

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Committee Room - County Hall, Lewes on 23 April 2019.

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PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair), Godfrey Daniel, David Elkin, Rupert Simmons and David Tutt

### 37 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2019

37.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 5 March be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### 38 REPORTS

38.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

### 39 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE SIZE

39.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding the size of the People and Place Scrutiny Committees.

39.2 The Committee RESOLVED (by a majority of 4 votes to 1) not to recommend any change to the size of the People and Place Scrutiny Committees.

*[Councillor David Tutt voted against the above resolution]*

### 40 ALLOCATION OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, PANELS AND OTHER BODIES

40.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding the allocation of places on committees to groups.

40.2 The following amendment moved by Councillor Tutt and seconded was LOST (by 3 votes to 2)

*The People and Place Scrutiny Committees should be chaired by councillors from opposition groups and the Conservative Group be allocated the Vice-Chair position on each on these committees.*

40.3 The Committee RESOLVED – to recommend the County Council to:

- a) allocate to the political and independent groups the places on, and membership of, the main committees as set out in Appendix 1 of the report
- b) allocate places on the other committees and panels as set out in Appendix 2 of the report; and
- c) allocate the Chair and Vice Chair positions on committees as set out in the table below

| <b>Committee</b>                       | <b>Chair</b>            | <b>Vice-Chair</b>       |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Regulatory                             | <b>Conservative</b>     |                         |
| Audit Committee                        | <b>Liberal Democrat</b> | <b>Conservative</b>     |
| People Scrutiny Committee              | <b>Conservative</b>     | <b>Liberal Democrat</b> |
| Place Scrutiny Committee               | <b>Conservative</b>     | <b>Labour</b>           |
| Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee | <b>Conservative</b>     | <b>Conservative</b>     |
| Governance Committee                   | <b>Conservative</b>     |                         |
| Planning Committee                     | <b>Conservative</b>     | <b>Conservative</b>     |
| Pension Committee                      | <b>Conservative</b>     |                         |
| Standards Committee                    | <b>Conservative</b>     |                         |

#### 41 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

41.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer regarding proposed updates to the Council's Financial Regulations.

41.2 The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend the County Council to:

- 1) agree the revised Financial Regulations as set out in Appendix 2 of the report; and
- 2) authorise the Assistant Chief Executive to update the Council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers accordingly

#### 42 APPOINTMENTS TO THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

42.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

42.2 The Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint Daphne Bagshawe, Duncan Keir and Fiona Leathers to the Independent Remuneration Panel for a term of 5 years.

#### 43 EAST SUSSEX PENSION BOARD - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

43.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer regarding appointments to the Pension Board, together with exempt information contained in a later agenda item.

43.2 The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- 1) agree to the appointment of the Pension Board members as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report;
- 2) agree to the appointment of Ray Martin as the Independent Chair of the Pension Board; and
- 3) agree the staggered terms of membership set out in section 3 of the report

44 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

44.1 It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the remaining agenda item on the grounds that if the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to any individual.

45 EAST SUSSEX PENSION BOARD

45.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which provided exempt information in support of an earlier agenda item.

45.2 The Committee RESOLVED to note the report