

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	Wave Active	Laurence O'Connor	<p><u>Dates of meetings attended:</u> Board meeting 2 October, AGM 16 October.</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <p>Wave Active is continuing to look at new opportunities to improve community health and wellbeing by working with partners on new projects from Brighton to Eastbourne.</p> <p>Health improvement services continue to be developed for those with diagnosed health conditions; physical, mental or emotional, for people to gain, regain or maintain health and well-being including a new range of health interventions for those with or on track to develop a health condition.</p> <p>The finances for year to date show an income increase on the previous year with expenditure less than forecast. At the AGM it was noted that the previous three years had been challenging in relation to the Covid-19 Pandemic, high energy costs and rising inflation, however despite that, the year to 31st March 2023 was a year of regrowth to surplus in line with the new business model.</p> <p>Air Handling Units at three of the leisure centres have been completely refurbished, meaning the ventilation of these centres will be more effective yet more efficient.</p> <p>Works at the Fort relating to the Town's Fund Project called 'Destination Newhaven' are scheduled to start on site in March 2024 with the enabling phase and subsequent exhibition fit-out contractors on site until the end of 2024. During this time, the Fort will be closed to the public, reopening to visitors in February half term 2025. This £5.7 Million Project covers three categories:</p> <p>Conservation – structure of building.</p> <p>Environment and health and safety – areas made</p>

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			<p>inaccessible due to safety reasons.</p> <p>Visitor Experience – building on the work we completed with the Culture Recovery Fund.</p> <p>New fitness equipment at Downs Leisure Centre has been popular at functional group training sessions. It offers lots of new ways to train, this new addition to the gym floor caters for all. But it's not just about fitness at Wave facilities it's also about the social side of having fun. Whether it be a Halloween Party or Rollers Disco's in Peacehaven or a Murder Mystery event at Newhaven Fort.</p>
2	Lewes Citizens Advice Bureau	Imogen Makepeace	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 02/11/23 CAB/LDC relationship meeting.</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> Updates on funds, Enforcement Agencies contract renewal, and refurbishment of 6 The High Street, Lewes.</p> <p>CAB outreach sessions are being held in various locations in Lewes town while waiting for the permanent office to be finished in 6 High St.</p> <p>These sessions are open to anyone in spite of being located in Foodbanks. Check on website for details of where and when: https://www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk/community-outreach</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> Meeting to be arranged with enforcement agencies for December. Investigate the potential for surgeries with debt recovery/CAB combination.</p>
3	Greater Brighton Economic Board	Zoe Nicholson	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> Public Board meeting was due in October but the format changed and a closed session was held</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> As a result of the closed session taking place, there were no documented decisions.</p>
4	Team East Sussex (TES)	Zoe Nicholson	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> TES Board meeting 9 October 2023 (next meeting will be 4 December 2023)</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEP Transition: following the Government's

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			<p>announcement that LEP funding will be discontinued from April 2024, the South East LEP is now working through transition plans in order to integrate LEP functions into local institutions. SELEP has produced a draft Integration Plan, which has been endorsed by both TES and the SELEP Strategic Board. A final version SELEP Integration Plan will be presented to TES/SELEP for approval in December. In East Sussex, ESCC officers are working on a more local East Sussex Integration Plan, covering any actions for TES and the County, Borough and District Councils. A draft will be presented to TES for endorsement in December. The TES Board <u>will</u> continue to operate beyond the life of SELEP as the strategic economic growth board for the county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing Places Fund (GPF): decisions are still to be made by SELEP on the future use of GPF loan funds post-LEP transition. Both TES and the SELEP Strategic Board currently favour the option to disaggregate the funding on a per-capita basis to the six partner authorities, and so SELEP is now devising how this may work in practice. • Economic Growth Strategy: work continues on developing a new Economic Growth Strategy for East Sussex. The strategy will be evidence based with a clear focus on economic growth. An Oversight Group has been established (including TES business member representation), consultants SQW have been appointed, and a call for evidence has been completed. Consultation activity will now take place during November, with various 'topic' workshops being held online, plus five place-based workshops to be hosted by D&B colleagues, including at the Marine Workshops in Newhaven. The strategy's eventual sign-off and launch is expected to take place in Spring 2024. <p><u>Decisions made:</u> The TES Board endorsed the draft SELEP Integration Plan.</p>
5	Newhaven Town Deal Board	Zoe Nicholson Christine	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> Newhaven Town Deal Board meeting on 25 September 2023.</p>

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		Robinson	<p><u>Business discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathfinder Pilot Investment Plan update • Town Deal project updates <p><u>Decisions made:</u> No decisions were required.</p> <p>The draft minutes are available online: Newhaven Town Deal Board Minutes - Lewes and Eastbourne Councils (lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk)</p>
6	South Downs National Park Authority	Daniel Stewart-Roberts	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 12 October 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> Planning Committee meeting: consideration of Lewes North Street Quarter planning application; receive report on Lewes CAAMP</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> NSQ: Deferral for 4 months CAAMP: Report accepted. Note: DSR excluded from NSQ agenda item due to LDC financial interest in development</p> <p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 19 October 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> Local Plan Review Strategic Workshop</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 19 October 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> SDNPA Authority Meeting: Reports from Chair and Chief Executive, various other matters</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> Reports accepted.</p> <p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 2 November 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> CIL Allocation Workshop (virtual due to Storm Ciaran)</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> Proposed allocations approved with minor amendments.</p> <p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 2 November 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> Planning Committee Site visit (virtual due to Storm Ciaran)</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> N/A</p>

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7	Armed Forces Champion	Daniel Stewart-Roberts	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 24 October 2023</p> <p><u>Event:</u> His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenants for East and West Sussex Awards 2023, Lancing College</p> <p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 25 October 2023</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> Armed Forces District & Boroughs Champions Meeting Updates from members</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> N/A</p>
8	Water Champion - Update on activities	Emily O'Brien	<p>I visited Peacehaven Waste Waste treatment works with Southern Water representatives and other councillors.</p> <p>I attended Southern Water Policy and Performance Advisory Committee Southern Water Panel.</p> <p>I continue to ask Southern Water why they do not make better use of the motion passed unanimously by LDC which would enable them to come clean on when they lack water treatment capacity with respect to planning applications.</p> <p>I attended a Sussex Coastal Alliance on Sewage meeting.</p> <p>I have written to the Director of public health asking if there is evidence of the impact of contaminated seawater on the residents and tourists and if not whether that can be explored.</p>
9	Upper Ouse Flood Protection and Water Retention Works Working Group	Emily O'Brien	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 11 October</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> update on the Storing the Storm activity including. community flood prevention work such as rain gardens etc installed in multiple schools in the district.</p> <p><u>Decisions made:</u> further case study, possible visits.</p>
10	Lewes District Food Partnership Steering Group and Food Summit	Emily O'Brien	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 11 and 18 October</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> Steering group input into Sustainable Food Places award & conference design. Well attended food summit with fantastic presentations.</p>

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11	Ouse Valley Climate Action Delivery Board.	Emily O'Brien	<p><u>Date of meeting:</u> 14/9 plus visit from lottery funder 11/20.</p> <p><u>Business discussed:</u> progress of projects under the OVCA umbrella, possible links to LDC climate and nature action plan refresh.</p> <p><u>Decisions made: n/a</u></p>
12	South East Councils	Johnny Denis	<p>Johnny Denis has been appointed to the executive which is now cross-party. Two task and finish groups have been set up to look at membership and finance.</p> <p>Concerns over accountability of subregional bodies with public funds and effective scrutiny for Eg Migration Partnership and Transport for South East.</p> <p>Building good relationships with all party parliamentary group for South East (ie South East MPs).</p> <p>More info on the South East Councils' Website.</p>