

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:

	Outside Body	Councillor	Update
1	3VA Quarterly Board meeting	Christine Brett	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 25 May 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new Financial Director, Ronke Adijebo, who set out her plans to move things forward/ • Chief Exec report on staffing changes - a new community officer for Lewes is being recruited and has taken on the Eastbourne Food Partnership. There is also some collaboration with Lewes District one with SCDA. • ESCC quarterly report. • Homes for Ukraine Update- concern that ESCC has reduced the fees for the next year of this, but it was felt this crucial work must continue or reputation would be damaged. Staffing changes here as well but experienced people promoted and recruited. • Same has taken place with the other 2 East Sussex VAs (i.e., Wealden are supporting far more refugees). • Volunteering Update- desperate shortage everywhere now aiming to engage more young people to volunteer. • Project updates given on Making it Happen (Eastbourne), Preventative project on Violence and Exploitation (Eastbourne) and Wealden Food partnership Update. <p>There will be another Celebrating Communities event in Uckfield on 20 September. 2.30pm</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> None - this was an update reports meeting.</p>
2	South Downs National Park Authority	Daniel Stewart-Roberts	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 11 July 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> Annual General Meeting Appointments of committees and outside bodies</p>

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			<p>Corporate Plan Budget monitoring – provisional outturn 22/23 West Sussex Joint Mineral Plans Assessment Member Code of Conduct Business plan of South Downs Commercial Operations Ltd (operator of Seven Sisters Country Park) <u>Decisions made:</u> Approval of resolutions related to above</p>
3	Armed Forces Champion	Daniel Stewart-Roberts	<p>There were three meetings or events attended during this period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Date of meeting:</u> 8 June 2023 <u>Business discussed:</u> Briefing on activities of regular, reserve and cadet forces. <u>Decisions made:</u> N/A <u>Date of meeting:</u> 24 June 2023 <u>Business:</u> Armed Forces Day Parade, Seaford <u>Decisions made:</u> N/A <u>Date of meeting:</u> 29 June 2023 <u>Business:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armed Forces District and Borough Champions Meeting Draft Information Pack for Armed Forces Champions Armed Forces Covenant Re-signing event: Autumn 2023 and the Armed Forces Covenant: Re-signing process <u>Decisions made:</u> N/A
4	Newhaven Town Deal Board	Zoe Nicholson. and Christine Robinson (for July meeting).	<p>Meetings took place in May and July:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Date of meeting:</u> 15 May 2023 (apologies sent for this meeting) <u>Business discussed:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates were provided on each of

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			<p>the 11 Newhaven Town Deal projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from the meeting are available on the website. <p><u>Decisions made:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No decisions were required by the Board at the meeting. <p>2. <u>Date of meeting:</u> 14 July 2023 (apologies sent for this meeting)</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pathfinder Simplification Pilot was announced to Board members - if LDC participates in the pilot, the remit and scope of the Board will be expanded to have strategic oversight over the aggregated portfolio. • Updates were provided on all the Town Deal, Future High Streets Fund and Levelling up Fund projects being delivered across Newhaven. • Minutes from the meeting will be published on the website when available. <p><u>Decisions made:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No decisions were required by the Board at the meeting.
5	Wave Leisure Trust	Laurence O'Connor	<p><u>Board meetings:</u> 28 November and 6 February.</p> <p><u>Health and Safety Committee meetings:</u> 19 December, 20 March, 30 May.</p> <p><u>Update:</u> With the summer here Wave Active has taken over responsibility for Saltdean Lido. Whilst the recruitment of Lifeguards remains challenging, the site opened on 17 May and has been running very successfully since. The standard of service provided has been well received by local residents.</p> <p>Membership continues to recover and grow following the pandemic with over</p>

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			<p>12% increase in the past year. In addition, Wave Swim School has also performed well, growing 9.6% over the course of the year. This has all contributed to a healthy income in the year with profits, which go back into the business better than expected.</p> <p>It is important for me to say that it has long been Wave's aim to link with health services to help people with their health and wellbeing. This is a driving force behind many of the new initiatives that the Trust is working towards with the support of Lewes District Council.</p>
6.	Sussex Police and Crime Panel	Paul Keene	<p><u>Date of Meeting:</u> 30 June 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Judy Rogers of Hastings, Castle Ward and Councillor Andrei Czolak of Brighton, Brunswick & Adelaide Ward were elected as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Panel respectively. • Several issues were raised by Panel members, including my querying the views of Commissioner Katy Bourne on the issue of Facial Recognition and Gait Analysis, the application of AI-related technologies by the Police, and her view on the position of Sussex Police in light of the Mitting and Casey Reports. • Further issues have been highlighted by the Chair, Councillor Judy Rogers in a letter to the Commissioner as part of the Statutory Scrutiny of her Annual Report 2022/23 as below, with a request for a response by 11 August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Panel members acknowledged the success of the Rural Crime Team and suggested more mention could be made of its work within the Report, or as part of ongoing communication with residents.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback received from residents called into question the effectiveness of hotspot policing in certain areas of Sussex, and members questioned how the Commissioner was measuring performance under the initiative. ○ Whether more could be done by Sussex Police to promote the role of Police Community Support Officers as a long-term career choice in itself, as opposed to being considered a stepping stone to becoming a police officer. ○ Members questioned the generally positive nature of the Annual Report, whilst raising concerns about the findings in some areas, in the light of the HMICFRS PEEL inspection report considered later on the same agenda, particularly when evidence of good or improved performance in the Report was based on crime data that the Inspectorate had called into question. <p>Minutes of the meeting will be published on the Sussex Police and Crime Panel website.</p>