

LEAD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 28 April 2022 at Via MS Teams

Councillors Johnny Denis, Roy Galley, Johanna Howell and Georgia Taylor spoke on item 4 (see minute 71)

Councillor Johnny Denis spoke on item 5 (see minute 72)

67. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 31 MARCH 2022

67.1 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2022.

68. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

68.1 Councillor Johnny Denis declared a personal interest in item 5 as a member of Ringmer Parish Council. He did not consider this to be prejudicial.

68.2 Councillor Roy Galley declared a personal interest in item 4 as commoner of Ashdown Forest. He did not consider this to be prejudicial.

68.3 Councillor Johanna Howell declared a personal interest in item 4 as a Conservator of Ashdown Forest appointed by East Sussex County Council. She did not consider this to be prejudicial.

69. URGENT ITEMS

69.1 There were no urgent items.

70. REPORTS

70.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained within the minute book.

71. ASHDOWN FOREST PARKING CHARGES

71.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

71.2 The Lead Member referred to recent correspondence received from local residents expressing their views about the introduction of parking charges at Ashdown Forest.

DECISIONS

71.3 The Lead Member RESOLVED to: Grant the approval required by Section 18 of The Ashdown Forest Act 1974 to the parking charges proposed by the Conservators of the Ashdown Forest.

REASONS

71.4 County Council Officers have been supporting the Conservators in drawing up their plans to introduce parking charges across the Forest and made no representation to their consultation in 2021.

71.5 The Board of Conservators have undertaken a great deal of work to explore the potential for introducing parking charges and have deemed that these charges are necessary for the long-term preservation, use and enjoyment of the Ashdown Forest as an amenity space for the public.

72. RINGMER POOL, RINGMER

72.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

72.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to: Approve the proposal to hold a public consultation regarding the future use of Ringmer Swimming Pool, Ringmer.

REASONS

72.3 East Sussex County Council (ESCC) needs to seek views on a way forward via public consultation including residents and all stakeholders. ESCC has a duty to consult in respect of any potential changes to the future operation of this pool.