

Outside Bodies – Reports from Councillors

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

	Outside Body	Councillor	Update
1	Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (ESCC)	Christine Brett	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 15 December 2022 (Minutes as yet not published)</p> <p>The following reports were presented and questions asked.</p> <p><u>Summary of business discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Sussex Winter Plan (for details see the webcast) <p>Joe Chadwick Hill explained the focus is on the community with prevention and early intervention to reduce admissions. There is no plan to reduce elective capacity.</p> <p>Challenge around capacity of staff in care market and they will be working with voluntary and community sector including Red Cross to support discharges.</p> <p>Jessica Brinton advised that the Red Cross involvement is a work in progress and varies across the county (can provide stats).</p> <p>Mark Stanton - resources are being balanced to get people out of hospital and setting up care packages to prevent admissions. However, recruitment still ongoing both from overseas for nurses and in UK.</p> <p>Cllr Robinson asked if the removal of nurse bursaries had adversely affected recruitment and Joe Chadwick Bell agreed it had.</p> <p>The Committee offered its appreciation of the hard work the staff were doing to get through this very challenging time. The Committee would receive an update at the next meeting in March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfiguration of Cardiology Services at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust <p>The Committee's report had been received, and Jessica Brinton advised the recommendations had been taken on board. There was concern about SECAM capacity, but Prof. Patel advised that cardio patients were prioritised and HealthWatch had agreed the decision was compelling due to resources limitations.</p> <p>Recommendations carried with one objection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfiguration of Ophthalmology Services at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

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			<p>The Committee's report had been received. Mr Kashani explained cataract waits should be reduced due to the new staffing.</p> <p>The panel had been heard with regard to patient transport. A travel liaison officer would be in place when it starts, to be focused in Bexhill, and this will be extended into the recommissioning of the Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service.</p> <p>Recommendations carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Care Access and Next steps in Integrating Primary Care - update report <u>GP Access</u> – E Consult and Booking online were now widespread (but not in all areas) with 60% of people using NHS app for various things. This was not regularised though, e.g. it could not do appointments for many practices. Queries were raised about appointment response, as it seemed 1000 calls a day to a surgery was not uncommon! <p>There were capital issues and IT issues, but Integrated Care Board was focused to resolved these.</p> <p>For instance, they were supporting Seaford Old school surgery in their adaption of a former pub to provide new treatment space. Amy Galea was also reminded that LDC had offered a free piece of land (Richmond Road Car park) to redevelop Seaford Medical Practice as well.</p> <p>Workflow management was apparently the key. NHS Sussex ICB was working with other professional groups and authorities to improve the situation.</p> <p><u>Dentistry access</u> – Members were also told that Government reforms will hopefully increase access (no further details were provided).</p>
2	Armed Forces Champion	Sharon Davy	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 16 December 2023</p> <p>Attended in person the County Council meeting that included Armed Forces Champions, the NHS, cadet representatives and other interested parties.</p>

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			<p>We discussed the Armed Forces Covenant and status law. The Armed Forces Covenant is a statement of the moral obligation which exists between the nation, the Government and the Armed Forces. On 22 November 2022, the armed Forces Duty Covenant came into force.</p> <p>Lewes District Council holds the Bronze Award with the Employer Recognition Scheme. To fulfil my duty as Armed Forces Champion for Lewes District Council, I have formally asked Democratic Services and Human Resources to apply for the Silver Award.</p> <p>At the meeting, I confirmed that the Lewes District Council current Housing Allocations Policy April 22 includes a special section for Armed Forces Personnel and their families. When applying for a position within in the Council, applications must also include a special section for those that have served in the Armed Forces.</p> <p>I continue to be regularly updated on all aspects of the duties that local authorities should fulfil.</p>
3	Police and Crime Panel (PCP)	Johnny Denis	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 27th January 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Police and Crime Panel discussed the Police Commissioner’s proposed budget for 2023-24 of an increase of £15 • The PCP Budget Working Group had considered a rise of up to £10 the previous maximum rise but the Treasury allowed up to £15. • The PCP supported this but had reservations that this in particular had not been directly consulted on. • Consider and scrutinise the draft Annual report of the PCC. <p>The Business of the Police and Crime Panel is online here: Sussex Police and Crime Panel – Supporting and scrutinising the work of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (sussexpcp.gov.uk)</p>
4	Wave Active Ltd	Johnny Denis	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 6 February 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget – noted that survived better than many leisure trusts – a number have collapsed.

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			<p>Income better than predicted. Budget agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of pay settlements and differentials for coming year. • Welcomed news of LDC investment in buildings including renewables which will reduce fuel overheads in the longer term.
5	Wave Active Ltd	Laurence O'Connor	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> Board meetings - 28 November, 6 February. Health and Safety Committee meeting - 19 December</p> <p>After guiding Wave through the pandemic for over 2 years in the role as Chair, Mark Beaumont has stepped down. Thanks have been extended to him. New Chair, Eric Kihlstrom has a wealth of expertise in the technology and healthcare sectors and currently volunteers as the UK Ambassador to Aging2.0, a global network focused on improving the quality of life for older people which he will use to guide the organisation in the future.</p> <p>At present income continues to exceed forecasts, whilst expenditure is less than anticipated. It appears that Wave, which is now officially known as Wave Active Limited is in a relatively strong position compared to others in the sector. This is down to the staff, Chief Executive and management team as well as the volunteer trustees who all worked extremely hard to get Wave through the pandemic.</p> <p>Working with this council it is hoped that funding for maintenance and projects on sites in Lewes, Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven will now go ahead which will hopefully help the Trust to work through the utility crisis.</p> <p>As Wave flexes and adapts, involvement with some sites has changed including new sites joining the Trust. This presents opportunities. The Purpose continues, to “Inspire Active Lifestyles” and Vision remains, “to be at the heart of the improvement of health and wellbeing in the community”.</p>

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6	East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board	Emily O'Brien	<p>Date of meeting: 13/12/22</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and draft Sussex Integrated Care Strategy (ICS). <p>Decisions made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noting of reports including East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report for 2021-2022, and agreement of work plan.
7	LGA People & Places Board (NB this is an LGA appointment not LDC)	Emily O'Brien	<p>Date of meeting: 10/1/23</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included digital connectivity update and draft report back from Levelling Up locally Enquiry. • On behalf of Board represented the LGA at the BEIS green jobs delivery group and on DEFRA nature skills working group. • Also supported around LGA Cost of Living activity chairing a webinar and giving evidence to an APPG on eliminating the need for foodbanks. Do be aware the LGA has a bank of case studies to help with tackling cost of living crisis. <p>Decisions made: as above</p>
8	SE Councils Executive	Emily O'Brien	<p>Date of meeting: 15/12/22</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions around governance and finance including subscription levels. <p>Decisions made: to minimise increases.</p>
9	South East Councils Winter all members meeting	Emily O'Brien	<p>Date of meeting: 9/2/23</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special guest Catriona Riddell (leading planning advisor). <p>Decisions made: n/a</p>
10	Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB)	Zoe Nicholson	<p>Date of Meeting - 9 February 2023 Minutes not yet available.</p> <p>There have been no other GBEB meetings.</p>

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11	Team East Sussex (TES)	Zoe Nicholson / James MacCleary	<p><u>Decisions from December:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TES Board agreed to reduce the number of scheduled TES workshops from four per annum to “two per annum, if required”. • The TES Board agreed to repurpose the TES workshops as ‘information sharing’ meetings, to be used for regular reporting from the subgroups and for informative presentations on specific topics. • The TES Board approved the updated draft TES Terms of Reference (version 3.2). • The TES Board agreed to proceed with the business member recruitment exercise during January and February 2023. • TES Board endorsed the Project Change Request from the SECEN Creative Open Workspace Masterplan and Prospectus SSF project. <p><u>TES Decisions 30 January 2023 (by electronic procedure):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TES Board approved the reappointment of all eight TES business members to the TES Board for a further two-year term. <p><u>TES Decisions 6 February 2023 (TES Board meeting):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TES Board approved the reappointment of Graham Peters and David Sheppard as TES Chair and TES Deputy Chair respectively for a further two-year term. • The TES Board approved the reappointment of Graham Peters, Ana Christie and Clive Soper as SELEP Directors (TES business members) for a further two-year term. • The TES Board endorsed Cllr Christine Bayliss as the nominated East Sussex local authority co-opted SELEP Director for 2023/24.
12	Aspiration Homes	James MacCleary/ Zoe Nicholson	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 12th January 2023 (changed from December 2022 - Q2 reporting)</p> <p><u>Business discussed/ decisions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Performance Q2, 2022/23 The Executives resolved: To note the report for the second quarter of the 2022/23 financial year.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent Review Budget Proposal for 2023/24 The Executives resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To note the report for the second quarter of the 2022/23 financial year. ▪ To delegate authority to the Head of Development, Investment and Delivery and Head of Commercial Finance to review and set the rents for 2023/24. • Rent Arrears Performance Q2, 2022/23 The Executives resolved: To note the contents of the report. • Tenancy Management & Property Compliance Q2, 2022/23 The Executives resolved: To note the contents of the report. • Compliance with financial and governance arrangements Having examined all the reports brought to the meeting, the Executive Committee considers that the company is compliant with its financial and governance arrangements.
13	Newhaven Town Deal Board	James MacCleary / Zoe Nicholson	<p><u>Date of Meeting – 21st November 2022</u></p> <p><u>Business Discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new Board members – Rebecca Conroy (East Sussex College Group) and Emma Smith (DLUHC) welcomed to the Group. • Planning Applications – LW/19/0926 (Newhaven Marina) had been approved on 9th November. LW/22/0705 (Jolly Boatman Pub) was out for comments. If successful, officers would be pleased to work with the developers. • Funding Reallocation Update – Discussed use of 5.4m funding for creation of an £3.54m Inflation Fund, £140k Investment in the Business Grants Programme, and the delivery of an enhanced wayfinding programme to deliver a transformational scheme. <u>Action agreed -</u> Funding Programme Delivery Manager would review and submit a Project Adjustment Request (PAR) once further steer received from Emma Smith (DLUHC).

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Newhaven Update <u>Actions agreed –</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members to review the ‘Your Newhaven’ survey results in full. ▪ In response to anti-social behaviour concerns raised in survey, Regeneration Project Manager continue discussion with Sussex Police and promote Safe Spaces Map. ▪ Regeneration Project Manager / Sussex Community Development Association continue to discuss Youth Survey results and data collection. • Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terms of Reference of Board to be reviewed to ensure they cover oversight of the delivery of the Town Deal. ▪ Received updates on the six projects for which business cases had been approved: Ferry Terminal, Social Enterprise Incubator, East Side Recreation Ground, Pedestrian Crossing, Fort Road Recreation Ground and Newhaven Fort. <p><u>Date of Meeting – 27 January 2023</u> Minutes not yet published.</p> <p><u>Business Discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding Re-allocation Update – PAR. ▪ Newhaven Information Boards update. ▪ Project dashboard / Project Updates. ▪ Marine Workshops Update. ▪ Future High Street Fund Updates. <p><u>Minutes and Agendas available on the Council's website.</u></p>
14	Lewes Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)	Imogen Makepeace	<p>The most recent relationship meeting between LDC and Lewes CAB highlighted the recognition of the emotional load borne by officers and volunteers as the financial crisis increasingly impacts our residents.</p> <p>The need for support for frontline staff and volunteers to have some kind of debrief training was discussed and CAB offered to share information with LDC staff.</p> <p>Household Support Fund #3 still has 6 weeks to</p>

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			<p>run. An additional approach to identifying those who could apply will be by using Low Income Family Tracker data to target eligible households.</p> <p>A drop in session will be held at Southover House Reception on Tuesday 7 March from 9am to 2pm to assist residents with completing applications for HSF.</p> <p>CAB will continue to offer face to face sessions at Southover House on Fridays, by appointment only, until May.</p>