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EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL held at Council Chamber - County Hall, Lewes on 10 JULY 2018 at 10.00 am

Present Councillors John Barnes MBE, Matthew Beaver, Colin Belsey, Nick Bennett, Bill Bentley, Bob Bowdler, Tania Charman, Charles Clark, Godfrey Daniel, Philip Daniel, Angharad Davies, Chris Dowling, Claire Dowling, Stuart Earl, Simon Elford, David Elkin, Nigel Enever, Michael Ensor, Kathryn Field, Gerard Fox, Roy Galley, Keith Glazier, Carolyn Lambert, Tom Liddiard, Laurie Loe, Carl Maynard, Ruth O'Keeffe MBE, Sarah Osborne, Peter Pragnell (Chairman), Pat Rodohan, Phil Scott, Jim Sheppard (Vice Chairman), Daniel Shing, Stephen Shing, Alan Shuttleworth, Rupert Simmons, Andy Smith, Bob Standley, Richard Stogdon, Colin Swansborough, Barry Taylor, Sylvia Tidy, David Tutt, John Ungar, Steve Wallis, Trevor Webb and Francis Whetstone

19 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2018

19.1 RESOLVED – to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the County Council held on 15 May 2018 as a correct record.

20 Apologies for absence

20.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Martin Clarke and Darren Grover.

21 Chairman's business

CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITIES

21.1 The Chairman reported that he had attended a number of engagements since the last meeting including: the annual council meetings in Hastings and Lewes, the Air Training Corps Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force, the High Sheriff's summer reception, the Family Support Work launch, the Chairman of West Sussex County Council's summer reception, the formal opening of the refurbished Hastings Library and the Civic Service for the Mayor of Seaford. He also attended the British Empire Medal Investiture Ceremony. The Chairman reported that he had hosted a summer reception. The Vice Chairman had also attended a number of events including the Sussex Armed Forces Briefing and the opening of the Eastbourne combined emergency services display.

PRAYERS

21.2 The Chairman thanked the Reverend Peter Clark, Padre to the 249 (Hailsham) Squadron RAF Air Cadets for leading the prayers before the meeting.

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PETITIONS

21.3 The following petitions had been received from members immediately before the meeting:

- Councillor Field - calling on the County Council to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph at Marley Lane, Battle
- Councillor Daniel Shing - calling on the County Council to address traffic speeding and vibration in the Farmlands Way/ Farmlands Avenue/Coppice Avenue area in the Polegate and Willingdon Division
- Councillor Stephen Shing - calling on the County Council to address traffic speeding and vibration in the Farmlands Way/ Farmlands Avenue/Coppice Avenue area in the Willingdon and South Downs Division

22 Questions from members of the public

22.1 Copies of the questions asked by Gabriel Carlyle from St Leonards on Sea, Arnold Simanowitz from Lewes, John Enefer from St Leonards on Sea, Hugh Dunkerley from Brighton and Rebecca Whippy from Eastbourne and the answers from Councillor Stogdon (Chair of the Pension Committee) and Councillor Standley (Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability) are attached to these minutes. Supplementary questions were asked and responded to.

23 Declarations of Interest

23.1 There were no declarations of interest.

24 Petition

24.1 Jane Humberstone (representative of the petitioners) addressed the County Council prior to the debate. The Council agreed to vary procedure to enable all councillors who wished to speak to do so.

24.2 The following motion was moved by Councillor Standley and seconded:

The Council notes the petition and welcomes the steps taken by the Council to explore a realistic, sustainable future strategy for the East Sussex Music Instrumental Service in line with the Lead Member decision on 30 April 2018.

24.3 The following amendment was moved by Councillor Shuttleworth and seconded:

The (insert) [County] Council (delete) [~~notes the petition and welcomes the steps taken by the Council to explore a realistic, sustainable future strategy for the East Sussex Music Instrumental Service in line with the Lead Member decision on 30 April 2018.~~] (insert) [requests the Cabinet to withdraw the proposed cuts to the East Sussex Music Service and undertake serious discussions with music managers and potential partners to find a way to continue the Service in its current form, ensuring that the current fee remissions will apply].

24.4 The following amendment was moved by Councillor O'Keeffe and seconded:

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(insert) [This] (delete) The Council (delete) [notes the petition and welcomes the steps taken by the Council to explore a realistic, sustainable future strategy for the East Sussex Music Instrumental Service in line with the Lead Member decision on 30 April 2018.] (insert) [takes full account of the enormous public support shown for the Music Service, including the maintaining of the instrumental service, and commends to the Lead Member alternative plans which suggest a way of preserving this service as being a viable way forward.]

24.5 With the agreement of the Council, Councillor Shuttleworth amended the wording of his amendment to read:

The County Council requests that the Cabinet withdraw the proposed cuts to the East Sussex Music Service, in recognition of the enormous public support, and undertake serious discussions with music managers and other potential partners to find a way to continue the Service including looking at all alternative plans but ensuring that the current fee remissions will apply .

25.6 With the consent of the seconder, Councillor O’Keeffe withdrew her amendment.

24.7 A recorded vote on Councillor Shuttleworth’s amendment was requested and taken. The amendment was LOST, the votes being cast as follows

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Councillors Charman, Godfrey Daniel, Philip Daniel, Field, Lambert, O’Keeffe, Osborne, Rodohan, Scott, Daniel Shing, Stephen Shing, Shuttleworth, Swansborough, Tutt, Ungar, Wallis and Webb

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

Councillors Barnes, Beaver, Belsey, Bennett, Bentley, Bowdler, Charles Clark, Davies, Chris Dowling, Claire Dowling, Earl, Elford, Elkin, Enever, Ensor, Fox, Galley, Glazier, Liddiard, Loe, Maynard, Pragnell, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith, Standley, Stogdon, Taylor, Tidy and Whetstone

ABSTENTIONS

None

24.8 A recorded vote was requested and taken on the motion moved by Councillor Standley as follows:

The Council notes the petition and welcomes the steps taken by the Council to explore a realistic, sustainable future strategy for the East Sussex Music Instrumental Service in line with the Lead Member decision on 30 April 2018

The motion was CARRIED with the votes being cast as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Councillors Barnes, Beaver, Belsey, Bennett, Bentley, Bowdler, Charles Clark, Davies, Chris Dowling, Claire Dowling, Earl, Elford, Elkin, Enever, Ensor, Fox, Galley, Glazier, Liddiard, Loe, Maynard, Pragnell, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith, Standley, Stogdon, Taylor, Tidy and Whetstone

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AGAINST THE MOTION

Councillors Charman, Godfrey Daniel, Philip Daniel, Field, Lambert, Osborne, Rodohan, Scott, Daniel Shing, Stephen Shing, Shuttleworth, Swansborough, Tutt, Ungar, Wallis and Webb

ABSTENTIONS

Councillor O’Keeffe

25 Reports

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

Cabinet report paragraph 1 (Council monitoring)

Lead Member for Transport and Environment – Paragraph 1 (Notice of Motion – air quality and reducing pollution from diesel vehicles)

NON-RESERVED PARAGRAPHS

25.2 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 as follows:

Cabinet report paragraph 2 – Ashdown Forest Trust Fund

Governance Committee report paragraph 1 – Lewes Public Library and Museum Charitable Trust

26 Report of the Cabinet

Paragraph 1 (Council Monitoring)

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

26.2 The motion was CARRIED after debate.

27 Report of the Lead Member for Transport and Environment

27.1 Councillor Bennett moved the reserved paragraph (Notice of Motion: Air quality and reducing pollution from diesel vehicles) in the report of the Lead Member for Transport and Environment.

27.2 The following amendment was moved by Councillor Philip Daniel and seconded was LOST:

1) notes the Government’s actions to:

- 1. Develop and deliver a strategy and action plan to phase out the use of diesel by (delete) [2040] (insert) [2025] including measures to help the owners of these vehicles switch to clean vehicles and alternatives to driving,*
- 2. Ensure that air pollution standards for new diesel vehicles are adhered to,*
- 3. Ensure local authorities have the powers and resources necessary to reduce pollution from diesel vehicles, including the power to ban diesel vehicles and new powers to control emissions from buses; and*

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(2) As there is no known safe limit for some pollutants, the Council will - working with others as necessary, including the Health & Wellbeing Board and the public, particularly those most affected by air pollution - continue to take action to further reduce pollution levels to at least recommended World Health Organisation levels, particularly in locations where there is a concentration of vulnerable people (e.g. around schools).

27.3 The following motion was moved by Councillor Bennett and CARRIED:

1) notes the Government's actions to:

1. Develop and deliver a strategy and action plan to phase out the use of diesel by 2040, including measures to help the owners of these vehicles switch to clean vehicles and alternatives to driving,

2. Ensure that air pollution standards for new diesel vehicles are adhered to,

3. Ensure local authorities have the powers and resources necessary to reduce pollution from diesel vehicles, including the power to ban diesel vehicles and new powers to control emissions from buses; and

(2) As there is no known safe limit for some pollutants, the Council will - working with others as necessary, including the Health & Wellbeing Board and the public, particularly those most affected by air pollution - continue to take action to further reduce pollution levels to at least recommended World Health Organisation levels, particularly in locations where there is a concentration of vulnerable people (e.g. around schools).

28 Questions from County Councillors

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

| Questioner | Respondent | Subject |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Councillor Philip Daniel | Councillor Bentley | Relationship between the parking service and library service and impact on library staff. |
| Councillor Tutt | Councillor Glazier | Monitoring of savings agreed by the Cabinet on 26 June 2018 |
| Councillor Field | Councillor Simmons | Charges to businesses wishing to place A boards, tables and chairs etc on the footway |
| Councillor Godfrey Daniel | Councillor Bennett | Programme for the surface dressing of roads |
| Councillor Scott | Councillor Bentley | Removal of neighbourhood policing from the Sussex Policing Plan |
| Councillor Stephen Shing | Councillor Bennett | Enforcement action in relation to vehicles for sale on the highway, banners on railings etc |
| Councillor O'Keeffe | Councillor Bennett | Applying for parking permits for those who are not able to apply on-line |

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| Questioner | Respondent | Subject |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Councillor Ungar | Councillor Elkin | Further information regarding funds to mitigate the adult social care overspend in 2017/18 including the new Improved Better Together Fund and other funding |

WRITTEN QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44

28.2 One written question was received from Councillor Enever for the Lead Member for Transport and Environment. The question and answer are attached to these minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.46 pm

The reports referred to are included in the minute book

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QUESTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Question from Gabriel Carlyle, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex

According to figures presented by Hymans Robertson at the East Sussex Pension Fund (ESPF) training day on 13 June 2017, approximately 9% of ESPF's equity holdings were in oil and gas ('Breakdown of equity exposure' in 'Climate change, carbon risk and investments', document circulated by investment consultants Hymans Robertson at the East Sussex Pension Fund training day on 13 June 2017).

What is the current value of the Fund's investments in oil and gas, and what percentage of its total equity assets does this represent?

How are these figures anticipated to change once ESPF has enacted its decision to '[put] 11% of the Funds held in [its] passive investment portfolio into the UBS Climate Aware Fund' (Written answer to Hugh Dunkerley, 15 May 2018)?

Response by the Chair of the Pension Committee

The Pension Committee commissioned Trucost to provide a Carbon Footprint of the East Sussex Pension Fund. The report shows that the Fund has an aggregated carbon intensity of 379.02 tCO₂e per million GBP. This will provide the Committee with additional information to challenge Investment managers on their decisions. The expectation is that this will help to reduce the carbon intensity of the Fund over time.

It is anticipated that the investment in the Climate aware fund will reduce the CO₂ emissions of Pension Fund with the portfolio companies contracting at an annual rate of 2.4%, compared to a rate of decline of 0.3% in the benchmark index.

2. Question from Arnold Simanowitz, Lewes, East Sussex

Does the East Sussex Pension Fund accept the 'best practice guidance' of the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (see http://www.lapfforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Climate_Change_Investment_Policy_Framework.pdf) that:

(a) the East Sussex Pension Fund is a long-term investor 'with liabilities reaching beyond the year 2100';

and

(b) that 'The Fund's long-term goal is for 100% of assets to be compatible with the net zero-emissions ambition by [approximately] 2050 in line with the Paris agreement' and that 'This decarbonisation goal will be regularly evaluated in line with its objective of maintaining long-term financial performance.'

Response by the Chair of the Pension Committee

The East Sussex Pension Fund understands that it is a long term investor with a fiduciary duty to over 70,000 members and over 130 employers and manages its Investment Strategy Statement on that basis.

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The Fund's long-term goal is to ensure it has sufficient funds available to pay pensions when they fall due.

The Fund believes that it is important that the global economy manages the decline of existing production in line with what is necessary to achieve the Paris climate goals.

3. Question from John Enefer, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex

In July 2016, the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) wrote that shareholders needed to engage with oil and gas corporations to be able to gauge the risk profile of their investments. They concluded that "There is a financial argument that those that can't reassure investors could be considered as divestment candidates" (Engaging for a low carbon transition: Why a 2 °C business model is less risky than 'business-as-usual' for oil companies, http://www.lapfforum.org/wp-content/Publications/latest-research/files/LAPFF_CTI_Engaging_for_a_Low_Carbon_Transition.pdf). We are now almost two years on and, increasingly, engagement as a risk-management strategy looks highly suspect.

If the East Sussex Pension Fund believes that such companies pose growing financial risks, why is the Fund's strategy not to reduce exposure to that stock, rather than continue holding it in the hope that engagement activities will cause these companies to change their strategies?

Response by the Chair of the Pension Committee

The Fund believes that it is important that the global economy manages the decline of existing production in line with what is necessary to achieve the Paris climate goals.

The Committee believes that the best way to achieve this is to engage with companies and as a member of LAPFF the committee receives regular reports and advice from them. The advice from LAPFF and also from the leading ESG policy maker within the LGPS, the Environment Agency Pension Fund, is not to divest from fossil fuel investments but to engage with companies.

4. Question from Hugh Dunkerley, Brighton

As chair of the ESCC Pension Committee, I am sure you are aware of the growing debate about the financial stability of fossil fuel investments. I would like to draw your attention to a recent study. The study, entitled 'Macroeconomic Impact of Stranded Fossil Fuel Assets' (published in Nature Climate Change , July 4th) warns that fossil fuel companies could be left with trillions in stranded assets as a rapid decline in fossil fuel demand is likely because advances in technologies for energy efficiency and renewable power , and the accompanying drop in in their price, have made made low carbon energy much more attractive.

However, as the lead author of the report, Dr Francois Mercure of Radboud and Cambridge universities told The Guardian, the transition is currently happening too slowly to stave off the worst effects of climate change.

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If they are aware of this latest report, will the pension committee consider asking their portfolio managers the following question. 'Can we get the same return on our pension investments without investing in any shares related to fossil fuels'?

Such a move would be good for both the long term value of the pension scheme and the environment.

Response by the Chair of the Pension Committee

The Pension Committee regularly monitor, review and challenge the strategies and decision making process of its investment managers particularly on responsible investment topics, investment returns, financial and non-financial risks, etc..

5. Question from Rebecca Whippy, Eastbourne, East Sussex

Cuts to children's services in East Sussex - How does the Local Authority justify this given its legal duty to provide social care; specifically:

- a) How many of these children have had social care assessments?
- b) Have you carried out any impact assessment? If so how many and what were the results?
- c) What other services specifically are available to meet these children's social care needs under s2 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 if they are found to have social care needs?
- d) Why were redundancy procedures initiated to staff at the Smile Club prior to closing of the consultation period?
- e) Where can information be found with regard to the response to the consultation?
- f) Do you have adequate foster placements to support these families should they need it?
- g) I am a governor of Hazel Court and aware that it cannot support the contribution it is expected to make to the Smile Club and this is likely to be a restricted service now. I know these children have needs that cannot be met by other clubs, in other venues or with other staff. What are your plans to meet your lawful duty of care to these children when they request social care assessments for respite?
- h) Parents have written to me saying that they are going to lose their jobs. What is your response to them? What responsibility are you willing to take for your part in this? How do you propose they pay their mortgages or put food on the table if they cannot work?
- i) I have been in contact with the SABDEN trust who have informed me that their funding has been cut to 50% effective immediately. They have explained to me that this has affected the entire trust which contains several special schools and that staff are leaving and they are needing to restructure the school. They are

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taking funding from College Central to plug the flexible learning provision's funding gaps. They have said to me that they feel they are on a "sinking ship and trying to plug the leaks but they are going down with the ship". What is your response to them?

- j) Are you aware that when I apply for social care assessments for all of these children that it is likely to cost you more to fund their social care than it would to keep these services open? Can you explain to me the financial reasoning behind going ahead with this funding cut?
- k) Parents that have children affected by this cut have told me that they have been offered these services in lieu of a social care assessment. They now have no break, neither do their families and no right of action, do you acknowledge that these families feel like they have been taken advantage of? How do you propose to rectify this?
- l) What is the "wider market" you refer to in the consultation? Please name specific names. What research have you carried out to ensure that the children affected by this cut can have their needs met elsewhere?

Response by the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs

Under the remit of the Children Act (1989) Social Care has an obligation to assess any child who meets the legal definition of being 'In Need'.

In East Sussex, the definition of a Child in Need under the Act, and hence which children and their families are assessed, is set out within the Continuum of Need.

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/professional-resources/continuum-of-need/about/>

Disabled children are classified as children in need and social care has particular responsibilities toward them as set out in the Chronically Sick and Disabled Act 1970, Children Act 1989 and 2004 and the Children and Family Act 2014. Local Authorities are able to specify their own eligibility criteria and these are published in the Local Offer. Where a Local Authority assesses a need it must meet that need. There is an additional duty to provide a range of short breaks of a type specified in Children and Family Act 2014. These are also set out in the Local Offer.

- a) Of the 156 children who currently attend a ASCHPS facility, 95 who have been eligible for and have received a social care assessment at some point. 75 of these children received their assessment in Children's Disability Service and 20 of these have received their assessment in non-specialist social work teams.
- b) In considering the proposals in the report to be considered by the Lead Member on 16 July, the Lead Member is required to have 'due regard' to the duties set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (the Public Sector Equality Duty). Equalities Impact Assessments (EqIAs) are carried out to identify any adverse impacts that may arise as a result of the proposals for those with protected characteristics and to identify appropriate mitigations. The full version of the completed EqIA is attached to this

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document. The Lead Member must read the full EqIA and take their findings into consideration when determining these proposals.

The council has completed an Equality Impact Assessment which attached as Appendix 2 to the Lead Member report being considered on 16 July 2018:

[Lead Member agenda and report - 16 July 2018](#)

c) There are a range of other services available, such as Aspen (previously Autism Sussex) which provides outreach and holiday activities for children with disabilities. Further examples of similar organisations are appended to this document (at Appendix 1). Additionally the Local Authority provides grant funding to a number of organisations such as Rhythmix which provides music workshops to children with mental health problems or disabilities; Project Artworks, which provides breaks incorporating art workshops; SABAH which provides leisure activities and short breaks to children and young people with Spina bifida or hydrocephalous, many of these organisations are listed within the Local offer.

d) The public consultation on the proposal to cease the provision by the Local Authority of the After School Clubs ran from 20 April to 31 May 2018. The consultation period for all staff including those at the Smile Club commenced on Wednesday 23 May and closed on Friday 6 July.

Following review of the final stage of the staff consultation process on the morning of Monday 9 July, should the proposal to cease the provision of the After School Clubs be confirmed, redundancy procedures will be initiated i.e. staff will be given formal notice of redundancy on the afternoon of Monday 9 July. However, as outlined in the second issue of the staff consultation document a final decision regarding the proposal to close the After School Clubs and Play Schemes will not be made until Lead Member meeting on 16 July 2018.

Should the Lead Member not agree with the proposal to close the After School Clubs, any redundancy notices will be rescinded.

e) The summary of the main themes from the consultation is attached at Appendix 1 of the report to be considered by the Lead Member on 16 July 2018:

[Lead Member agenda and report - 16 July 2018](#)

f) Decisions around social care placements are made on an individual basis under the Local Authority's duties within section 20 of The Children Act. This refers to full time care of which foster care is one option.

There are also a range of services available to support families within their communities. These are outlined in our Local Offer and further examples can be found appended to this document.

g) The Department for Education has produced guidance stating schools are to consider parents "right to request" wraparound and holiday childcare; the Local Authority (LA) does not have a statutory duty to provide after schools services.

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Hazel Court, along with all special schools involved in this proposal, has submitted a business case outlining the provision that it will make for pupils, utilising the transition funding from the LA and income from parents. The transitional funding should support Hazel Court to develop provision tailored to the needs of the pupils attending the school.

Special schools receive the highest level of funding of all schools in the Local Authority; all maintained special schools have reserves carried forward from last year.

Additionally, schools have access to a range of funding streams which a local authority cannot access that could be used to enhance this provision. The LA has agreed to provide support for special schools to apply for funding from external organisations. Other special schools already choose to provide after school clubs in a model similar to that which we are proposing without additional resources from the LA.

Every request made to social care for respite will be responded to with information and advice and screened against eligibility criteria as set out in the Local Offer.

h) The Local Authority cannot comment on the individual circumstances of families. Where the Local Authority is supporting a family through our statutory social care duties, we will consider all circumstances that impact upon a parent's capacity to care for their children.

i) Since 2015, the Local Authority has been in formal discussions with the Chief Executive from Sabden, Frank Stanford, about the tapering of "residential" provision. This was on the mutual understanding that Sabden do not provide residential placements. We have agreed to taper this reduction over 2 years from September 2018; in 2018/19 the trust will still receive £465k of their original allocation. No other special school in East Sussex receives funding for this type of provision. This funding will be re-allocated to other special schools to increase the amount of for pupils with SEND across the county and provide a more equitable funding model for all our schools.

Flexible Learning Provision is part of College Central and provides for primary-aged children who are excluded from schools. This provision is fully funded within the College Central budget. We note your concern for the use of budgets for a different purpose from which they are intended and will follow this up with the Trust.

With regard to the Sabden Trust's financial position, the LA cannot comment on the detail as this is an academy, however public records suggest that the trust has built considerable reserves.

j) Parents who request a social care assessment will be offered advice and information and encouraged to access any form of support that meets the presenting need. They will be directed to the information available on the Local Offer. If it appears that a social care assessment is required they will be screened for eligibility according to the child's disability and the Continuum of Need. All social care teams offer assessment at Level 4 of the Continuum of Need. There are Early Help Services for families requiring help but not requiring a social work assessment. This might be to help families access support themselves including access to parenting courses. The Children's Disability Service assesses approximately 9 families each year but this does not necessarily lead to funded support. Currently the Children's Disability Services funds 111 children through a variety of support including overnight respite, support at home and through independent agencies

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k) The LA is not aware of any families who have been offered after school clubs as an alternative to a social care assessment, as the two concepts are quite different. However, all families are encouraged to consider what they might be able to access through universal and targeted services, including chargeable resources to meet their own and their child's needs, that might mean that a social care assessment is not required

l) Examples from the wider market are appended to this document (Appendix 3). There are further examples within the Local Offer.

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/specialneeds/>

Universal family services including leisure and childcare:

<https://www.escis.org.uk/category/family-information/>

Parent Carer run SEND Groups are also available:

<https://www.escis.org.uk/category/family-information/parentcarer-run-groups/#p1>

Additionally the LA support a range of providers through a short breaks grant scheme

| CODE | Organisation (Bank Account) | Amount Requested | Match Funds | TPC | Awarded |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| LMO01 | Little Gate Farm | £2,500 | £250 | £2,750 | £2,500 |
| LMO 02 | Rhythmix | £2,500 | £335 | £2,835 | £2,500 |
| LMO 03 | Starfish Youth Music CIC - Lewes | £2,359 | £614 | £2,973 | £2,000 |
| LMO 04 | St Barnabas Hospices (Sussex) Ltd | £2,459 | £273 | £2,732 | £2,459 |
| LMO 05 | Sussex Cricket Foundation | £2,124 | £236 | £2,360 | £2,124 |
| LMO 06 | Mastersport & Play CIC | £1,027 | £185 | £1,212 | £1,027 |
| LMO 07 | ESCC - Buzz Active | £1,290 | £300 | £1,590 | £1,020 |
| LMO 08 | Wave Leisure Trust Ltd (Wave) | £2,400 | £2,100 | £4,500 | £2,400 |
| LMO 09 | ESCC - Atiya Gourlay | £2,350 | £320 | £2,670 | £2,350 |
| LMO 10 | Boathouse Theatre Arts | £2,496 | £9,004 | £11,500 | £2,496 |
| LMO 11 | Families for Autism | £2,402 | £300 | £2,702 | £2,402 |
| LMO 12 | ESCC Funky Teens | £790 | £160 | £950 | £770 |
| | | £24,697 | £14,077 | £38,774 | £24,048 |
| | | | 38% | | 62% |

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Appendix 1 Example Activities Available

Whizz-Kidz

We're working hard to transform the lives of disabled children across the UK, supporting them to become confident and independent young adults. Parents Network Life can be very tough for families of disabled children. We know that disability has an...

- <http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk/>
- 020 7233 6600

Sussex Wasps Disabled Sports Club

Sussex Wasps is a sports and social club for people with disabilities. Sports we participate in include: Shot putt, Javelin, Discus, Bowls, Archery, Short mat bowls, Slalom, Wheelchair Basketball, Tennis (standing and Wheelchair) Table tennis, Track events, Rifle shooting.

- <https://sussexwasps.weebly.com/>
- 01273 701235

Look Sussex Youth Club

A youth club dedicated to those with visual impairment and blindness. 5.30pm – 7.00pm, Wednesday – Term time only. This club started out for young people who are blind or have visual impairment but now is welcoming young people with...

- <https://www.trustdevcom.org.uk/>
- 67 Centre, Hodshrove Road, Brighton, BN2 4RW
- 07772 269761

Happy Days Children's Charity

Happy Days Children's Charity funds and organises holidays, residential trips, days out and theatre trips throughout the UK for disadvantaged young people with special needs. They help young people in special needs schools, in hospitals and in hospices as well...

- <https://www.happydayscharity.org/>
- 01582 755999

3H Fund (Helping Hands for Holidays)

3H Fund organises subsidised group holidays for physically disabled children and adults. This in turn gives the regular carer/s a period of respite. Care is provided by volunteer helpers and experienced holiday leaders. The activity holidays have a nurse on site.

- <https://www.3hfund.org.uk/>
- 3H Fund B2, Speldhurst Business Park, Langton Road, Speldhurst, TN3 0AQ
- 01892 860207

Deaf UK Athletics

We are dedicated to a specific category of sports players, namely deaf and hearing-impaired athletes. There are countless inspirational stories of athletes who excel despite hearing loss, so we want to encourage anyone facing hearing impairment who has a passion for...

- <http://deafukathletics.org.uk/>
- 01782 561 665

Eastbourne and Wealden YMCA

Eastbourne and Wealden YMCA is perhaps one of Eastbourne's best kept secrets – we have quietly made a difference in Eastbourne, Hailsham and further afield across East Sussex but few could tell you what we do. Despite some 35+ different...

- <http://www.ewymca.org/>
- 56 Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7QL

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Seaside Community Hub, Eastbourne

Seaside Community Hub is run by a voluntary management committee of people in the community. Creative Sensory play, craft clubs, Lego Clubs Event Finance East Sussex Credit Union Help Point Fitness Learning IT Training Social Councillors surgery and coffee mornings...

- <https://seasidecommunityhub.com/>
- 125 Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7NN

Charity for Kids – Hastings & Rother

Charity for Kids was established in 2011 to provide help for disabled, sick and terminally ill children – and their families – across Hastings & Rother. We help children and their families with specialised equipment that is either not available...

- <http://charityforkids.co.uk/>
- 41 Augustus Way, St Leonards On Sea, TN37 7NR
- 07478 443440

British Blind Sport

At British Blind Sport, we help blind and partially sighted people get active and play sport. Sport and recreational activities can enhance the lives of people with visual impairments, by improving their health and increasing their social interaction. We encourage...

- <http://britishblindsport.org.uk/>
- British Blind Sport, Pure Offices, Plato Close, Tachbrook Park, Leamington Spa, CV34 6WE
- 01926 424247

Embrace: support for special needs and disabled children

Embrace is a group for special needs and disabled children, promoting inclusion and improving life skills and opportunities through clubs, outreach and advocacy and a sensory room. Advocacy Service: We are trained lawyers that help with benefits advice and welfare for those...

- <http://embracees.org.uk/>
- Suite 29, The Old Printworks, Wharf Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3AW
- 07825 800 299

Boathouse Theatre Arts

Boathouse is a performing arts project for children (5-15) and young adults (16+) who are in supported education or training, in the Hastings, Bexhill, Pett and Rye areas of East Sussex. It was set up by Olivia and her parents,...

- <https://www.facebook.com/BoathouseTheatreArts/>
- Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN
- 01424 815 046

Lewes Saturday Club for children with learning disabilities

Fortnightly Saturday Clubs for children with learning disabilities living at home in Lewes and surrounding areas. Lewes Saturday Club is for 8-19yr olds. Open 10am- 4pm for full day sessions only, alternate Saturdays. Referrals by social workers from Sorrel Drive...

- St. Nicholas Centre, Spital Road, Lewes, BN7 1PA

Sky Badger – charity that finds help and adventure for disabled children and their families all over the UK.

Are you looking for a grant? Help at school? Advice about finding support for your other children? Need an accessible family holiday? Want to find out what else is out there for your special needs or disabled child? Then you've...

- <https://skybadger.co.uk>

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☐ 0845 609 1256

Sussex County FA (Disability Football)

Sussex County FA is striving to ensure that every person who wants to be involved in the game can be involved in the game. Opportunities for players with a disability to access football at various levels in Sussex is growing...

- ☐ <http://www.sussexfa.com/>
- ☐ Culver Road, Lancing, BN15 9AX
- ☐ 01903 766855

Tourism for All

Tourism for All UK is a national charity dedicated to standards of world class tourism which are welcoming to all. A break or a holiday, or a simple day trip is important to our lives, giving us something to look...

- ☐ <https://www.tourismforall.org.uk/>
- ☐ 7A Pixel Mill 44 Appleby Road, Kendal, LA9 6ES
- ☐ 0845 124 9971

Family Holiday Association

Each year we help thousands of struggling families in the UK to access a break, be it a simple day out or a few days in a caravan at the British seaside. All families must be referred by someone working with them in...

- ☐ <https://www.familyholidayassociation.org.uk/>
- ☐ 3 Gainsford Street, London, SE1 2NE
- ☐ 020 3117 0650

Calm Farm Music and Sensory

We offer a range of sensory, therapeutic and educational services including services for additional learning needs that promote inclusion. See the website for more information. Please also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/calmfarmeastsussex.

- ☐ <http://www.calmfarm.org.uk>
- ☐ Good Start Office, Sidley Community Centre, 121 Ninfield Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 5BD
- ☐ 01424 732327

1066 Specials

The 1066 Specials Football Club gives people with special needs and disabilities, aged 5 to adult, the chance to play football and receive expert coaching in a fun and friendly environment. All coaching is by qualified coaches who are trained...

- ☐ <http://www.1066specials.org.uk>
- ☐ Bexhill College, Penland Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 2JG
- ☐ 01424 731034

Bexhill Swimming Club – Disability Squad

Bexhill Swimming Club runs swimming sessions for children aged 5 years upwards and adults with disabilities at Battle Abbey School Pool. The Disability Squad is for more advanced disabled swimmers, capable of length swimming. Swimmers have the opportunity to take...

- ☐ <http://www.bexhillswimmingclub.co.uk>
- ☐ Battle Abbey School Pool, Penland Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 2JG
- ☐ 0845 643 6212

Families for Autism

Families for Autism is a registered charity & non-profit organisation supporting autism in the community. Our mission is to provide support, encouragement and understanding to children and young people on the Autistic Spectrum and their families within the Eastbourne and East Sussex...

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- <http://www.familiesforautism.com/supportgroups>
- Ffa Mail, Po Box 3169, Eastbourne, BN21 9NZ
- 07415 137887

Hampden Park Sports Centre, Eastbourne

Opening Times Mon to Thurs: 8.30am – 10.30pm Fri: 8:30am – 10pm Sat: 8.00am – 6:30pm Sun: 8.30am – 8pm Open bank holidays, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day. All Weather Facilities From gym and fitness to floodlit courts and...

- <http://www.sporteastbourne.com/hampden-park.aspx>
- Hampden Park Sports Centre, Brodrick Road, Eastbourne, BN22 9RQ
- 01323 509859

Bridge Builders

We meet on Thursday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm during term-time and the weekly subscription is £2 (£1 payable for missed sessions). Bridgbuilders is a group for young adults with learning difficulties and meet every week at the Bridgemere Centre enabling the...

http://www.churchinthecommunity.co.uk/Groups/29937/Our_Community_Web/Bridgemere_Centre/Bridgemere_Centre.aspx

- The Bridgemere Centre, 100 Bridgemere Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8TY
- 01323 439700

Art Therapy for children – Katherine Heritage Art Therapist

My name is Katherine Heritage, I am a Sussex based Art Therapist working with children and young people. Art Therapy is a form of psychotherapy ideal for children as it does not rely on spoken language. Art psychotherapy can benefit...

- <http://brightonchildarttherapy.com/>
- 07486 408404

Whoopsadaisy, Brighton

Whoopsadaisy is a registered local charity that supports children with physical disabilities. They use Conductive Education to develop the independence, confidence and self-esteem of children with motor disorders such as Cerebral Palsy. All sessions are full of fun, with singing, games...

- <http://www.whoopsadaisy.org>
- Whoopsadaisy Pavilion Preston Park (next to Rotunda Café), The Ride, Brighton, BN1 6HN
- 01273 554178

Albion in the Community

Education, Employability, Health, Football & Sports Participation, Disability and Inclusion Community programmes. i-go scheme memberThe i-go card for children and young people 0-25 with special needs and disabilities. We use the inspirational power of football and sport to offer opportunities...

- <http://www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk>
- Albion in the Community, Brighton & Hove Albion FC, The American Express Community Stadium, Brighton, BN1 9BL
- Football and Sports Courses 01273 878277 / Other Enquiries 0844 324 6282

ISEND Spectrum

Spectrum helps young people with autism aged 0 to 19 in East Sussex to independently access their community and activities. The service may also be available for children who do not have a diagnosis of autism but have similar needs....

- <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/specialneeds/learning-difficulties/autism/>
- Spectrum Team, 130 Dorset Road, Bexhill, TN40 2HT
- 01424 724700

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Gully's Great Days Out

Brighton & Hove Football Club

- <http://albioninthecommunity.org.uk>
- American Express Community Stadium, Brighton, BN1 9BL
- 01273 668 590 or 0782 388 4311

Riding For The Disabled Association (RDA)

To provide the opportunity for riding and driving for disabled people who might benefit in health and well-being. A UK charity dedicated to improving the lives of thousands of people through education, therapy and fun. East Sussex Groups Below is...

- <http://www.rda.org.uk/>
- Norfolk House, 1a Tournament Court, Edgehill Drive, Warwick, CV34 6LG
- 01926 492915

Project Art Works, Hastings

Project Art Works is an artist-led organisation working with children, young people and adults who have complex disabilities alongside families, carers and professionals, on a wide range of ...

- <http://projectartworks.org>
- Arch 3, Braybrooke Terrace, Hastings, TN34 1TD

Funky Teens & Nik Naks

Youth clubs for age 13 to 19 with learning difficulties or autism - Do you consider yourself to have a physical or learning disability? If you are aged between 13 and 19, why not come along to one of our Funky Teens youth clubs? Funky Teens are a group of young people with disabilities who get together every other Saturday at 5 different centres across East Sussex.

<https://www.c360.org.uk/thingstodo/disabilities/funkyteens>

Head2Head Theatre

interactive holiday activities for age 2 upwards and their families (a carer is asked to stay)

<http://www.head2headtheatre.co.uk/>

ISEND Sibling Service

for age 6 to 17 who have a disabled brother or sister

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/specialneeds/advice/support/siblings/>

[The i-go leisure card](#) - discounts and information to support access to community activities for 0 to 25 year olds with special needs and disabilities

Autism Sussex Battle Saturday Clubs

This young person's group provides a range of structured and fun activities including music, drama, cookery, art, physical and interactive games. The group focuses on improving social and communication ...

- <http://www.autismsussex.org.uk/our-services/childrens-services/childrens-groups/saturday-school-club/>
- Sussex House, 19 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AE
- 0345 450 0060

Autism Sussex - Teenz Lewes

Social group for young people 11-19 with autism spectrum conditions. This group focuses on improving social and communication skills, making new friends and having fun. Teenz choose the activities ...

- <http://www.autismsussex.org.uk>
- The Nutty Wizard, Lewes, BN7 2BP
- 0845 450 0060

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Autism Sussex - Active Saturdays

... Saturday is open to young people aged 10-19 years with Aspergers and High Functioning Autism. Staff accompany the young people to access different activities each month.

Approximately 4 hours

- <http://www.autismsussex.org.uk/our-services/childrens-services/childrens-groups/saturday-school-club/>
- 0345 450 0060

Autism Sussex - Rock and Pop Workshop

A fun, relaxed music workshop for young people aged 16-24 years with Aspergers and Autistic Spectrum conditions. Calling all wannabe drummers, singers, guitarists, bassists and keyboard players! Come along ...

- <http://www.autismsussex.org.uk/our-services/childrens-services/childrens-groups/music-group/>
- Autism Sussex, Roebuck Centre Roebuck Street, Hastings, TN34 3BB
- 0345 450 0060

Autism Sussex - Teenz Hastings

Social Groups for young people 11-25 with autism spectrum conditions. £6 a session. The group focuses on improving social and communication skills, making new friends and having fun. Teenz ...

- <http://www.autismsussex.org.uk>
- Autism Sussex, Roebuck Centre Roebuck Street, Hastings, TN34 3BB
- 0345 450 0060

Autism Sussex

Autism Sussex is an independent, not for profit organisation and registered charity providing opportunities for children, young people and adults with autistic spectrum conditions and/or Asperger syndrome. Our regular ...

- <http://www.autismsussex.org.uk>
- Tills Courtyard, 19 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AE
- 0345 450 0060

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1. Question by Councillor Enever to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Rushey Hill is part of the A259 between Peacehaven and Newhaven. Stabilisation works are required, as the road was built on unstable ground. The road surface is now fracturing and cracking and this is likely to get worse as more heavy vehicles use the road to serve the Southern Water Sewerage Plant and the Lower Hoddern Farm development.

Approximately one year ago it was said that the County Council was exploring options for delivering the Rushey Hill scheme. Could I please be told the current status on the funding for this scheme and the urgency which the County Council are giving it? Also, when the programme of works is going to be carried out to repair the road in the interim, until the Rushey Hill stabilisation scheme is initiated?

Answer by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment

The County Council continues to explore options for delivering the Rushey Hill stabilisation scheme on the A259. We have not been successful in securing funding in the past 12 months, but continue to look for further opportunities to bid for suitable funds when they arise. In the meantime, the road continues to be regularly inspected to ensure it is safe for use.

There are maintenance works due to take place in autumn this year to prepare the road for a surface dressing treatment next year. This seals the road to prevent water ingress and provides improved skidding resistance.