

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 27 January 2026.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Matthew Beaver, Godfrey Daniel, Penny di Cara, and Paul Redstone.

42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2025

42.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 16 December 2025 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

43. REPORTS

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

44. EAST SUSSEX PENSION FUND - PENSION BOARD MEMBERSHIP

44.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer regarding the extension of the term of a scheme member representative on the Pension Board by 2 years.

44.2 The Committee RESOLVED to extend the term of Neil Simpson as a scheme member representative of the Pension Board for 2 years to 28 February 2028.

45. SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES - INDEX FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO ALLOWANCES

45.1 The Committee considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive regarding the use of an index to allow for the annual adjustment to Member allowances.

45.2 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to the County Council to:

1) Agree that provision should continue to be made in the Scheme of Members' Allowances for an annual adjustment of allowances by reference to an index;

2) Agree that the index should continue to be the percentage increase in the salaries of East Sussex County Council managers who are on a locally negotiated pay; and

3) Agree that the index is applied to the Scheme of Members' Allowances until the full review of the Scheme of Members' Allowances takes place as part of the Local Government Reorganisation process.