

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 18 April 2023.

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

ALSO PRESENT Councillors Colin Belsey, Penny di Cara, Philip Lunn, Wendy Maples and Colin Swansborough

47. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2023

47.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held 7 March 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

48. REPORTS

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

49. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

49.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive on the appointment of members to committees, sub-committees, panels and other bodies.

49.2 The following amendment was moved by Councillor Tutt and was seconded:

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

49.3 The amendment was lost (by 3 votes to 2)

49.4 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to County Council to allocate to political and independent groups the places on, and membership of:

(1) The main committees in the revised appendix 1 of the report;

(2) other committees and panels listed in Appendix 2 of the report; and

(3) Chair and Vice Chair positions on Scrutiny Committees and other Committees as set out below:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Regulatory	Conservative	
People Scrutiny Committee	Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Place Scrutiny Committee	Conservative	Green
Audit Committee	Liberal Democrat	Conservative

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Conservative	Labour
Governance Committee	Conservative	
Planning Committee	Conservative	Conservative
Pension Committee	Conservative	
Standards Committee	Conservative	

50. PERSONAL SAFETY OF COUNCILLORS

50.1 The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Chief Executive on the personal safety of councillors and to inform them of the LGA's 'Debate not Hate' campaign.

50.2 The Committee RESOLVED to:

(1) note the measures currently in place to support councillors; and

(2) sign the Local Government Association's 'Debate not Hate' public statement on behalf of the Council

51. PENSION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

51.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer on the appointments to the East Sussex Pension Fund Pension Board.

51.2 The Committee RESOLVED to:

(1) reappoint Ray Martin as Chair of the Pension Board for a period of 4 years (24 April 2023 to 23 April 2027); and

(2) Appoint Tim Oliver as an Employer Representative on the Pension Board for a period of 4 years (2 April 2023 to 23 April 2027).