

LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

MINUTES of a meeting of the Lead Member for Community Services held at County Hall, Lewes on 14 December 2016.

Councillor Whetstone spoke on item 4 (see minute 30)

Councillor O’Keeffe spoke on items 5 and 6 (see minutes 31 and 32)

27 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 23 NOVEMBER 2016

27.1 RESOLVED to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2016.

28 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

28.1 Councillor O’Keeffe declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 5 and 6 on the agenda (see minutes 31 and 32). Councillor O’Keeffe is a Member of Lewes Town Council.

29 REPORTS

29.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

30 PETITION TO REDUCE THE 60MPH NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT TO 40MPH ON THE B2188 FROM THE LYE GREEN JUNCTION TO FLORENCE CORNER JUNCTION IN GROOMBRIDGE

30.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

30.2 Mr Keith Obbard, the Lead Petitioner, spoke to request further consideration be given to reduce the National Speed Limit of 60mph to 40mph on the B2188 Road from the Lye Green Junction to the Florence Corner Junction in Groombridge.

Decision

30.3 RESOLVED to (1) advise the petitioners that a reduced speed limit on this part of the B2188 Cherry Gardens Hill is not a priority for the County Council at the present time; and (2) advise the petitioners that Withyham Parish Council may wish to consider part funding a lower speed limit on this part of the B2188 through the Community Match fund scheme.

Reasons

30.4 The B2188 Cherry Gardens Hill will be prioritised along with all other roads in the County to establish whether it is a priority for action in 2017/18. However, as only one of the crashes was a serious injury crash it is not a priority for the road safety team and it is unlikely to be a priority for action from the Public Health Fund.

31 FEES FOR SERVICES AT SOUTHOVER GRANGE REGISTRATION OFFICE

31.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

Decision

31.2 RESOLVED to (1) approve the proposed fees for peripheral services at Southover Grange for 2017/18 and 2018/19;
(2) approve the proposal to charge for Friday ceremonies at the same rate as Saturdays and Sundays at Southover Grange; and
(3) approve the amendment to the pricing structure for the community use hire room at Southover Grange.

Reasons

31.3 The agreed fees will allow the Registration Service to commence taking bookings for these services alongside ceremonies early in the New Year.

32 EAST SUSSEX AGAINST SCAMS PARTNERSHIP

32.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

Decision

32.2 RESOLVED to (1) agree to the establishment of the East Sussex Against Scams Partnership; and
(2) agree that East Sussex County Council become one of the flagship “Friends Against Scams” local authorities and that Members are invited to become an East Sussex “Scambassador” as part of the Friends Against Scams network.

Reasons

32.3 The East Sussex Against Scams Partnership is a community pledge asking East Sussex residents to take action in helping to protect people in the County from scams. Organisation and groups will be asked to sign up to a charter as partners and help deliver initiatives to “take a stand against scams”. The problem needs a multi-agency approach to tackle it, and to protect our communities, specifically consumers who are made vulnerable by their circumstances.

(The meeting ended at 10.45am)