

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 10 March 2026.

PRESENT: Councillors Nick Bennett, Chris Collier, Johnny Denis and David Tutt

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Colin Belsey, Godfrey Daniel, Kathryn Field and Tom Liddiard

52. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

52.1 Councillor Bennett was appointed as the Chair of the meeting.

53. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2026

53.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 24 February 2026 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

54.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Glazier and Councillor Bowdler.

54.2 It was noted that Councillor di Cara was in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Glazier and Councillor Standley was in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Bowdler.

55. REPORTS

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

56. APPOINTMENTS TO SUSSEX AND BRIGHTON COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY BOARD

56.1 The Committee considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive regarding two appointments to the Sussex and Brighton Combined County Authority Board.

56.2 Nominations were received for Councillors Glazier, Bennett, and Field.

56.3 The Committee RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Glazier and Councillor Bennett to serve on the Sussex and Brighton Combined County Authority Board.

57. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - SCRUTINY CALL-IN DEADLINE AND SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS

57.1 The Committee considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive regarding proposed amendments to Part 4 (Rules and Procedure) of the Council's Constitution to explicitly reflect the 4pm deadline on the fifth and final day of the call-in period, as specified in the call-in checklist, and Part 3 (Responsibility of Functions) to update the scheme of delegation of officers.

57.2 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend that the County Council agree to amend the Constitution as set out in paragraphs 2.2 and 3.2 of the report and in the appendices.