy Investment Plan (blue/green print). • The Board expressed support of working together on a city region wide project, led by Lewes District Council and the University of Brighton, to find the best solutions in the decarbonisation of council owned housing stock. • The Board agreed to begin the scoping work for a Greater Brighton Food Plan focussed on building resilience and integrating innovations.
3	Health and Wellbeing Board	<p>Zoe Nicholson</p> <p>(substituted by Cllr Johnny Denis in March)</p>	<p><u>Date of meeting: 2 March 2021:</u></p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Social Care Programme - Update Report. • Outbreak Control Plan. • Strategic Outline Case for the Building for our Future Programme. • Better Care Fund Plans 2020/21. • Work programme. <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outbreak Plan approved. • Outline Case for Future Programme strongly endorsed. • Better Care fund requirements noted and Fund Plans for 2021 approved. • Work Programme approved. <p><u>Date of Meeting: 13 July 2021:</u></p> <p>Business Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Care Programme – update. • Healthwatch Annual Report 2020-21.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing inequalities of residents at Kendal Court, Newhaven and homeless people accommodated by Brighton and Hove City Council in temporary accommodation in East Sussex. • Improving Population Health - East Sussex Alcohol Strategy and Healthy Weight Partnership. • East Sussex Outbreak Control Plan. • Work programme. <p>Note - Councillor Adrian Ross been appointed as the new representative to the Board and will be attending the next meeting on 30 September.</p>
4	LGA People & Places Board - Lead Members Meeting	Emily O'Brien	<p><u>Date of meeting: 31/8/2021</u></p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward Plan for the Board (I was recently appointed Deputy Chair - NB this is not a role allocated by LDC Council but by LGA) • Devolution deals and economic recovery are key areas for the Board this year. <p>Decisions made: Agenda & forward agreed to go to P&P Board meeting.</p>
5	East Sussex Strategic Planning Group - Meeting with Minister Pincher on the emerging Local Plans in East Sussex	Emily O'Brien	<p><u>Date of meeting: 20/7/2021</u></p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulties in delivering local plans amidst a target-based system based on undeliverable targets. • Experiences of local plan development. • Concerns around planning reform. <p>Decisions made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Sussex authorities requested a follow up meeting. • Joint press with other East Sussex authorities stressing the need for the Government to look differently at housing target system.
6.	Police and Crime Panel	Johnny Denis	Over the summer I was involved in the appointment of two independent members of the panel.

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			Cllr Christian Mitchell has been elected as Chair of the Panel
7	Equalities and Fairness Stakeholder Group	Johnny Denis	I Co-Chair this meeting, alternating with Cllr Whippy of Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC). These non-statutory meetings are continuing online. Accessibility audit reports are coming to the next meeting.
8	Community Safety Partnership	Johnny Denis	I Co-Chair this meeting, alternating with Cllr Whippy of EBC These non- statutory meetings are continuing online.
9	Wave Leisure Trust	Johnny Denis	Various meetings. Not yet confirmed as a Company director so not officially a Member. Have attended 2 board meetings (held monthly) to discuss the recovery plan. Wave Leisure has received the recovery grant from the Government and re-opened a revitalised Newhaven Fort – also with the new bridge funded by LDC. I urge members to visit.
10	Wave Leisure Trust	Laurence O'Connor	<u>Date of meeting: 2 August 2021</u> Business discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation and use levels - Confidence in use of facilities is returning with direct debits at 68% of pre-covid rates with a steady increase expected. • Finances - LDC have continued its support by providing a guarantee on a CBILS loan which was received in July and gives the Trust a solid platform to move forward. Memberships had increased 7% from April with participation overall up 467% since April. • LDC Trustees – Cllr Denis was approved as a second Councillor on the board • Staff training – As people returned following furlough everybody underwent a full training and update programme. • Seaford Head swimming pool – This opened again on the 6 September. All three Wave pools, Seahaven, Seaford and Lewes Leisure Centre are back up

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			and running. I was particularly pleased to provide advice to a disabled resident recently who enquired about what was available. Each pool has disabled access with a pool hoist to assist in and out the pool, along with disabled changing rooms which include toilet and shower facilities with relaxaswim and therapeutic swim sessions available to all.
11	Impact Seaford	Christine Brett	<p><u>Date of meeting: 23 August 2021</u></p> <p>Main Business discussed: Prime focus was final check of Economic Plan revision.</p> <p>Decisions made: Some final alterations to Plan, various people tasked with sending in or acquiring suitable photos.</p> <p>LDC Peter Sharp confirmed that update re future investment in Tourist Information Centre is on hold due to focus on restarting businesses after lockdown.</p> <p>Seaford Town Council to be asked to source additional signage for the Crouch and Bowling Club which visitors cannot find.</p> <p>Seaford community partnership to receive up to date position re: development of Dane Valley Project including proposed developers and use of the sites.</p> <p>Seaford Chamber of Commerce There will be a new representative and Geri Ori was thanked for his service.</p> <p>Safeguarding policy still to be submitted.</p>
12	Upper Ouse Flood Protection and Water Retention Works Working Group	Matthew Bird	<p><u>Date of Meeting – 13 May 2021</u></p> <p>Met onsite at Chailey Common. The Group includes LDC, Sussex WT and the Ouse and Adur River Trust.</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Group looked at examples of leaky dam constructions carried out by staff and volunteers which formed a part of

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			<p>the natural flood management of the area and an example of a nature-based climate solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Group heard a review of the last year from Ouse and Adur River Trust and Sussex Wildlife Trust/Sussex Flow Initiative and impact of Covid • Plans for this year includes further natural flood management initiatives at Meeching Valley, Cooksbridge, Wivelsfield (including Parish Council meeting feedback), East Chiltington, some wood Dams/tree planting, a Ringmer ponds project and community group and feasibility into a scheme at Cockshut near Lewes.