



Meeting of
East Sussex County Council
on Tuesday, 12 May 2015
at 10.00 am

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EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

To the Members of the County Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the East Sussex County Council to be held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes, **on Tuesday, 12 May 2015 at 10.00 am** to transact the following business

- 1 **To elect a Chairman of the County Council**
- 2 **To appoint a Vice-Chairman**
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2015** (*Pages 7 - 10*)
- 4 **Apologies for absence**
- 5 **Chairman's business**
- 6 **Report of the Governance Committee** (*Pages 11 - 14*)
- 7 **Record of Delegations**

The Leader to present to the County Council his written record of delegations of executive functions to Cabinet members including:

- (a) names of the County Councillors appointed to the Cabinet;
- (b) the extent of any authority delegated to cabinet members individually as portfolio holders;
- (c) appointment to the position of Deputy Leader
- (d) the terms of reference and constitution of the Cabinet and any executive committees together with the names of cabinet members appointed to them
- (e) the nature and extent of any delegation of executive functions to local committees
- (f) the nature and extent of any delegation to officers

- 8 **To allocate places on the following committees to political groups in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and to appoint members to those committees in line with the allocations**

- (a) **Scrutiny Committees:**
 - Adult Social Care and Community Safety
 - Audit, Best Value and Community Services
 - Children's Services
 - Economy, Transport and Environment
 - Health Overview and Scrutiny
- (b) **Governance Committee**

- (c) Regulatory Committee
- (d) Planning Committee
- (e) Standards Committee
- (f) Pension Committee

[Note 1: The committee memberships proposed by the political groups will be circulated to members in advance of the meeting]

[Note 2: In accordance with the statutory provisions, the proposed allocation of places to political groups is set out in the report of the Governance Committee]

9 In the light of the decisions of the Council on the allocation of places to political groups to appoint members to the Committees and Panels set out below:

- (a) East Sussex Music Service Management Committee (5 members of the County Council)
- (b) County Joint Consultative Committee (5 members of the County Council)
- (c) Governors Panel (7 members of the County Council)
- (d) County Consultative Committee (Governors) (5 members of the County Council)
- (e) Joint Advisory Committee (Schools) (5 members of the County Council)
- (f) Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (5 members of the County Council)
- (g) Corporate Parenting Panel (7 members of the County Council)

[The memberships proposed by the political groups will be circulated to members in advance of the meeting]

10 To agree (with no member voting against) that the political balance provisions shall not apply to the membership of the Transport and Student Support Panel and the Education Performance Panel and to appoint members to serve for the ensuing year

- (a) *Transport and Student Support Panel (3 members of the Regulatory Committee)*
- (b) *Education Performance Panel (the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness, the Chair of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and a representative of each of the political and independent groups)*

[The membership of the Panels, proposed by political groups will be circulated to members in advance of the meeting]

11 To confirm the continuation of the following bodies that have a fixed membership or to which members are appointed by the Chief Executive as the need arises and to agree (with no member voting against) that the political balance provisions shall not apply to the Panels:

Approved Marriage Premises Review Panel
 Employment Appeal Panel
 Recruitment Panel (Chief Executive, Directors and Deputies)
 Commons and Village Green Registration Panel

[The composition of these bodies is set out in the Constitution]

12 To appoint:

- (a) Chair of the Regulatory Committee
- (b) Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees
- (c) Chair of the Governance Committee
- (d) Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee
- (e) Chair of the Pension Committee
- (f) Chair of the Standards Committee

13 Questions from members of the public

14 Cabinet's priorities for the forthcoming year

15 Report of the Lead Member for Transport and Environment *(Pages 15 - 18)*

16 Report of the Standards Committee *(Pages 19 - 20)*

17 Questions from County Councillors

- (a) oral questions to Cabinet Members
- (b) written questions of which notice has been given pursuant to Standing Order 44

Note: There will be a period for collective prayers and quiet reflection in the Council Chamber from 9.30 am to 9.45 am. The prayers will be led by the Don Smith, former Lead Elder at King's Church (Eastbourne and Hastings). The Chairman would be delighted to be joined by any members of staff and Councillors who wish to attend.

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PHILIP BAKER
Assistant Chief Executive

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EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL held at COUNTY HALL, LEWES on TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2015 at 10.00 am.

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

62 Minutes of last meeting

62.1 RESOLVED – to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 10 February 2015 as a correct record.

63. Apologies for absence

63.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Charlton, Davies, Field and Lambert

64. Chairman's Business

JOAN TUNWELL

64.1 The Chairman informed the Council of the recent death of Joan Tunwell, the wife of a former colleague Michael Tunwell who had been a highly respected and very experienced councillor serving on the County Council from 1975 to 2009.

AWARDS FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES

64.2 On behalf of the Council the Chairman congratulated and thanked staff in Children’s Services on winning two Local Government Chronicle Awards, in the business transformation and children services categories, for the THRIVE programme. The THRIVE programme is a three year scheme aimed at reducing the need for intervention by social services by ensuring children and families get the help they need at an early stage. Through this multi-agency approach children’s social care referrals have been cut by half. Previously, the number of referrals for children’s social care was approaching a level which couldn’t be continued. Now, staff training and the closer partnership working between the Council and other agencies including the police, NHS and schools, has provided a more co-ordinated approach across the county.

CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITIES

64.3 I have attended a number of engagements since the last County Council meeting including: the Winter Academic Award Ceremonies at the Brighton Dome, the Checktrade Exhibition at the Azur, St Leonards on Sea, the Sussex Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Awards Presentation in Pevensey, the Ropemaker Centre Opening Ceremony in Hailsham, the Hastings and Rother Samaritans AGM, the Chestnut Tree House presentation in Alfriston, the Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus 50th Anniversary in Eastbourne, the VIP reception for 'Home Fires' by Operacoast at Newhaven Fort and the Peacehaven Mayor's Year in Music, Song and Pictures at the Meridian Centre. The Vice Chairman also attended a number of events including the installation of the Dean of Chichester at Chichester Cathedral

PRAYERS

64.4 The Chairman thanked Father David Charles for leading the prayers before the meeting.

PETITIONS

64.5 The Chairman informed the Council that immediately before the meeting he had received petitions from members as follows:

Councillor Bennett	- calling on the County Council to improve safety on roads and lanes around Arlington including speed restrictions
Councillor Ensor	- calling on the County Council to fully adopt the highway on the short portion of Bancroft Road that has historically been overlooked
Councillor Forward	- calling on the County Council not to proceed with plans with Amicus Horizon to construct 105 dwellings at South Saxons Wetlands on the site of the former West St Leonards Primary School.
Councillor Wallis	- calling on the County Council to introduce a controlled parking zone to the Rylstone Road area of Eastbourne

65 Questions from Members of the Public

65.1 There were no questions from members of the public

66. Declarations of Interest

66.1 There were no declarations of interest

67. Reports

CALLOVER

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

Cabinet - paragraph 1

NON-RESERVED PARAGRAPHS

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

68. Cabinet Report – Reserved Paragraph - Council Monitoring Quarter Three

68.1 Councillor Glazier moved the reserved paragraph of the Cabinet’s report.

68.2 The motion was CARRIED after debate.

69. Questions from County Councillors

ORAL QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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

Questioner	Respondent	Subject
Councillor Tutt	Councillor Glazier	Decisions taken by the County Council
Councillor St Pierre	Councillor Glazier	Review of management of Ashdown Forest
Councillor Wallis	Councillor Maynard	Opportunities in relation to future large infrastructure schemes
Councillor Scott	Councillor Elkin	Impact of recent budget on residents of East Sussex
Councillor Hodges	Councillor Simmons	Provision of a second runway at Gatwick Airport
Councillor Daniel	Councillor Tidy	Recruitment and retention of skilled children’s social workers

Questioner	Respondent	Subject
Councillor Shuttleworth	Councillor Glazier	Impact of reduction in numbers of police officers and PCSOs on community policing
Councillor S Shing	Councillor Maynard	Repair of potholes and highway resurfacing programme
Councillor Birch	Councillor Glazier	Implications for East Sussex of possible devolution of finance and functions to combined authorities
Councillor Whetstone	Councillor Simmons	Representations regarding engine noise, flight path patterns and heights
Councillor Whetstone	Councillor Maynard	Improvements to A27 and A21 in East Sussex
Councillor S Shing	Councillor Maynard	Compensation paid to claimants in relation to damage to vehicles caused by potholes
Councillor Carstairs	Councillor Simmons	Responsibility for flight paths in England

WRITTEN QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44

69.2 There were no written questions Councillors

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.18 am

The reports referred to are included in the minute book

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Governance Committee met on 28 April 2015. Attendances:

Councillor Glazier (Chair)
Councillors Elkin, Howson, Tutt and Webb

1. Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels and other Bodies

1.1 The County Council, at its annual meeting in May, appoints members to its committees etc. In appointing members to committees the Council must comply with section 15 of the Local Government Act 1989 and subsequent Regulations. These provide that places on committees must be allocated to political groups in proportion to the number of seats on the Council held by each group, unless there is agreement, without dissent, that the provisions of the Act should not be applied.

1.2 The allocation of places to party groups must, so far as is reasonably practicable, give effect to the following principles:

- (a) not all of the seats on the body can be allocated to the same political group;
- (b) where more than half the members of the Council belong to one political group, that group shall have a majority on all committees, sub-committees, etc;
- (c) subject to (a) and (b) above, the total number of seats on the ordinary committees (including sub-committees) allocated to a political group reflects that group's proportion of the members of the Council;
- (d) subject to (a), (b) and (c) above, the number of seats on each body allocated to a political group reflects the proportion of the seats on the Council held by the group.

1.3 The rules require seats to be allocated on a proportional basis "so far as practicable" and inevitably there must be some rounding up and rounding down. It is open to the Council to review the size and number of committees and sub-committees at any time.

1.4 Members of the Cabinet may not serve on the Scrutiny Committees or the Regulatory Committee and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council may not serve on the Standards Committee.

1.5 The Leader of the Council appoints the Cabinet and allocates portfolios to those Cabinet Members. Political balance provisions do not apply to the Cabinet

1.6 The principle in paragraph 1.2 (c) above applies to appointments to ordinary committees (including sub-committees). Accordingly, before considering the allocation of places to political groups the Committee will need to consider whether it wishes to recommend any changes in committees, including their size.

1.7 Following the Committee's meeting, the group leaders have been asked to let the Assistant Chief Executive have nominations to fill the places on committees provisionally allocated to their group. The nominations received will be circulated to members of the County Council on the day of the annual council meeting, for approval by the Council.

Allocation of seats

1.8 The tables in Appendix 1 show the proposed allocation of seats for 2015/16. The only change from 2014/15 is the establishment of the Pension Committee which has a membership of 5 councillors. The proposals in relation to the committees, their total membership and the number of seats on each to which the groups will be entitled follows the principles set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

1.9 The Committee **recommends** the County Council to:

☆ agree the allocation of places on each committee to each group as set out in Appendix 1

2. Amendment to Constitution – Statutory duties and powers of the post of the Director of Public Health

2.1 Responsibility for public health functions transferred to the Council in April 2013 under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. As part of the transition arrangements, specialist staff moved from the NHS to the County Council to establish a Public Health Team. The Public Health Team is managed by the Acting Director of Public Health who reports to the Director of Adult Social Care and Health. It is recommended that the statutory duties and powers of the post of Director of Public Health be set out in the Constitution.

2.2 Every local authority with public health responsibilities is required to employ a specialist Director of Public Health – appointed jointly with the Secretary of State for Health. This follows the return of a leading public health role to local government under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Director of Public Health is a statutory officer of the authority

2.3 In general the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Public Health are designed to match the corporate public health duties of the Council. The exception is the annual report on the health of the local population – the Director of Public Health has a duty to produce a report whereas the council has a duty to publish it.

2.4 The Director of Public Health has the following core statutory powers and responsibilities:

- Overall responsibility for all the Council's duties to take steps to improve public health
- Undertake any of the Secretary of State's public health protection or health improvement functions delegated to local authorities, either by arrangement or under regulations
- Plan for, and respond to, emergencies that present a risk to public health
- Undertake the Council's role in co-operating with the police, the probation service and the prison service to assess the risks posed by violent or sexual offenders

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- Responsible for the Council's response as a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003, including making representations about licensing applications (a function given to local authorities by sections 5(3), 13(4), 69(4) and 172B(4) of the Licensing Act, as amended by Schedule 5 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Dental public health functions
- If the Council provides or commissions a maternity or child health clinic, then to have responsibility for providing Healthy Start vitamins
- To be a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board
- To produce an Annual Report

2.5 The proposed amendments to the Constitution are set out in Appendix 2.

2.6 The Committee **recommends** the County Council to:

✧ agree the amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 2

3. Amendment to Constitution – scheme of delegation

3.1 The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA) was enacted following the report of Sir Michael Pitt examining the impact of the floods of the summer of 2007. This included recommendations covering the management of flood risk, the response to the event and the recovery phase. The FWMA designated upper tier authorities (e.g. County Councils) as Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) with a range of responsibilities, amongst these was to act as the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) Approving Body. Developers under these arrangements would have had to submit a separate application for drainage approval. The process was intended to be supported by application fees which could be partly used to provide the technical resource necessary to process applications. A major issue was identifying how to fund the ongoing monitoring and maintenance, because any system the Council approved, it would then be obliged to adopt and maintain in perpetuity. Agreeing a sustainable funding regime to maintain drainage systems has proved difficult for DEFRA to resolve.

3.2 Commencement of the Approving Body role has been anticipated for some time but has been delayed by Government on a number of occasions. The Government has now indicated it intends to take an alternative approach to the one envisaged in the FWMA. It now wishes to deliver SUDS through changes to the current planning regime.

3.3 As a consequence of this significant change of direction, the Government announced a strengthening of the planning system to expect the installation of SUDS as the drainage solution for major development. The Government has laid before Parliament, the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 (DMPO) which has provisions for statutory consultees in relation to planning applications. The DMPO makes LLFAs statutory consultees on certain planning applications. The DMPO comes into force on 15 April 2015.

3.4 As a statutory consultee, the County Council will be obliged to comment upon all consultations on "major" planning applications from the Districts and Boroughs, the South Downs National Park Authority, and ESCC in relation to surface water drainage matters. The County Council is also required by the DMPO to report annually to Government on our performance in responding.

3.5 Current estimates indicate that we can expect to be consulted on some two hundred planning applications each year. These cases will range in scale and complexity, and will involve assessing the surface water drainage aspects of development proposals. It is

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intended that each application will have to be responded to, within a 21 days consultation period.

3.6 Given the technical nature of the subject matter, the large number of consultations expected, and the three weeks consultation period, it is proposed to delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to respond as LLFA to all consultations on drainage aspects the County Council will receive from the planning authorities in East Sussex and that the following delegation be added to the scheme of delegation for that post in the Constitution:

“To respond to the relevant planning authorities on behalf of the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority in respect of any statutory or other consultation in relation to the drainage and local flood risk aspects of proposals in applications for planning permission.”

3.7 The Committee **recommends** the County Council to:

☆ agree to amend the scheme of delegation in the Constitution as set out in paragraph 3.6 above.

28 April 2015

KEITH GLAZIER
(Chair)

REPORT OF THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

The Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Maynard, met on 27 April 2015.

Attendance: Councillor Maynard (Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment)

Also present: Councillors Pursglove and Tutt.

1. Notice of Motion: Decisions to enhance the natural environment

1.1 The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillors O’Keeffe and Earl:

“This Council notes that a thriving natural environment (natural capital) in East Sussex is of great value in providing significant health benefits to individual residents and the community as a whole and multiple benefits for the County’s economy through ecosystem services, for example flood risk reduction, delivery of clean air, micro-climate regulation, pollination and accessible nature.

The Council therefore resolves to take advantage of any appropriate opportunity within East Sussex to be respectful of and where possible work with others to enhance these natural systems, for example through the maintenance and further improvement of green infrastructure (GI) and ecological networks in our stewardship; this includes nature reserves and other open spaces that we have responsibility for, and GI relating to our buildings and highway infrastructure.

As a Council we will look to give proper weight to environmental management and community aspirations together with economic issues in the decision making process so as to embed GI network delivery into the delivery of the Council Priorities and Capital Programme for the County.”

1.2 In line with the County Council’s practice, the matter was referred by the Chairman to the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.

1.3 Recognition of the economic, social and environmental benefits of the natural environment is embedded within the County Council through the production of key relevant strategies and in appropriate decision making. The County Council already recognises the economic and social value of the natural environment of the County, notably within:

- 1) The Environment Strategy for East Sussex, adopted by the County Council in 2011, in which a key principle is to protect and enhance the natural environment. The Strategy was developed by over 20 organisations including the district and borough councils, the Environment Agency, the Health Service, Natural England, the South Downs National Park Authority, the High Weald AONB Joint Advisory Committee, Action in Rural Sussex and the Sussex Wildlife Trust.
- 2) The Economic Development Strategy, adopted in 2012, which recognises that the high quality natural environment of the county is a key asset. A priority of the Strategy is to enhance these assets, amongst others, to help drive a thriving visitor economy. This is reinforced in the more recent East Sussex Growth Strategy (2014).
- 3) The Health and Wellbeing Strategy, adopted in 2013, which recognises the availability of open spaces as a means of contributing to the objective of increasing rates of physical activity, leading to healthier lifestyles.

1.4 All three strategies were developed with a range of partners and recognise the importance of a joined up, integrated and multi-agency approach to delivery. The Environment Strategy, in particular, seeks to identify appropriate opportunities to protect and enhance the local natural environment and sets these out in a high-level annual action plan. The Strategy sets out the vision for the environment of East Sussex and establishes 10 environmental principles. It also identifies for each principle short/medium term actions and highlights which organisation is to be the lead partner and the other key partners who will be involved for each action. Projects include, for example, gaining investment into a visitors centre at Combe Valley Countryside Park, habitat and landscape improvements at Riverside Park in Newhaven, and actions to protect and enhance the natural environment that is within East Sussex County Council's stewardship (e.g. management of countryside sites and highway verges). Most of the actions in this area are the remit of partner organisations, for instance the South Downs National Park Authority and Natural England.

1.5 The decision-making processes that put this into practice include allocation of funding in the local transport plan capital programme, planning management and consideration of bids for external funding. Such processes also seek to give proper weight to community aspirations. In some cases this is identified, through specific community engagement activities (e.g. the current consultation process on shaping the future of our countryside access). Sometimes decisions enable economic, social and environmental benefits to be gained (e.g. the very successful Wheels-to-Work programme) and sometimes decisions require a trade-off between these areas. Planning decisions by the County Council also take into account environmental factors.

1.6 The County Council has carried out mapping of the location and estimated condition of strategic green infrastructure (GI) within the county. The next step is to identify where there may be the need and opportunity for improving existing GI and/or developing new GI, for instance to support proposed areas of housing growth. The County Council is working in partnership with other organisations, such as the South Downs National Park Authority, on this next phase. This will help to improve the current evidence base that is used in County Council decisions. A major contribution to enhanced GI is the environmental mitigation associated with the Bexhill Hastings Link Road. This involves an overall ratio of compensatory habitat to habitat loss of 2:1, and wildlife features such as a "green bridge" and new ponds.

1.7 It is considered that the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors O'Keeffe and Earl should be rejected as it does not recognise the range of strategies already adopted by the County Council that promote the natural environment, and the need to work with partners to enhance delivery of improvements to the natural environment. It is therefore proposed that the County Council supports an amended Notice of Motion, as set out in 1.8 below, which endorses the on-going work with partners to identify opportunities to improve existing green infrastructure, and develop new green infrastructure.

1.8 The amended Notice of Motion to read:

This Council notes that a thriving natural environment (natural capital) in East Sussex is of great value in providing significant health benefits to individual residents and the community as a whole and multiple benefits for the County's economy through ecosystem services, for example flood risk reduction, delivery of clean air, micro-climate regulation, pollination and accessible nature.

The Council recognises the economic, social and environmental benefits of the natural environment through the Environment Strategy for East Sussex, the Economic Development Strategy and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. In delivering these adopted strategies, this Council will continue to work with partners to identify opportunities to improve existing green infrastructure, and develop new green infrastructure.

1.9 The Lead Cabinet Member **recommends** the County Council to –

☆ (1) reject the Notice of Motion from Councillors O’Keeffe and Earl;

(2) agree the amended Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 1.8 above.

27 April 2015

CARL MAYNARD
Lead Cabinet Member for
Transport and Environment

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REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Standards Committee met on 21 April 2015.

Present Councillor Stogdon (Chair),
 Councillors Blanch, Daniel, Ensor, Howson and D. Shing

1. Annual Report of the Standards Committee

1.1 Between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 three complaints were received against Members of the County Council. The complaints were considered by the Assessment Sub Committee. The Assessment Sub Committee decided to refer one case to the Monitoring Officer for investigation, one case was referred to the Monitoring Officer for action other than an investigation and in relation to the third alleged breach of the Code the Sub Committee decided that no further action was required.

1.2 It is considered that the standards of conduct among Members and co-opted members of the Council remain high and maintaining good standards is taken seriously. There were 3 complaints considered by the Assessment Sub Committee in 2014/15, one case in 2013/14, one in 2012/13 one in 2011/12, two in 2010/11 and 4 in 2009/10.

Applications for Dispensation

1.3 In limited circumstances, Members can apply in writing for dispensations to take part in business that they would otherwise have been unable to participate in through having prejudicial interests. During 2014/15 there were no applications for dispensations.

1.4 All dispensations are entered on the register of Members' interests and remain there for the appropriate period.

Register of Members' Interests

1.5 The Monitoring Officer is required to establish and maintain a register of interests of Members of the Council. All Members have completed and returned their registers and are reminded every six months of the need to notify the Monitoring Officer of any changes. The registers are available for public inspection and are available on the Council's website.

1.6 A register of Gifts and Hospitality is also maintained by the Monitoring Officer. Members have to register gifts and hospitality received with an estimated value of £50 or more. Councillors are reminded every 6 months of the need to declare gifts and hospitality of such a value.

1.7 There is an ongoing requirement to keep the information of the register of interest form up to date. Councillors must, within 28 days of becoming aware of any

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new registerable personal interest or change to any registered interest, give written notification to the Monitoring Officer.

Training

1.8 Guidance regarding the standards regime has previously been circulated to all newly elected councillors. The Code of Conduct including register of interests, personal interests, disclosable pecuniary interests and gifts and hospitality, were covered during presentation at the Induction Day on 9 May 2013.

1.9 The Committee **recommends** the County Council to –

- ☆ agree the Annual Report

RICHARD STOGDON
Chair

21 April 2015