

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 22 April 2025.

PRESENT Councillors Nick Bennett, Bob Bowdler, Johnny Denis, David Tutt and Bob Standley

ALSO PRESENT Councillors Matthew Beaver, Colin Belsey, Godfrey Daniel, Johanna Howell, and Trevor Webb.

52. Appointment of Chair

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

53. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2025

53.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 4 March 2025 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

54. Apologies for absence

54.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Collier and Glazier.

54.2 It was noted that Councillor Standley was in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Glazier.

55. Reports

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

56. Appointments of Members to Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels and Other Bodies

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

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

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

56.3 The amendment was lost (by 3 votes to 2).

56.4 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 |
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| 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 | |

57. Appointments to Outside Bodies

57.1 The Committee considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive regarding the appointments to outside bodies.

57.2 The Committee RESOLVED to approve the following appointments to take effect from the 20 May 2025 (the date of the annual Council meeting), and the term of such appointments will be to the annual meeting in the next Council full election year unless indicated otherwise or unless the Council resolves to terminate the appointees term before then:

| Organisation | |
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| General Assembly of the Local Government Association | Councillor Bennett Councillor Tutt Councillor Glazier Councillor Collier (substitute Councillor Denis) Councillor Glazier has the second vote. |
| East Sussex Fire Authority | Councillor Azad Councillor Chris Dowling Councillor Geary Councillor Lambert Councillor Maples Councillor Marlow-Eastwood Councillor Osborne Councillor Pragnell Councillor Redstone Councillor Scott Councillor S Shing Councillor Ungar |
| County Councils Network Council | Councillor Bennett Councillor Glazier Councillor Tutt Councillor Webb (substitute Councillor Daniel) |

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| Coastal Issues Special Interest Group | Councillor Liddiard (substitute Councillor Hilton) |
| Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority | Councillor Adeniji Councillor Liddiard Councillor Murphy |
| South Downs National Park Authority | Councillor Chris Dowling (substitute Councillor Maples) |
| Conservators of Ashdown Forest | Councillor Howell Ms E Drury Mr T Reid Mrs R St Pierre Mr R Stogdon Ms F Thomas Vacancy Mr J Squire |
| Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee | Councillor Claire Dowling |
| Joint Waste and Recycling Committee | Councillor Claire Dowling (+ 1 Substitute - the Leader has delegated authority to appoint a substitute to this meeting, the substitution must be drawn from Cabinet members.) |
| Sussex Police and Crime Panel | Councillor Bob Standley (Substantive appointment) Councillor P Lunn (substitute) <i>Councillor Ian Hollidge (second representative – 1 year term until June 2026)</i> |
| ACCESS Joint Governance Committee (Local Government Pension Scheme Investment Pooling) | Councillor Fox (substantive appointment) <i>Councillor Redstone (substitute)</i> |