

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 16 April 2024.

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

ALSO PRESENT Councillors Anne Cross, Godfrey Daniel, Penny di Cara, Tom Liddiard, Colin Swansborough and Georgia Taylor.

57. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2024

57.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held 5 March 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

58.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Bennett. It was noted that Councillor Standley was substituting for him.

59. REPORTS

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

60. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

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

60.2 The following amendment was moved by Councillor Tutt and was seconded:
The Scrutiny Committees should each be chaired by a member of the opposition.

60.3 The amendment was lost (by 3 votes to 3).

60.4 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 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	

61. OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENT - GSENZ HUB

61.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport regarding an appointment to the Greater South East Net Zero Hub.

61.2 The Committee RESOLVED to appoint an officer, the Council's Environment Team Manager to the Greater South East Net Zero Hub.

62. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

62.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding proposed amendments to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference.

62.2 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend the County Council to approve the revised Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 1 of the report and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

63. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

63.1 The Committee RESOLVED to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda item on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to any individual, which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information) respectively.

64. CONSIDERATION OF COMPLAINTS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

64.1 The Committee considered an exempt report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding complaints relating to the Council and Officers.

64.2 The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 1) agree with the findings and reasoning set out in the exempt report and to determine the complaints accordingly.