

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 7 November 2023.

PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair), Nick Bennett, Bob Bowdler, Chris Collier, Johnny Denis and David Tutt

ALSO PRESENT Councillors Anne Cross, Godfrey Daniel, Wendy Maples, Carl Maynard, Paul Redstone, Christine Robinson

29. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER

29.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 28 September 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

30. REPORTS

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

31. SCRUTINY CHAIRS

31.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive on the current arrangements for the allocation of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny and Audit Committees.

31.2 The following motion was moved by Councillor Tutt and was seconded:

The Scrutiny Committees should each be chaired by a member of the opposition.

31.3 The amendment was lost (by 3 votes to 3)

31.4 The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the report; and
- 2) Consider the arrangements for the Chairing of Scrutiny Committees at the May 2024 meeting of Full Council.

32. MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

32.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding training and development activities offered to Members.

32.2 The Committee RESOLVED to note the training and development plan offered to Members.

33. OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENT - JOINT PARKING BOARD

33.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport regarding the appointment of a Councillor as a County Council representative to the Joint Parking Board for the period until May 2025.

33.2 It was proposed that Councillor Godfrey Daniel be appointed to the Joint Parking Board.

33.3 The Committee RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Godfrey Daniel to the Joint Parking Board until the date of the Annual Council Meeting in the next County Council full election year.

34. EMPLOYEE LOANS FOR VISA FEES

34.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer regarding employee loans for visa fees.

34.2 The Committee RESOLVED to agree that the limit for employee loans related to visa fees is increased from £2,000 to £3,000.