

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL held at COUNTY HALL, LEWES on TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2014 at 10.00 am.

Present Councillors Barnes, Belsey, Bennett, Bentley, Birch, Blanch, Buchanan, Butler, Carstairs, Charlton, Clark, Daniel, Davies, Chris Dowling, Claire Dowling, Earl, Elkin, Ensor, Field, Forward, Galley, Glazier, Hodges, Howson, Keeley, Lambert, Maynard, O'Keeffe, Pragnell, Pursglove, Rodohan, Scott, Sheppard, D Shing, S Shing, Shuttleworth, Simmons, Standley, Stogdon, Taylor, Tidy, Tutt, Ungar, Wallis, Webb, Whetstone and Wincott.

1 Election of Chairman

Councillor Michael Ensor (Vice-Chairman of the County Council) in the Chair.

1.1 The following motion was moved by Councillor Glazier and **SECONDED**

–

‘To elect Councillor Belsey to serve as Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year’.

1.2 In moving his motion, Councillor Glazier paid tribute to the excellent work that Councillor Belsey had undertaken during the past year as Chairman of the County Council.

1.3 There being no other nominations, the Vice-Chairman put the motion to the vote and declared Councillor Belsey elected as Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year. Councillor Belsey made a declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair.

Councillor Belsey in the Chair.

1.4 The Chairman thanked the Council for electing him as Chairman.

2 Appointment of Vice Chairman

2.1 The following motion was moved by Councillor Glazier and **SECONDED** –

‘to appoint Councillor Ensor to serve as Vice Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year’.

2.2 There being no other nominations, the Chairman put the motion to the vote and declared Councillor Ensor appointed as Vice Chairman of the

County Council for the ensuing year. Councillor Ensor made a declaration of acceptance of office and took his seat as Vice-Chairman.

3 Minutes of last meeting

3.1 RESOLVED – to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 25 March 2014 as a correct record.

4. Apologies for absence

4.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phillips and St Pierre.

5. Chairman's Business

STUART GALLIMORE

5.1 On behalf of the County Council the Chairman welcomed Stuart Gallimore, the Council's Director of Children's Services, to his first meeting.

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

5.2 On behalf of the Council the Chairman congratulated Charis Wilson, an apprentice in the Business Services department, who has won the Public Sector People Management Association's Public Sector Apprentice of the Year for 2014.

TEACHING SCHOOLS

5.3 The Chairman reported that Cuckmere House School in Seaford, St Richard's Catholic College in Bexhill and Newick Church of England Primary School have been successful in their applications to become a teaching school. Teaching schools are outstanding schools that work with others to provide high-quality training and development to new and experienced school staff. Securing this accreditation is a major achievement. The successful schools have worked towards this accreditation over the past 2 years and their successful applications are a major step forward in securing more capacity for school improvement in East Sussex.

PRAYERS

5.4 The Chairman thanked Canon Richard Moatt, Rector of the Benefice of Lewes for leading the prayers before the Council meeting.

PETITIONS

5.5 The Chairman informed the Council that immediately before the meeting the following petitions had been received from members:

Councillor Bentley - calling upon the Council to reconsider the bus charge it is proposing to make to the joint community area of Herstmonceux and Windmill Hill for children attending Heathfield Community College

Councillor Galley - calling upon the County Council to take action to address the dangers presented by the speed, volume and weight of traffic on the A275 through Danehill

6. Declarations of Interest

6.1 The following members declared personal interests in items on the agenda as follows:

<i>Member</i>	<i>Position giving rise to interest</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Whether interest was prejudicial</i>
Councillor O’Keeffe	Committee member of the Food Bank in Lewes	Lead Member for Resources report, paragraph 1	No
Councillor Ungar	Recipient and member of the Local Government Pension Scheme	Governance Committee report, paragraph 1	No
Councillor Webb	Member of Hastings Borough Council Scrutiny Project Board looking at impact of benefit changes	Lead Member for Resources report, paragraph 1	No

7. Reports

CALLOVER

7.1 The Chairman of the County Council, having called over the reports set out in the agenda, reserved the following paragraphs for discussion:

Lead Member for Resources - paragraph 1
Lead Member for Transport and Environment - paragraph 1

NON-RESERVED PARAGRAPHS

7.2 On the motion of the Chairman of the County Council, the Council ADOPTED the paragraphs in the reports of the Committees that had not been reserved for discussion.

8 Delegation of Executive Functions

10.1 In accordance with the Constitution, Councillor Glazier presented a written record to the Council of his appointments to the Cabinet, their portfolios and his delegations of executive functions. A copy of the Leader's report is attached to these minutes.

9 Appointment of Committees and Sub-Committees

9.1 Councillor Dowling moved, and it was seconded, that appointments be made to the Committees and Sub-committees, listed in item 8 of the agenda, in accordance with the list of nominations from political groups which was circulated in the Council Chamber.

9.2 The motion was CARRIED.

10 Appointment of Members to other Committees and Panels

10.1 Councillor Dowling moved, and it was seconded, that members be appointed to serve on the Committees and Panels listed in item 9 of the agenda, in accordance with the political balance provisions and the list of nominations from political groups which was circulated in the Council Chamber.

10.2 The motion was CARRIED.

11 Appointments to the Transport and Student Support Panel and the Education Performance Panel

11.1 Councillor Dowling moved, and it was seconded, to agree that the political balance provisions would not apply to the membership of the Transport and Student Support Panel and the Education Performance Panel and that members be appointed to the Panels in accordance with the list of nominations from political groups which was circulated in the Council Chamber.

11.2 The motion was CARRIED (with no member voting against).

12 Confirmation of Continuation of Other Bodies

12.1 Councillor Dowling moved and it was seconded, that the bodies listed in agenda item 11 be continued, that the political balance provisions shall not apply to these Panels and that members be appointed by the Chief Executive as the need arises.

12.2 The motion was CARRIED (with no member voting against).

13 Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees Sub-Committees

13.1 The following motion, moved by Councillor Dowling and seconded, was CARRIED:

‘To appoint the following members to positions listed below’:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Regulatory	Stogdon	
Adult Social Care and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee	Pragnell	Webb
Audit, Best Value and Community Services Scrutiny Committee	Blanch	Barnes
Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee	Field	S Shing
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Ensor	O’Keeffe
Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee	Stogdon	Pursglove
Governance Committee	Glazier	
Planning Committee	Daniel	Stogdon
Pension Fund Investment Panel	Stogdon	
Standards Committee	Stogdon	

14 Questions from Members of the Public

14.1 There were no questions from members of the public

15 Cabinet Priorities for the forthcoming year

15.1 Councillor Glazier outlined the Cabinet’s priorities for the forthcoming year. The other Group Leaders commented on these, following which there was a debate.

16 Lead Member for Resources report – Notice of Motion: Local Welfare Assistance Fund

16.1 Councillor Elkin moved the reserved paragraph of the Lead Member for Resources report.

16.2 The motion was CARRIED after debate

17 Lead Member for Transport and Environment report – Notice of Motion: South Downs National Park Authority consultation

17.1 Councillor Maynard moved the reserved paragraph of the Lead Member for Transport and Environment report.

17.2 The motion was CARRIED after debate

18. Questions from County Councillors

ORAL QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

18.1 The following members asked questions of the Lead Cabinet Members indicated and they responded:

Questioner	Respondent	Subject
Councillor Ungar	Councillor Glazier	Access to ESCC policies by councillors.
Councillor Field	Councillor Glazier	Measures to be taken with partners to improve early diagnosis of cancer
Councillor Shuttleworth	Councillor Bennett	Consultation regarding any proposed changes to education provision
Councillor Forward	Councillor Bennett	Provision of support and guidance to primary schools regarding requirement to provide free school meals
Councillor Webb	Councillor Tidy	Future of, and visits to, children's centres in Hastings and St Leonards
Councillor Whetstone	Councillor Bennett	Publication of 2013 exam results including value added
Councillor Webb	Councillor Bentley	Implementation of reductions to personal budgets
Councillor Lambert	Councillor Bennett	Location of 5 new primary schools
Councillor Daniel	Councillor Maynard	Circulation of agenda and minutes for Hastings Joint Parking Board meetings

Questioner	Respondent	Subject
Councillor O’Keeffe	Councillor Maynard	Arrangements when resurfacing of highways is taking place in conjunction with works by utility companies
Councillor Whetstone	Councillor Glazier	Distinction between making cuts and avoiding expenditure
Councillor Tutt	Councillor Bentley	Update regarding site at Harvard Road, Ringmer
Councillor Barnes	Councillor Glazier	Discussion at Health and Wellbeing Board regarding how to encourage a more open approach to cancer and its symptoms
Councillor Howson	Councillor Maynard	Reinstatement of kerbs and verges in Peacehaven following gas main replacement

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18.2 The Chairman reported that a number of written questions had been submitted by Councillor Ungar and given the number and complexity of the questions the Chairman considered it more appropriate for these to be dealt with outside of the meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.50 pm

The reports referred to are included in the minute book

Delegations approved by the Leader of the Council – 13 May 2014

(a) *names of the County Councillors appointed to the Cabinet*

The Cabinet comprises the following members

Portfolio	Appointment
Strategic Management and Economic Development	Councillor Keith Glazier
Resources	Councillor David Elkin
Community Services	Councillor Chris Dowling
Economy	Councillor Rupert Simmons
Transport and Environment	Councillor Carl Maynard
Adults Social Care	Councillor Bill Bentley
Children and Families (designated statutory Lead Member for Children's Services)	Councillor Sylvia Tidy
Learning and School Effectiveness	Councillor Nick Bennett

(b) *the extent of any authority delegated to cabinet members individually as portfolio holders is set out in the Constitution of the County Council and below.*

In overall terms the areas of responsibility for each portfolio holder includes the following (subject to any subsequent amendment by the Leader at his discretion) principal services to be interpreted broadly. In accordance with the wishes of the Leader, principle services are not to be construed restrictively. In the event of any doubt in connection to a decision made by a Lead Member, the Leader confirms that he has delegated full executive authority to that decision maker:

Portfolio	Scope
Strategic Management and Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairing and managing the executive and its work • Overall strategy and policy for the Council • Principal service area responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications Economic Development/LEP Policy and Performance Public Health Equalities South East Seven Partnership Democratic Services all ancillary activities

Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and policy for all corporate resources matters • Principal service area responsibilities: Financial Management Property asset management Risk management Procurement Internal audit ICT Personnel and Training Legal all ancillary activities
Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and policy for all Community Services matters • Principal service area responsibilities: Archives and records Coroner services Libraries Registration Services Strategic Partnerships Culture Voluntary Sector all ancillary activities
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and policy for all economic development and regeneration projects and all ancillary activities • Principal service area responsibilities Trading Standards
Transport and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and policy for all Transport and Environmental matters • Principal service area responsibilities: Operational services Planning and developmental control Transport strategy and road safety Environmental and waste strategy Emergency Planning Gypsies and travellers all ancillary activities

Adult Social Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and policy for all Adult Social Care and Community Safety matters • Principal service area responsibilities: Services for vulnerable adults including older people, learning disability, physical disability, mental health and all ancillary activities Community Safety
Children and Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall strategy and policy for all Children's Services (social care) matters • Principal service area responsibilities: Child protection and family support Fostering and adoption for children Residential care for children Other aspects of social care for children Special educational needs Youth justice Youth service all ancillary activities
Learning and School Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and policy for all Children's Services (education) matters • Principal service area responsibilities: Quality and standards in educational establishments School admissions and transport Early years and childcare School organisation and place planning all ancillary activities

(c) *appointment to the position of Deputy Leader*

Councillor Elkin to be appointed Deputy Leader of the County Council

(d) *the terms of reference and constitution of the Cabinet and any executive committees together with the names of cabinet members appointed to them*

Delegations to each of these positions will remain as currently set out in the Constitution of the Council

(e) the nature and extent of any delegation of executive functions to local committees

There is no delegation of executive functions to local committees

(f) the nature and extent of any delegation to officers

The delegations of executive functions to Officers will be as set out in the Constitution. The delegations to Officers can be viewed via the following link: <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/keydocuments/constitution/> or alternatively hard copies are available at County Hall, Lewes (please contact Andy Cottell – 01273 481955)

Councillor Keith Glazier
Leader of the Council

13 May 2014