

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea
on Monday 27 February 2017 at 6:30pm.

Present: Councillors: P.N. Osborne (Chairman), Lord Ampthill, A.K. Azad, J. Barnes (MBE), Mrs M.L. Barnes, R.K. Bird, G.S. Browne, R.C. Carroll, C.A. Clark, G.C. Curtis, K.P. Dixon, S.H. Earl, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, R.V. Elliston, K.M. Field, A.E. Ganly, Mrs B.A. George, T.W. Graham, Mrs S. Hart, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs J.M. Hughes, B. Kentfield, M.J. Kenward, Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green, C.R. Maynard, M. Mooney, D.B. Oliver, J. Potts, Mrs S.M. Prochak, C.J. Saint, G.F. Stevens and M.R. Watson.

Advisory officers present: Executive Director of Business Operations, Executive Director of Resources, Service Manager – Finance and Welfare and Service Manager – Corporate and Human Resources.

Also present: 11 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

C16/51. MINUTES

The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 December 2016 as a correct record of the proceedings.

C16/52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillors J.J. Carroll, P.R. Douart, S.D. Elford, I.G.F. Jenkins G.P. Johnson and J.J. Johnson.

C16/53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were made by Councillors in the Minutes as indicated below:

Lord Ampthill	Agenda Item 9 (CB16/75) – Personal and Prejudicial Interest in so far as he is a landlord.
Azad	Agenda Item 9 (CB16/75) - Personal and Prejudicial Interest in so far as he is a landlord.
Earl	Agenda Item 9 (CB16/75) - Personal and Prejudicial Interest in so far as he is a landlord.
Ganly	Agenda Item 9 (CB16/75) - Personal and Prejudicial Interest in so far as he is a landlord.
Osborne	Agenda Item 9 (CB16/75) - Personal and Prejudicial Interest in so far as he is a landlord.

C16/54. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Chairman congratulated Councillor Barnes on his MBE which was announced in the New Years' Honours List, he wished Councillor Barnes well for the investiture the following day.
2. Father David was congratulated on his recent appearance on the television programme, Common Sense. The Chairman thanked Father David for his service during his time as Chairman and wished him well for his forthcoming sabbatical where he would be travelling for three months studying Islam.
3. Since the last Council meeting, the Chairman had completed his bike ride challenge to visit every Parish and village in Rother in the New Year and had also attended a number of events, including:
 - the Duke of Edinburgh Awards ceremony in Hastings,
 - a Roaring 20's stylish clothing exhibition at Bexhill Museum; and
 - A visit to the postal workers in Bexhill in December.
4. Members were reminded that there was a Code of Conduct briefing at the end of the meeting.
5. He also reminded Members that the Bexhill Community Governance Review was underway and that the closing date for the receipt of responses to stage one was the 31 March 2017.
6. The Chairman announced that Councillor Jim Carroll was out of hospital and Members joined him to wish Councillor Carroll well and a speedy recovery.

C16/55. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that the member of the public, Mr Paul Lendon, who had submitted a question to Council, was not in attendance. The written question and answer were therefore noted and dealt with in his absence.

1. Pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the Council Procedure Rules the following question was put by Mr Paul Lendon and answered by Councillor Maynard, Leader of the Council.

Question: I understand that four Councils in Kent are to merge, to save costs. Could Rother save costs by merging with Wealden, Hastings and Eastbourne? I am aware that we already have a joint contract with these councils for a waste contract, which I understand has provided savings.

Answer: You refer to the proposals currently being considered by Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet Councils to abolish these four districts and create a single council and potentially save £6.8m. These councils already have a well-established track record of collaboration and

shared services and a new single council could improve and streamline their services further.

As I am sure you are aware, all authorities in UK are being challenged to look at efficiency measures due to changes in the way local government is financed, with Government grants being phased out by 2019/20 and the requirement for local councils to be self-funding from that time. So far, the Council has managed to fill our funding gaps through efficiency savings, new partnerships, devolvement of assets and some services to parish and town councils and community groups. We have reduced our staff and office space by one third since 2011 as part of this programme.

The Council is also a member of the three southern counties (3SC) partnership that comprises all County Councils and District and Borough Councils from East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey. The partnership is seeking a devolution deal with the Government to secure substantial additional funding to enable the accelerated development of new housing, new/improved infrastructure and to improve the skills of people in the region.

However, whilst no option is off the table as yet, a merger of the district and borough authorities within East Sussex is not something being considered at this time.

2. Pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the Council Procedure Rules the following question was put by Mr Simon Read and answered by Councillor Hollidge, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Bexhill Town Centre.

Question: The Council's Corporate Plan 2014-2021, under the Heading "Corporate Priority Programme 2014-2021 – An Efficient, Flexible and Effective Council: Corporate Priority Projects" lists 24 projects, including one under the corporate priority "Safer Communities" relating to walking and cycling.

Priority project CA3.8: Walking and Cycling Strategy states the outcome "Support the development, delivery and implementation of a Walking and Cycling Strategy for Rother". The time-frame given is "2014-15".

Can the Councillor give an update please on whether this Strategy has been delivered and implemented on time and if so:

A) Could a copy be published on the Council's website?

B) How has the Strategy been implemented and publicised?

Answer: Rother District Council (RDC) is not the Highway Authority and as such have to work with East Sussex County Council (ESCC) in any Walking & Cycling (W&C) strategy to ensure that our joint aims, plans, routes, designs align. In turn ESCC have to understand the Department for Transport's (DfT) W&C strategy so any funding opportunities are not missed and everyone agrees how best to move forward; in order to reflect national and local policy drivers, the timescale and geography around the original project has changed.

In 2014 RDC officers worked with local cycle groups to feed into the DfT's consultation on their Cycling Delivery Plan. The Government's response published in March 2015 committed them to produce a Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS), which must set out the financial resources Government will make available to meet those objectives.

In December 2015 the new Conservative Government published the first CWIS - Moving Britain Ahead. Which states: by ensuring that W&C are the first consideration of any new street design or maintenance programme we will ensure our streets are safer for our most vulnerable road users. Places with cycling and walking at the heart will help us to achieve our ambitions to tackle air pollution and climate change by reducing road traffic.

During all these processes and consultations RDC officers have been informed by ESCC officers through the Rother Transport Action Group meetings.

A more comprehensive CWIS published in March 2016 committed to double cycling activity by 2025 and reduce the decline in walking.

ESCC are currently in the process of developing a County wide W&C strategy instead of the originally anticipated separate strategy documents for districts and boroughs. This is to reflect the emerging national DfT's CWIS, which is encouraging local authorities to develop Cycling & Walking Investment Plans that reflect their local authority area, as a whole. The strategy will also reflect the ESCC Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 2016 – 2021.

A consultant has recently been procured by ESCC to manage this aspect of the work alongside engaging with local stakeholders. The Active Rother Partnership co-ordinated by RDC can support this process. The initial stage will involve the review of existing and the identification of new cycling and walking infrastructure and measures, which support access to key trip attractors, including employment, education, town centres, leisure and community facilities, along with future developments coming forward through Local Plans. The aim is to have an approved Cycling & Walking Strategy in place by March 2018.

Further information is available via Lisa Simmonds, Principal Transport Policy Officer at ESCC, lisa.simmonds@eastsussex.gov.uk

Supplementary Oral Question: Because the Council's Corporate Strategy specifically talks about what Rother is going to do, despite the fact that the reply does make it very clear that East Sussex County Council has the lead on cycling because it is the highway authority. The answer refers to three bodies within Rother, the Rother Transport Action Group, the Rother Local Strategic Partnership, and the Active Rother Partnership; having spent an hour or more googling for information on any of these, without much success, and so that I can obtain more information, can you please:

- 1) confirm that Rother Transport Action Group is still in existence and when it last met. From where can I obtain copies of the minutes of the meeting?; and
- 2) has the Council been told whether the East Sussex County Council led access fund bid to the Department of Transport, a 1.4 million bid,

focusing on Bexhill and Hastings, and covering areas on walking and cycling, the outcome of which apparently should have been known and advise to Rother at the end of last year: was the bid successful?

Answer: A written reply to your question will be given. However the Rother Transport action Group meets four times a year, every three months. We will provide the minutes of the meeting to you, we had our last meeting, last week. As for the access fund bid, I have got the details of that and they are published on the East Sussex County Council website, which I will send you a link to.

C16/56. **MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

1. Pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the Council Procedure Rules the following question was put by Councillor Mrs Prochak and answered by Councillor Maynard in Councillor G.P. Johnson's absence.

Question: A recent study by the University of Reading concluded that support from local planning authorities "continues to be the overriding variable in the speed and success of neighbourhood plans".

In what respects is it important for RDC to have successfully completed NPs?

How much support does RDC give to those councils working on NPs in terms of officer time and availability?

Answer: What is crucially important is that Rother District has an up-to-date development plan which provides for the housing and other development needs for the period to 2028, as set out in the Core Strategy. Alongside the Council's own 'Development and Site Allocations Local Plan' ("the DaSA"), neighbourhood plans have an important role in delivering the necessary quantum of development such that the housing land supply position can improve. This is significant not only in terms of meeting housing needs but in being able to give full weight to these local plans. If these Neighbourhood Plans are not completed in a timely manner, then there is a knock-on risk that the DaSA may not be found sound.

The Council's Planning Policy Team provides ongoing advice and support to all nine town and parish councils preparing neighbourhood plans (as well as working closely with other Parish Councils whose areas are covered by the DaSA) as part of its remit to deal with all land use policy matters that help shape the district - in what is an ever-changing planning system. However, the drive for completing neighbourhood plans must come from those leading the plans while officers guide the process. Officers are in contact with a number of neighbourhood plan groups regarding progressing them expeditiously.

With the available resources, the team spends a significant proportion of officer time working with the parishes in advising and supporting them on neighbourhood planning, including attendance at key evening meetings of neighbourhood plan groups. However, Members are aware the team

currently has a vacant post that has proved very difficult to fill due to the lack of planners countrywide.

Supplementary Oral Question: Those councillors on Planning Committee know how difficult it is at the moment in terms of officer time in the planning department with key documents going out to consultation. We are relying on neighbourhood plans to deliver our housing supply as well. I mentioned the report from the University of Reading which states that it is the support of the local authority that expedites local plans; as you know we cannot recruit at the moment, planning officers are just not out there. I am concerned and would like reassurance that we have a plan to actually get these staff members that we need in the planning department. I do congratulate our planning team; the Saleshurst and Robertsbridge neighbourhood plan has taken nearly 2 ½ years and thank goodness have kept that one on track but we do need the officers support, although it is a community led thing.

Answer: I thank Councillor Mrs Prochak for the opportunity to thank officers of this authority in the planning department for the work that has been carried out so far in the nine parish and town councils that are carrying out neighbourhood plans. It has been a difficult and trying process and a lengthy one but I think it is fair to say that thus far, the officer support towards this process has been absolutely paramount and it is of paramount importance that we make sure that officer support is there for the parish and town councils completing those plans. We have spent hundreds of hours assisting parish and town councils with their neighbourhood plans. I am aware of the challenges in recruiting planning officers, and that is just not this authority, that is authorities up and down the land, and whilst I am aware of those challenges, I am satisfied that we have got the resilience within the department to continue to support the neighbourhood planning process.

C16/57. REPORT OF THE CABINET ON MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION BY COUNCIL

1. It was moved by Councillor Maynard and seconded that, the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13 February 2017 (there were no recommendations to council at the meetings held on 14 December 2016 and 16 January 2017), as set out in the Agenda be approved and adopted with the exception of Minute CB16/75 which would be considered at Agenda Item 9.

2. The Chairman of the Council having called over the reports, the following Minutes were reserved for discussion:

Cabinet 13 February 2017	CB16/76
	CB16/77
	CB16/78

3. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Council approved, adopted and received the following reports:

- Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (CB16/76)
- Council Tax Penalties (Failure to Notify or Supply Information

- Policy (CB16/77)
- 28-36 Western Road, Bexhill (CB16/78)

C16/58. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ON DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET AS MATTERS OF URGENCY

It was moved by Councillor Maynard and seconded that it be noted that no urgent decisions had been taken by Cabinet at its meetings held on 14 December 2016, 16 January and 13 February 2017.

C15/59. BUDGET 2017-2018

The Chairman announced that as a number of Members had declared a personal and prejudicial interest on Recommendation 6 of CB16/75, the item would be considered and discussed separately.

CB16/75 – DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2017/18 – RECOMMENDATIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 7

It was moved by Councillor Maynard, seconded and agreed that Council Procedure Rules 14.4 (content and length of speeches) and 14.5 (when a member may speak again) be waived for the duration of this item.

It was moved by Councillor Lord Ampthill and seconded by Councillor Maynard that the formal Council Tax Resolution at Appendix A to the report be approved and adopted and Minute CB16/75 with the exception of recommendation 2 (the council Tax exemption for empty properties be reduced from one month to zero from 1 April 2018) from the Cabinet meeting held on 13 February 2017 be received.

Councillor Mooney requested that it be recorded that some residents had expressed concerns over the large rise in precept in Northiam which was intended to help raise money to buy the Blue Cross land.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5(b) a vote by roll call for the motion was taken.

FOR the Motion (32) (Unanimous): Lord Ampthill, A.K. Azad, J. Barnes, Mrs M.L. Barnes, R.K. Bird, G.S. Browne, R.C. Carroll, C.A. Clark, G.C. Curtis, K.P. Dixon, S.H. Earl, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, R.V. Elliston, K.M. Field, A.E. Ganly, Mrs B.A. George, T.W. Graham, Mrs S. Hart, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs J.M. Hughes, B. Kentfield, M.J. Kenward, Mrs E.M. Kirby-Greem, C.R. Maynard, M. Mooney, D.B. Oliver, P.N. Osborne, J. Potts, Mrs S.M. Prochak, C.J. Saint, G.F. Stevens and M.R Watson.

The Motion being put forward was declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

1. (a) That Council approves the Rother District Council General Fund Council Tax Requirement of £6,309,027 for 2017/18 and the resultant Band D tax of £169.32 as set out in this report.

(b) The expenses incurred by the Council, set out in the minutes of the Cabinet of 13 February 2017 in the sum of £664,990 in respect of Bexhill and £49,610 in respect of Rye, be approved as the Special Expenses chargeable to residents of Bexhill and Rye respectively. All other expenses incurred by the Council (excluding Parish Precepts) be approved as general expenditure for the purposes of section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. (This resolution will be reviewed annually).

2. That it be noted, the following amounts for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, made under section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

(a) 37,260.97 being the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012, as its Council Tax base for the year.

(b)					
Bexhill	16,200.30	Etchingham	406.41	Salehurst	1,021.35
Ashburnham & Penhurst	193.75	Ewhurst	536.53	Sedlescombe	655.22
Battle	2,686.59	Fairlight	876.95	Ticehurst	1,632.05
Beckley	531.01	Guestling	601.54	Udimore	179.86
Bodiam	157.30	Hurst Green	577.70	Westfield	1,067.84
Brede	848.58	Icklesham	1,221.89	Whatlington	158.59
Brightling	201.33	Iden	236.79	Rye	1,895.53
Burwash	1,264.05	Mountfield	202.22		
Camber	688.61	Northiam	974.26		
Catsfield	346.03	Peasmarsh	523.13		
Crowhurst	360.31	Pett	471.72		
Dallington	173.95	Playden	160.16		
East Guldeford	31.13	Rye Foreign	178.29		

being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with sections 32 to 38 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 as amended: -

- a. £49,619,025 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act. (this amount is the Council's gross expenditure including the Parish Council Precepts and the Special Expenses for Bexhill and Rye).
- b. £41,022,543 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
- c. £8,596,482 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the

Council, in accordance with section 32(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year.

- d. £230.71 Being the amount at 3(c) divided by the amount at 2 above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
- e. 2,287,454.61 Being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in section 35(1) of the Act
- f. £169.32 Being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

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<u>PARISH COUNCIL AREA</u>	D
	£
Bexhill	211.16
Ashburnham & Penhurst	216.02
Battle	296.16
Beckley	208.87
Bodiam	226.54
Brede	202.06
Brightling	204.59
Burwash	200.40
Camber	262.43
Catsfield	233.34
Crowhurst	245.15
Dallington	217.81
East Guldeford	169.32
Etchingham	264.77
Ewhurst	287.15
Fairlight	222.63
Guestling	182.39
Hurst Green	233.47
Icklesham	256.08
Iden	228.44
Mountfield	234.10
Northiam	323.28
Peasmarsh	222.84
Pett	213.84
Playden	200.54
Rye Foreign	180.54
Salehurst	259.72
Sedlescombe	240.05
Ticehurst	253.91
Udimore	192.12
Westfield	201.16
Whatlington	217.24
Rye	263.45

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with

section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

h.

LOCAL TAX AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bexhill	140.78	164.23	187.70	211.16	258.09	305.00	351.94	422.32
Ashburnham & Penhurst	144.01	168.01	192.02	216.02	264.03	312.03	360.03	432.04
Battle	197.44	230.34	263.26	296.16	361.98	427.78	493.60	592.32
Beckley	139.25	162.45	185.67	208.87	255.29	301.70	348.12	417.74
Bodiam	151.03	176.19	201.37	226.54	276.89	327.22	377.57	453.08
Brede	134.71	157.15	179.61	202.06	246.97	291.86	336.77	404.12
Brightling	136.39	159.12	181.86	204.59	250.06	295.52	340.98	409.18
Burwash	133.60	155.86	178.14	200.40	244.94	289.46	334.00	400.80
Camber	174.95	204.11	233.27	262.43	320.75	379.06	437.38	524.86
Catsfield	155.56	181.48	207.42	233.34	285.20	337.04	388.90	466.68
Crowhurst	163.43	190.67	217.91	245.15	299.63	354.10	408.58	490.30
Dallington	145.21	169.40	193.61	217.81	266.22	314.61	363.02	435.62
East								
Guldeford	112.88	131.69	150.51	169.32	206.95	244.57	282.20	338.64
Etchingham	176.51	205.93	235.35	264.77	323.61	382.44	441.28	529.54
Ewhurst	191.43	223.34	255.25	287.15	350.96	414.77	478.58	574.30
Fairlight	148.42	173.15	197.90	222.63	272.11	321.57	371.05	445.26
Guestling	121.59	141.86	162.13	182.39	222.92	263.45	303.98	364.78
Hurst Green	155.65	181.58	207.53	233.47	285.36	337.23	389.12	466.94
Icklesham	170.72	199.17	227.63	256.08	312.99	369.89	426.80	512.16
Iden	152.29	177.67	203.06	228.44	279.21	329.97	380.73	456.88
Mountfield	156.07	182.07	208.09	234.10	286.13	338.14	390.17	468.20
Northiam	215.52	251.44	287.36	323.28	395.12	466.96	538.80	646.56
Peasmarsh	148.56	173.32	198.08	222.84	272.36	321.88	371.40	445.68
Pett	142.56	166.32	190.08	213.84	261.36	308.88	356.40	427.68
Playden	133.69	155.97	178.26	200.54	245.11	289.67	334.23	401.08
Rye Foreign	120.36	140.42	160.48	180.54	220.66	260.78	300.90	361.08
Salehurst	173.15	202.00	230.87	259.72	317.44	375.15	432.87	519.44
Sedlescombe	160.03	186.70	213.38	240.05	293.40	346.74	400.08	480.10
Ticehurst	169.27	197.48	225.70	253.91	310.34	366.76	423.18	507.82
Udimore	128.08	149.42	170.78	192.12	234.82	277.50	320.20	384.24
Westfield	134.11	156.45	178.81	201.16	245.87	290.56	335.27	402.32
Whatlington	144.83	168.96	193.11	217.24	265.52	313.79	362.07	434.48
Rye	175.64	204.90	234.18	263.45	322.00	380.53	439.09	526.90

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band "D", calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different Valuation Bands.

4. That the Council notes that for the year 2016/17 East Sussex County Council the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner and the East Sussex Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Local

Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

<u>Precepting Authority</u>	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ESCC	876.24	1,022.28	1,168.32	1,314.36	1,606.44	1,898.52	2,190.60	2,628.72
SPCC	102.61	119.71	136.81	153.91	188.11	222.31	256.52	307.82
ES Fire	58.93	68.76	78.58	88.40	108.04	127.69	147.33	176.80

5. That, having calculated the aggregate each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

<u>LOCAL TAX AREA</u>	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bexhill	1,178.56	1,374.98	1,571.41	1,767.83	2,160.68	2,553.52	2,946.39	3,535.66
Ashburnham & Penhurst	1,181.79	1,378.76	1,575.73	1,772.69	2,166.62	2,560.55	2,954.48	3,545.38
Battle	1,235.22	1,441.09	1,646.97	1,852.83	2,264.57	2,676.30	3,088.05	3,705.66
Beckley	1,177.03	1,373.20	1,569.38	1,765.54	2,157.88	2,550.22	2,942.57	3,531.08
Bodiam	1,188.81	1,386.94	1,585.08	1,783.21	2,179.48	2,575.74	2,972.02	3,566.42
Brede	1,172.49	1,367.90	1,563.32	1,758.73	2,149.56	2,540.38	2,931.22	3,517.46
Brightling	1,174.17	1,369.87	1,565.57	1,761.26	2,152.65	2,544.04	2,935.43	3,522.52
Burwash	1,171.38	1,366.61	1,561.85	1,757.07	2,147.53	2,537.98	2,928.45	3,514.14
Camber	1,212.73	1,414.86	1,616.98	1,819.10	2,223.34	2,627.58	3,031.83	3,638.20
Catsfield	1,193.34	1,392.23	1,591.13	1,790.01	2,187.79	2,585.56	2,983.35	3,580.02
Crowhurst	1,201.21	1,401.42	1,601.62	1,801.82	2,202.22	2,602.62	3,003.03	3,603.64
Dallington East	1,182.99	1,380.15	1,577.32	1,774.48	2,168.81	2,563.13	2,957.47	3,548.96
Guldeford	1,150.66	1,342.44	1,534.22	1,725.99	2,109.54	2,493.09	2,876.65	3,451.98
Etchingham	1,214.29	1,416.68	1,619.06	1,821.44	2,226.20	2,630.96	3,035.73	3,642.88
Ewhurst	1,229.21	1,434.09	1,638.96	1,843.82	2,253.55	2,663.29	3,073.03	3,687.64
Fairlight	1,186.20	1,383.90	1,581.61	1,779.30	2,174.70	2,570.09	2,965.50	3,558.60
Guestling	1,159.37	1,352.61	1,545.84	1,739.06	2,125.51	2,511.97	2,898.43	3,478.12
Hurst Green	1,193.43	1,392.33	1,591.24	1,790.14	2,187.95	2,585.75	2,983.57	3,580.28
Icklesham	1,208.50	1,409.92	1,611.34	1,812.75	2,215.58	2,618.41	3,021.25	3,625.50
Iden	1,190.07	1,388.42	1,586.77	1,785.11	2,181.80	2,578.49	2,975.18	3,570.22
Mountfield	1,193.85	1,392.82	1,591.80	1,790.77	2,188.72	2,586.66	2,984.62	3,581.54
Northiam	1,253.30	1,462.19	1,671.07	1,879.95	2,297.71	2,715.48	3,133.25	3,759.90
Peasmarsh	1,186.34	1,384.07	1,581.79	1,779.51	2,174.95	2,570.40	2,965.85	3,559.02
Pett	1,180.34	1,377.07	1,573.79	1,770.51	2,163.95	2,557.40	2,950.85	3,541.02
Playden	1,171.47	1,366.72	1,561.97	1,757.21	2,147.70	2,538.19	2,928.68	3,514.42
Rye Foreign	1,158.14	1,351.17	1,544.19	1,737.21	2,123.25	2,509.30	2,895.35	3,474.42
Salehurst	1,210.93	1,412.75	1,614.58	1,816.39	2,220.03	2,623.67	3,027.32	3,632.78
Sedlescombe	1,197.81	1,397.45	1,597.09	1,796.72	2,195.99	2,595.26	2,994.53	3,593.44
Ticehurst	1,207.05	1,408.23	1,609.41	1,810.58	2,212.93	2,615.28	3,017.63	3,621.16
Udimore	1,165.86	1,360.17	1,554.49	1,748.79	2,137.41	2,526.02	2,914.65	3,497.58
Westfield	1,171.89	1,367.20	1,562.52	1,757.83	2,148.46	2,539.08	2,929.72	3,515.66
Whatlington	1,182.61	1,379.71	1,576.82	1,773.91	2,168.11	2,562.31	2,956.52	3,547.82
Rye	1,213.42	1,415.65	1,617.89	1,820.12	2,224.59	2,629.05	3,033.54	3,640.24

6. The Service Manager – Finance and Welfare as Section 151 Officer be authorised to authenticate and serve all notices etc. required in connection with the Council Tax and National Non Domestic Rate.

Assessment as to whether change in Council Tax is excessive

7. That the Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under section 52B(3) of the Local Government Act 1992.

(Councillors Lord Ampthill, Azad, Earl, Ganly, Osborne and Mrs Prochak declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter relating to CB716/75 recommendation 6 – (the Council Tax exemption for empty properties), in so far as they were landlords and in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct left the room during the consideration thereof.)

**** COUNCILLOR MRS BARNES IN THE CHAIR****

CB16/75 DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2017/18 RECOMMENDATION 6. – the Council Tax exemption for empty properties be reduced from one month to zero from 1 April 2018

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5(b) a vote by roll call for the motion was taken.

FOR the Motion (26) (Unanimous): J. Barnes, Mrs M.L. Barnes, R.K. Bird, G.S. Browne, R.C. Carroll, C.A. Clark, G.C. Curtis, K.P. Dixon, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, R.V. Elliston, K.M. Field, Mrs B.A. George, T.W. Graham, Mrs S. Hart, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs J.M. Hughes, B. Kentfield, M.J. Kenward, Mrs E.M. Kirby-Greem, C.R. Maynard, M. Mooney, D.B. Oliver, J. Potts, C.J. Saint, G.F. Stevens and M.R Watson.

The Motion being put forward was declared **CARRIED**.

**** COUNCILLOR OSBORNE IN THE CHAIR****

C16/60. NOTICE OF MOTION – PENSIONS ACT 1995 AND 2011

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 consideration was given to the following Motion for Council.

It was moved by Councillor Earl and seconded that:

Council Motion – “The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6 April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. 33,000 women in East Sussex could potentially have been affected by these changes. Some

women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been disrupted with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment. Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute – it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6 April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.”

RESOLVED: That the Motion be supported.

C16/61. REPORT OF THE LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

1. It was moved by Councillor Mrs Hughes, Vice-Chairman of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee, and seconded that the report of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 23 January 2017, be approved and adopted subject to the following amendment - The insertion of the words “division and” before the word “ward” in each paragraph at the bottom of each page at Appendix A.
2. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Council approved and adopted the following report, as amended:
 - Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2016/17 (LG16/20)

C16/62. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN 2017/18

Nominations were received for the appointment of Councillors M.L. Barnes as Chairman and Councillor J.M. Johnson for Vice-Chairman respectively of the Council for the Council Year 2017/18.

RESOLVED: That the names of Councillors Mrs M.L. Barnes and J.M. Johnson be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Council, for appointment respectively as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Council Year 2017/18.

CHAIRMAN

The Council rose at 7:22pm

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Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Rother District Council
interim review

Proposed Polling Scheme

BEXHILL AND BATTLE CONSTITUENCY

Bexhill Central Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BC001	Beulah Baptist Church Hall Clifford Road	2013	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BC002	Parkhurst Hall Parkhurst Road	2227	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. In addition, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this polling district will become part of Bexhill Collington Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BD001/A* , with the same polling place as BD001. Another section will become part of Bexhill Sackville Ward , and it is proposed that this section be designated BF/A* , with the same polling place as BF.

*In due course, polling districts BD001/A and BF/A will be aligned with BD001 and BF respectively. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, they will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BC001 and BC002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Collington Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BD001	St Augustine's Church Hall St Augustine's Close	1492	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BD002	Cooden Beach Sports & Social Club Withyham Road	996	1	Dual station with BG002. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill Kewhurst Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated KEW03/A* , with the same polling place as KEW03.
BD003	Bexhill Athletic Club Little Common Road	1286	1	Dual station with KEW01. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

*In due course, polling district KEW03/A will be aligned with KEW03. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, it will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BD001, BD002 and BD003 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Old Town Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BE001	St Peters Community Centre Church Street	1523	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill Sackville Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BF/B* , with the same polling place as BF. Another section will become part of Bexhill St Stephens Ward , and it is proposed that this section be designated BI002/A* , with the same polling place as BI002.
BE002	Springfield Road Methodist Church Hall Springfield Road	1602	1	Dual station with BI002. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill St Stephens Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BI002/B* , with the same polling place as BD002.

*In due course, polling districts BF/B, BI002/A and BI002/B will be aligned with BF and BI002 respectively. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, they will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BE001 and BE002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Sackville Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BF	The whole polling district (St Mary Magdalene Church Hall Upper Sea Road is the polling station currently in use)	3853	2	<p>The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. However, no suitable alternative has yet been identified, and therefore no change to the polling place is proposed at this time.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district continue to be designated as the polling place.</p>

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BF are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill St Marks Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BG001	St Marks Church Hall Green Lane	2649	2	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BG002	Cooden Beach Sports Club Withyham Road	1108	1	Dual polling station with BD002. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill Collington Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BD002/A* , with the same polling place as BD002. Another section will become part of Bexhill Kewhurst Ward , and it is proposed that this section be designated KEW03/B* , with the same polling place as KEW03.
BG003	Normans Bay Caravan Park The Anchorage	162	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

*In due course, polling districts BD002/A and KEW03/B will be aligned with BD002 and KEW03 respectively. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, they will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BG001, BG002 and BG003 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill St Michaels Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BH001	St Michael's Church Hall Glassenbury Drive	1269	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BH002	Pebsham Community Centre Seabourne Road	2606	2	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BH001 and BH002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill St Stephens Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BI001	St Stephens Church Hall Woodsgate Park	2698	1	Dual polling station with KEW02. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BI002	Springfield Road Methodist Church Hall Springfield Road	1095	1	Dual polling station with BE002. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of the new Bexhill Old Town & Worsham Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BE001/A* , with the same polling place as BE001.

*In due course, polling district BE001/A will be aligned with BE001. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, it will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BI001 and BI002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Sidley Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BJ001	Our Lady's Church Hall Southlands Road	2469	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill St Stephens Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BI001/A* , with the same polling place as BI001.
BJ002	Sidley Baptist Church Hall Claremont Road	1697	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this ward will become part of Bexhill St Stephens Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BI001/B* , with the same polling place as BI001.

*In due course, polling districts BI001/A and BI001/B will be aligned with BI001 and BI002 respectively. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, they will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BJ001 and BJ002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Bexhill Kewhurst Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
KEW01	Bexhill Athletic Club Road Little Common Road	1629	1	Dual polling station with BD003. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
KEW02	St Stephens Church Hall Woodsgate Park	1090	1	Dual polling station with BI001. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
KEW03	St Martha's Church Hall Road Cooden Sea Road	1329	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for KEW01, KEW02 and KEW03 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Battle Town Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BX	The whole polling district (Benedicta Whistler Centre, High Street is the polling station currently in use).	1684	1	<p>The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. The Emmanuel Centre, Harrier Lane, which was being built at the time, was suggested for future consideration, and has recently been approached. It is therefore proposed that the whole of the polling district continue to be designated as the polling place, to allow the venue to be changed to The Emmanuel Centre in due course, subject to availability and suitability.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district continue to be designated as the polling place. Additionally, as a result of the LGBCE boundary review, a section of this parish ward will become part of the new Battle North Parish Ward in May 2019. It is proposed that this section become a new polling district designated BAJ/A*, with the same polling place as BAJ.</p>
BAJ	Battle Baptist Church Mount Street	2434	2	<p>No issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.</p>

*In due course, polling district BAJ/A will be aligned with BAJ. However, until the district and parish elections in 2019, it will need to be kept separately as any district or parish by-election held prior to this date will need to be conducted in accordance with the previous ward boundaries.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BX and BAJ are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Crowhurst Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BA	Ashburnham Village Hall Brownbread Street	302	1	Dual polling station with BAP. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAP	Ashburnham Village Hall Brownbread Street	40	1	Dual polling station with BA. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BP	Catsfield Village Hall Church Road	692	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BQ	St Georges Church Parish Room Forewood Lane	685	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAG	Wilmoths Garage Hastings Road	424	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BA, BAP, BP, BQ and BAG are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Darwell Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BM	Brightling Village Hall Brightling Village	310	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BN	Burwash Village Hall High Street	1450	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BO	Burwash Common Pavilion Ticehurst Road	769	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BR	Dallington Village Hall The Street	257	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BY	Mountfield Village Hall Church Road	421	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BZ	The whole polling district (Netherfield CoE Primary School, Darvel Down is the polling station currently in use)	657	1	The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because it was considered preferable to use a venue other than a school if possible. However, no preferable alternative has yet been identified, and therefore no change to the polling place is proposed at this time. <u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district continue to be designated as the polling place.
BAM	Whatlington Village Hall Whatlington Road	291	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BM, BN, BO, BR, BY, BZ and BAM are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Ewhurst and Sedlescombe Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BT	The whole polling district (The Arthur Herdman Pavilion, Ewhurst Green is the polling station currently in use)	259	1	<p>The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place following a recommendation by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee to Council in February 2016, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because the previous polling place, the White Dog Inn Pub, was no longer available for use.</p> <p>The Arthur Herdman Pavilion was used at the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2016 on a trial basis. No issues have been identified with this venue.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – to designate The Arthur Herdman Pavilion as the polling place.</p>
BAD	Sedlescombe Village Hall The Street	1189	1	<p>Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.</p>
BAE	Staplecross Village Hall Northiam Road	735	1	<p>Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.</p>

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BT, BAD and BAE are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Rother Levels Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BB	Beckley Village Hall Main Street	877	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. Recommendation – no change of polling place.
BAA	Northiam Village Hall Main Street	1770	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. Recommendation – no change of polling place.
BAB	Peasmarsh Memorial Hall Peasmarsh	963	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. Recommendation – no change of polling place.
BHB	Playden W.I Hall Houghton Green Lane	279	1	Dual polling station with HHA. No issues identified. Recommendation – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BBB, BAA, BAB and BHB are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Salehurst Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BK	Bodiam Parish Room Sandhurst Road	293	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BVA	Hurst Green Village Hall Station Road	1183	1	Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BAC	Robertsbridge Village Hall Station Road	2073	1	Dual polling station with BVB. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
BVB	Robertsbridge Village Hall Station Road	56	1	Dual polling station with BAC. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BK, BVA, BAC and BVB are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Ticehurst and Etchingam Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BS	The whole polling district (Etchingam Village Hall, Parsonage Croft is the polling station currently in use)	689	1	<p>The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because of uncertainty regarding the future of the current venue at the time. However, since then the new Etchingam Village Hall has been built, and is currently in use, with no issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – to designate Etchingam Village Hall the polling place.</p>
BU	Flimwell Cricket Pavilion High Street	578	1	<p>Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.</p>
BAF	Stonegate Village Hall Forge Field	423	1	<p>Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.</p>
BAH	Ticehurst Village Hall High Street	1952	1	<p>Venue is large enough to accommodate further polling stations should the need arise. No issues identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.</p>

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for BS, BU, BAF and BAH are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

HASTINGS AND RYE CONSTITUENCY

Brede Valley Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HBL	Brede Village Hall Cackle Street	1564	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HBW	Sedlescombe Golf Club House Kent Street	250	1	Due to uncertainty regarding the future of the current venue, it is proposed that the whole of the polling district be designated as the polling place, to allow for the use of an alternative venue at such time as it is needed. <u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district be designated as the polling place.
HAI	St Marys Community Hall St Marys Church	301	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HAK	Westfield Parish Hall Vicarage Lane	1665	1	Dual polling station with HAL. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HAL	Westfield Parish Hall Vicarage Lane	336		Dual polling station with HAK. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for HBL, HBW, HAI, HAK and HAL are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Eastern Rother Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HA	Camber Memorial Hall Lydd Road	898	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HB	The whole polling district (Salt Farm Shop Café, East Guldeford, is the polling station currently in use)	58	1	The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place following a recommendation by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee to Council in October 2015, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because the previous polling place, Half Acre Farm, was no longer available for use. Salt Farm Shop Café was used at the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2016 on a trial basis. No issues have been identified with this venue. <u>Recommendation</u> – to designate Salt Farm Shop Café as the polling place.
HE	Icklesham Memorial Hall Workhouse Lane	826	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HF	Iden Village Hall Iden	393	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HHA	Playden W.I. Hall Houghton Green Lane	237	1	Dual polling station with BHB. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HJ	Rye Harbour Village Hall Rye Harbour	346	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HL	Winchelsea New Hall Rectory Lane	408	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HM	Winchelsea Beach Community Hall Sea Road	718	1	No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for HA, HB, HE, HF, HHA, HJ, HL and HM are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Marsham Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HC	Fairlight Village Hall Broadway	1510	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HD	The whole polling district (Guestling Village Hall, Church Lane is the currently designated polling station)	534	1	The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the 2013 review of polling districts and polling places, to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future. This was because the venue was considered outdated and in need of attention. However, no suitable alternative has yet been identified, and no change of venue is proposed at this time. <u>Recommendation</u> – that the whole polling district continue to be designated as the polling place.
HG	Pett Village Hall Pett Road	756	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.
HK	Three Oaks Village Hall Butchers Lane	651	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for HC, HD, HG and HK are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.

Rye Ward

PD Letters	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HI001	Badger Gate Udimore Road	1615	1	Badger Gate was designated as the polling place on an interim basis following a recommendation by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee to Council in February 2016. This was because the previous polling place, Tilling Green Community Centre, was no longer available for use. No issues have been identified with this venue. <u>Recommendation</u> – to designate Badger Gate as the polling place on a permanent basis.
HI002	Rye Community Centre Conduit Hill	1965	1	Venue large enough to accommodate further polling station should the need arise. No issues identified. <u>Recommendation</u> – no change of polling place.

In addition to this, it is recommended that the polling district boundaries for HI001 and HI002 are aligned with the LGBCE proposed new division and ward boundary, however recognising the need to keep existing boundaries distinct for any district and parish by-elections held before May 2019.