

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 19 July 2022.

PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair), Nick Bennett, Christine Robinson, Bob Standley and David Tutt

ALSO PRESENT Councillors Paul Redstone and John Ungar

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2022

7.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 27 June 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

8.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collier and Councillor Simmons. It was noted that Councillors Robinson and Standley were substituting for them.

9. REPORTS

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

10. ASSESSMENT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK

10.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive on the review of the Corporate Governance Framework for 2021/22 together with the following comment from the Audit Committee:

that the Annual Governance Statement includes a statement that, in relation to the appointment of Members to outside bodies, the Council avoids structural conflict of interests where possible.

10.2 The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 1) approve the action plan for 2022/23 as set out in Annex E of Appendix 1;
- 2) note that actions identified to enhance governance arrangements are reflected in Business Plans and that implementation will be monitored throughout the year;
- 3) confirm that Members are satisfied with the level of assurance provided to them through this report and the Council's governance framework and processes;
- 4) agreed that the comment of the Audit Committee be included in the Annual Governance Statement;
- 5) confirm that there were no further identify any significant governance issues that should be included in the Council's Annual Governance Statement;
- 6) approve the draft Annual Governance Statement for signature by the Leader and the Chief Executive and publication within the Statement of Accounts; and
- 7) approve the Local Code of Corporate Governance for 2022/23.

11. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

11.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer regarding proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations.

11.2 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend the County Council to approve the Constitution being updated as set out in Appendix 1 and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

12. EAST SUSSEX PENSION FUND - APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL PENSION BOARD VICE CHAIR AND NOMINATION OF ACCESS JOINT COMMITTEE OBSERVERS

12.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer regarding the appointment of a Vice Chair of the Local Pension Board and the nomination of 2 observer representatives for ACCESS Joint Committee meetings.

12.2 The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 1) agree the appointment of Lynda Walker as the member representative Vice Chair of the Local Pension Board; and
- 2) note the nominations of Ray Martin and Neil Simpson as observer representatives for ACCESS Joint Committee meetings