

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes on 13 July 2021.

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PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair), Nick Bennett, Chris Collier, Rupert Simmons and David Tutt

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Johnny Denis, Stephen Shing, Colin Swansborough, Georgia Taylor, John Ungar and Trevor Webb

### 10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2021

10.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 29 June 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### 11 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

11.1 Councillor Bennett declared a personal non prejudicial interest in item 6 as a member of Bexhill and Hastings Renaissance Ltd

### 12 NOTICE OF MOTION - WEBCASTING OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding a Notice of Motion seeking agreement to live webcast all Scrutiny Committee meetings (with the exception of confidential/exempt items).

12.2 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend the County Council to agree the motion as set out in paragraph 1.1 of the report subject to review in July 2022 or as soon as practicable thereafter, or when requested by the Scrutiny Chairs.

### 13 ASSESSMENT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2020/21

13.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive on the review of the Corporate Governance Framework for 2020/21.

13.2 The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 1) approve the action plan for 2021/22;
- 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) note that there were no comments from the Audit Committee regarding the report;
- 5) confirm that there were no further significant governance issues that should be included in the Council's Annual Governance Statement; and
- 6) approve the Annual Governance Statement for signature by the Leader and the Chief Executive and publication within the Statement of Accounts.

14 APPOINTMENT TO AN OUTSIDE BODY - SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK  
AUTHORITY SEVEN SISTERS COUNTRY PARK STAKEHOLDERS ADVISORY GROUP

14.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport regarding the appointment of a member to the South Downs National Park Seven Sisters Country Park Stakeholders Advisory Group.

14.2 The Committee RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Adeniji as the Council's representative on the South Downs National Park Seven Sisters Country Park Stakeholders Advisory Group for a four year period.

15 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE PENSION BOARD

15.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer regarding the appointment of a member to the Pension Board.

15.2 The Committee RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Toby Illingworth as a member of the Pension Board for term of 4 years.