

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea
on Monday 25 February 2019 at 6:30pm.

Present: Councillors: J.M. Johnson (Chairman), S.D. Elford (Vice-Chairman), Lord Ampthill, A.K. Azad, J. Barnes (MBE), Mrs M.L. Barnes, R.K. Bird, J.J. Carroll, R.C. Carroll, C.A. Clark, G.C. Curtis, K.P. Dixon, P.R. Douart, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, R.V. Elliston, K.M. Field, A.E. Ganly, K.M. Harmer, Mrs S. Hart, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs B.A. Hollingsworth, Mrs J.M. Hughes, I.G.F. Jenkins, G.P. Johnson, M.J. Kenward, C.R. Maynard, M. Mooney, D.B. Oliver, P.N. Osborne, Mrs S.M. Prochak, C.J. Saint and M.R. Watson.

Advisory officers present: Executive Director (MJ), Assistant Director Resources and Democratic Services Manager.

Also present: 13 members of the public.

C18/59. MINUTES

The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 December 2018 as a correct record of the proceedings.

C18/60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillors G.S. Browne, B. Kentfield, Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green and G.F. Stevens and Executive Director, Dr Anthony Leonard.

C18/61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Azad	Agenda Item 7 (CB18/68) - Personal Interest in so far as he is a landlord.
Carroll, J.J.	Agenda Item 7 (CB18/68) - Personal Interest in so far as he is a landlord.
Dixon	Agenda Item 10 (LG18/09) – Personal Interest as a holder of a personal gambling licence issued by the Gambling Commission.
Elford	Agenda Item 7 (CB18/68) - Personal Interest in so far as he is a landlord.
Ganly	Agenda Item 7 (CB18/68) - Personal Interest in so far as he is a landlord.

Mrs Hughes	Agenda Item 7 (CB18/68) – Personal Interest as a member of the Bexhill Community Land Trust.
Johnson, J.M.	Agenda Item 7 (CB18/68) - Personal Interest in so far as he is a landlord.
Johnson, G.P.	Agenda Item 7 (CB18/68) - Personal Interest in so far as she is a landlord.
Osborne	Agenda Item 7 (CB18/68) - Personal Interest in so far as he is a landlord.
Mrs Prochak	Agenda Item 9 (CB18/68) - Personal Interest in so far as she is a landlord.
Watson	Agenda Item 7 (CB18/68) – Personal Interest as a member of the Bexhill Community Land Trust.

C18/62. **CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 1) The Chairman welcomed Councillor Harmer, newly elected Member to Bexhill St Marks Ward.
- 2) The Chairman formally acknowledged the resignation of former Councillor Tom Graham and thanked him for his duties as a District Councillor for St Marks Ward since May 2015 and wished him well for the future.
- 3) The Chairman led Members in wishing Dr Tony Leonard a speedy recovery after his recent operation.

C18/63. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

Question: Can the Council confirm if they have been consulted by Lidl regarding a development at the south end of Beeching Road / Witham Brothers site and, if so, in what way have they considered the potential impact on other local businesses, the character of the town and the viability of the existing store in Sidley?

Answer: It is confirmed that the Council has not been consulted by Lidl regarding such a development and so no potential impact has been considered – this would only be considered if and when a planning application is submitted.

Supplementary Oral Question: Given that you do not seem aware of the development, now that I have raised the issue will the Council consider

investigating this further given that the Council is looking to develop in the area itself and there is an impact on the town and potentially an impact on the store in Sidley, will you now pledge to investigate the matter further?

Answer: Thank you for the question. It is an issue that is clearly important to local residents, clearly in terms of the potential impact of any closure of the Lidl store in Sidley and indeed the wider issue of whether or not they have aspirations elsewhere in the town. The answer I have given is very clear in that we have not been consulted by Lidl and quite clearly, if Lidl did want to invest in Beeching Road, or for that matter any other Council owned land within the town, we would clearly be the first ones to know about it. I concur with the questioner, in what we are trying to do is dispel any misinformation and certainly I am happy to concur with the questioner, that in terms of the retail offer in Bexhill, that the Lidl shop there, as well as being a convenience store for local residents within Sidley, is also an employer for local people within Sidley, so of course if we were approached by Lidl one would imagine we would want to see the current store remain open; that is the important factor.

2. Pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the Council Procedure Rules the following question was put by Paul Courtel and answered by Councillor Ganly, Portfolio Holder for Waste and Recycling.

Question: I have been led to believe that there will be daily refuse collections in Bexhill town centre under the new Refuse Collection and Recycling contract.

While this is welcome, it doesn't fully address the problems of black bags sitting on town centre streets awaiting collection.

Would you consider installing large collection point bins in Bexhill Town centre based on the concept currently used in St Leonard's?

Answer: Rother has considered various options to manage waste collections and improve the street scene in Bexhill town centre, including researching 'underground waste systems', the use of a similar 'on street' collection to Hastings, and increasing the collection frequency.

The 'underground waste systems' are possible to install in new housing developments when large containers can be sunk underground in the required locations without disrupting the surrounding utilities. Unfortunately underground utilities such as sewers, gas pipes, electricity cables etc. under a Victorian urban road and pavement make it difficult and very costly to install such systems.

With regards to 'on street' collection points there are a number of advantages and disadvantages to consider as follows:-

Advantages

- Waste is contained in one location, minimalizing spillages from sea gulls and scavenging foxes attacking refuse bags.
- Collection points can be surrounded with screens or housing to improve appearance (screens, housing can have images / photographs on them).

- Allows residents to dispose of waste at any time, removing the need to store waste inside their property.

Disadvantages

- Shortage of space in the town centre in which to install communal containers that would be convenient for residents to use. Use of 'on road' car parking spaces may be considered once Civil Parking Enforcement has been introduced in 2020.
- Areas of high population density will still require daily collections based on the number of collection points that could realistically be installed and so collection costs would be similar.
- These will require planning permission, changes to road layout, consideration to bus and taxi access.
- Experience shows that communal bins encourages fly tipping of bulky items next to collection points and may be used to dispose of commercial waste.

In the longer term neither of the above possibilities have been dismissed. However, in consideration of the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement in 2020 and the start of a new waste collections contract it was felt to be an opportune time to increase the frequency of waste collections for four main town centre streets to daily collections. This will enable all seagull bags to be removed permanently, and waste and recycling will be collected on a daily basis. It is expected that the 'street scene', particularly in the summer months, will be greatly improved. The results will be monitored and reviewed after 12 months.

Supplementary Oral Question: I welcome the Cabinet Member's detailed response. The main problem he has raised appears to be identifying suitable locations for large communal bins in Bexhill town centre. Should I be able to identify suitable locations for these would Councillor Ganly consider my recommendations on a case by case basis?

Answer: Yes.

3. Pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the Council Procedure Rules the following questions were put by Roger McCarthy and answered by Councillor Lord Amptill, Portfolio Holder for Finance.

Questions and Answers

I am a Bexhill and Rother resident and my question is:

- a) How many Rother households were prior to the change in the scheme on a 100% reduction and have been reduced to an 80% reduction?

Claims at 100% as at 31.03.2016 and 80% at 01.04.2016 – 2,359
All working age claims at 01.04.2016 – 2,865

- b) For these households how much additional council tax has been raised as a result of the change from a 100% to an 80% reduction?

2016/17 £642,127.58
2017/18 £645,034.74

2018/19 £675,987.45

c) How many households on the Council tax reduction scheme that are receiving an 80% reduction have been i) summonsed

This shows the number of Summonses issued on all accounts where CTR has been awarded based on a working age calculation. It is not possible to split these figures further to show just those residents whose CTR reduced from 100%.

2016/17 - 879

2017/18 - 739

2018/19 - 599

Liability orders issued following the Summonses above -

2016/17 - 733

2017/18 - 624

2018/19 - 483

and ii) subjected to a bailiff's visit?

As above, it is only possible to show all working age CTR cases,

2016/17 - 488

2017/18 - 422

2018/19 - 333

d) What in total has the Council spent on legal expenses to summons those council tax defaulters who are on the council tax reduction scheme?

0.00 costs are requested at court and if agreed by the magistrates they are then passed on to the council tax defaulter. £80 for a summons and £20 for a liability order.

e) How much in total does the Council spend on bailiff visits to council tax defaulters who are on the council tax reduction scheme?

0.00 - Fees are charged to customers by Enforcement Agents in line with set fees within Ministry of Justice legislation.

f) How much in total does the Council recover as a result of summonses and bailiff's visits to defaulters from the residents who are on the council tax reduction?

Summons and Liability Order*

	Summons	Liability Order
2015/16	£6,930.76	£141,941.75
2016/17	£9,327.46	£111,146.09
2017/18	£10,303.46	£103,306.56
2018/19	£6,513.31	£70,835.58

*Cases which are not paid after a summons is issued go on to receive a Liability Order, hence these are included both here. The amounts shown

here are the totals paid at each of these stages.

Cases referred to Enforcement Agents

2015/16 - £100,703.51

2016/17 - £163,985.68

2017/18 - £157,835.24

2018/19 - £180,248.49

All recovery info includes amounts/dates up to and including 22.02.2019.

g) Given the data above can the introduction of a maximum 80% rather than 100% reduction be justified in purely cost/benefit - as opposed to ideological - terms?

Yes.

Supplementary Oral Question: Thank you to the officers and Councillor Lord Amphill for providing this information. I would like to ask confirmation of the total sum provided in answer to my question b) the amount which is retained by Rother District Council itself, which I believe, based on previous information is around 9% of the total? That is to say around £61,000 for 2018/19.

Answer: The amount is 10%.

C18/64. **MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

1. Pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the Council Procedure Rules the following question was put by Councillor Clark and answered by Councillor Ganly.

Question: I am concerned that Rother District Council is removing the large plastic collection containers from its recycling bring-sites.

What message is this sending to our residents when recycling plastics is such a high profile issue at the present time?

Are you confident that removal of these containers will not result in a reduction of our recycling targets?

Answer: I assume from the question that Councillor Clark is referring to the removal of the large metal containers known as Front End Loaders or FELs from Rother bring sites as these are the only containers that have been removed.

During 2018 Rother District Council implemented a programme to remove all the old, large metal containers called Front End Loaders (FEL) from all Rother bring sites as many were in poor condition, and all required specialist FEL collection vehicles which were not within the specification for the new waste collections and beach and street cleaning contract. The removal of these containers was not intended to reduce the capacity for recycling at bring-sites.

The metal FEL containers were replaced with a number of standard sized metal Euro bins of 1,280 litres capacity which can be emptied by a standard dustcart and therefore meets the new contract requirements. This replacement programme is now complete and in most instances each single FEL was replaced with several new containers as deemed appropriate to meet the capacity of the recycling material presented at an individual bring site.

Officers continue to monitor bring sites to understand where capacity needs to be increased on certain sites or reduced on less utilised sites.

Improving our recycling performance and providing recycling facilities where they are required and well utilised by the public will continue to be our aim in the coming years.

Supplementary Oral Question: Because the plastic collection containers were removed from Pebsham recycling centre there are none there. My residents want to know why. I was not informed that there were going to be removed, but the officers have now apologised for that. Can you assure me that alternative containers will be provided as this is the only recycling centre in Pebsham.

Answer: I believe I can give that assurance. The reason they were removed, as I understood it was that those old big metal containers were very difficult to shift and needed special lorries. The idea was to replace them with smaller ones which can be cleared out by existing Kier equipment and Biffa in the future.

2. Pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the Council Procedure Rules the following question was put by Councillor Field and answered by Councillor Maynard.

Question: In view of the continuing and increasing concerns regarding the viability of businesses in our High Streets, what actions is the Council taking to support our independent retailers and other businesses?

Answer: The Government and the Council recognises that the retail landscape is changing, with customer footfall being increasingly driven by the quality of the overall experience as by the range of shops and goods on offer. Rother has a high proportion of independent businesses in its principal towns and these are well placed to offer a varied and unique experience to customers, in contrast to the 'anytown' offer dominated by national multiples presented by many high streets across the country.

The importance of a high quality environment is recognised and this is reflected in the work of the Public Realm Working Group, which resulted in a number of recommendations. The recommendations were the result of a culmination of the Working Group's work which had been brought about from research including site visits by Members around the district, evidence gathering, stakeholder interviews and research into best practice established by other local authorities and agencies. The recommendations established a comprehensive, achievable and forward-looking response to the issues identified during the Working Group's research and deliberations.

As a result of this work the Council has produced a draft Public Realm

Strategic Framework which is currently out to public consultation. This document sets out the vision, objectives and key principles for the public realm in Rother district and aims to guide successful management of, and improvements in, Rother District's public realm in co-operation with relevant stakeholders.

The Council secured £100,000 funding from the Marks & Spencer development at Ravenside to support projects in Bexhill town centre and this is administered through the Bexhill Town Centre Steering Group. To date approximately £75,000 has been spent or approved on a number of projects, including new signage and information panels, cycle racks, promotional activity and upgrading public conveniences, planters and trees. The Steering Group is currently reviewing the Bexhill Town Centre Strategy over the course of this year, starting with stakeholder workshops due to take place in March. The Government has also invited local authorities to bid for funding under the Future High Streets Fund and Rother intend to put in an Expression of Interest by the deadline of 22 March.

The Council continues to support the visitor economy, which also helps to sustain high street businesses, through its support for marketing, visitor information and events across the district. The Council's role in supporting tourism is currently the subject of review through the Tourism Task & Finish Group, which is due to report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in April.

The Council also lends its support to events and seasonal festivities in the pre-Christmas period through its funding contributions for Christmas lighting in Bexhill, Battle and Rye and through waiving of car parking charges.

In order to improve traffic management, movement and on-street parking availability, the Council has formally requested East Sussex County Council (ESCC) to consider introducing de-criminalised parking across the district. This will benefit high street businesses by enabling proper monitoring and enforcement of parking regulations by ESCC which is currently not being carried out by the police.

Through its planning policies the Council continues to support the retention of employment space and ensure the continued viability of our core retail areas across the district. The Council is supporting the development and adoption of Neighbourhood Plans across the district which address, amongst other things, requirements for retail and employment space.

In the longer term the expansion of housing and population growth across the district, focused on our key settlements, will generate more economic activity and create opportunities for new and existing businesses of all types across the district.

The Council is a signatory to the Small Business Engagement Accord with the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) and senior Members and officers have regular meetings with the FSB to discuss matters of interest / concern. The Council supports the local business community through its procurement procedures and many of the goods and services commissioned by the Council are supplied through local businesses.

Supplementary Oral Question: Many people and many businesses complain to me about parking charges, because, they say, it deters people from shopping, particularly in Battle, which is where I represent, and so they go to other places. Now we know that it costs an awful lot of money to drive your car somewhere to park for free but in people's minds they think they are saving money. I would ask whether the Leader has any intention whatsoever of reconsidering a scheme for charging residents for parking in Rother's car parks.

Answer: In reply to that specific question, the Car Parking Review Working Group, convened on more than one occasion, looked at these issues and clearly this is a moving feast and it would be wrong for me to say that work has been finished. The reality is, with Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) coming in, East Sussex County Council (ESCC), once CPE has been running for a specific period, will seek to have a review, because often these schemes are not fit for purpose when they are first introduced and often the problem of displacement parking, as Councillor Field is well aware, means that ESCC has to tweak the scheme after a consultation. The reality is therefore, that off-street car parking should be reviewed at the same time that ESCC undertake a review of the effect of CPE within Rother. What that means is that I would expect the Car Parking Review Working Group will reconvene to consider all aspects of off-street car parking coterminously with the review that is undertaken by ESCC.

3. Pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the Council Procedure Rules the following question was put by Councillor Mrs Prochak and answered by Councillor G.P. Johnson.

Question: If planning applications are referred to full Council how will proper and sufficient training be achieved such that councillors not on the Planning Committee can vote on applications? And

Should there be a policy that site visits should be arranged prior to any decision for such applications referred to full Council?

Answer: As Members may be aware, the Council's current Constitution allows for the determination of planning applications to be referred to full Council in two ways; firstly by any three Members of the Planning Committee and secondly by the Head of Strategy and Planning under an officer delegation. During the last 12 years this has happened on just three occasions (2007, 2008 and 2009).

By way of background, the Council agreed in February 2012 that Members serving on the Council's regulatory committees (Planning and Licensing) should receive mandatory training prior to taking part in the decision-making processes and this is now built in to the Council's Constitution. Whilst Members serving on these committees have always received annual training and updates as and when necessary, it had not previously been mandatory and this practice is now enforced before Members are able to participate fully in the decision making processes of these regulatory committees.

All Members of the Council are actively encouraged to attend the annual planning committee training for this very eventuality; indeed a number of

non-planning committee Members have regularly attended the annual session.

When such applications are referred to Council, efforts are made to ensure that all Members have a briefing session on the main aspects to consider when determining planning applications.

It is hoped that within the spirit of the Council's mandatory Planning Committee training policy, any Member who is not a member of Planning Committee and is unable to attend a pre-briefing prior to the determination of a planning application in these circumstances, will elect not to vote thereon at the meeting.

Whether or not there should also be a policy for site visits for those applications referred to full Council is a matter for Members to determine. Currently, Members of the Planning Committee are not precluded from voting on an application if they have not attended the site visit; indeed a number of current serving Planning Committee Members routinely do not attend the site visits and some only for the applications within their "patch".

Supplementary Oral Question: How will this Council actually not be open to challenge if training, or is it called briefing? In the answer you say it is briefing, how will it not be open to challenge if, if it is given in-house? So I am concerned that whichever way a planning decision goes, it could be open to challenge. As well you know that if you had independent training you would actually have to have about six hours. As Planning Committee Members we have much, much longer than six hour. I don't think my question is answered on the how; and just a comment about having a site visit, I have to say having a site visit, as planning Members know that go on them, are absolutely vital in making decisions. I understand the County actually have that as a policy; they cannot vote if they have not been on a site visit. So I think I'll have to bring that up at a later date, but my question is how, how's this Council actually going to provide training that will not be open to challenge?

Answer: I believe most of the points are actually addressed in the answer but you are actually making a valid point. Obviously people are allowed to vote who are on Planning Committee who do not go to see the applications, that is a difficult one. I guess they might go independently but I think the written answer does address the fact that if anything does come to full Council then we will be having a briefing about that particular item.

C18/65. **REPORT OF THE CABINET ON MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION BY COUNCIL**

1. It was moved by Councillor Maynard and seconded that the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 14 January and 11 February 2019, as set out in the Agenda be approved and adopted with the exception of Minute CB18/64 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:

3. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Council approved, adopted and received the following reports, with the exception of the minutes reserved for discussion:

- Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (CB18/66)
- Land at the West Trading Estate, Bexhill (CB18/67)
- Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (CB18/68)

C18/66. **RESERVED MATTERS**

Cabinet – 14 January 2019

CB18/57 – MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME

It was moved by Councillor Maynard, and seconded that Minute CB18/57, be amended as follows:

Recommendation 9:

That the passenger rate be fixed at 5p per mile for each passenger.

Recommendation 10:

That each of the subsistence allowances (breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner) be approved as recommended by the Panel and the officer rates be brought into line with these rates:

Breakfast £5.50

Lunch £7.70

Tea £3.30

Dinner £11.00

Recommendation 11:

That the Council **DOES NOT** consider the concept of a shadow Cabinet system during the life of the forthcoming Council.

Recommendation 12:

That the physical and mental well-being of Councillors be supported through the Members Training Programme.

The Amendments, on being put, were declared **CARRIED**.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Prochak, and seconded that Minute CB18/57, as amended, be amended by the removal of recommendation 11.

The Amendment, on being put, was declared **LOST**.

Cabinet – 11 February 2019

CB18/65 – CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 TO 2023/24

RESOLVED: That Minutes CB18/57, as amended and CB18/65 be approved and adopted.

C18/67. 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 the report of the Executive Director on the decisions taken by Cabinet as matters of urgency at its meetings held on 19 December 2018, 14 January and 11 February 2019 be received.

RESOLVED: That the report of the Executive Director be received.

C18/68. BUDGET 2019-2020

CB18/64 – DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2019/20

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 CB18/64 from the Cabinet meeting held on 11 February 2019 be received.

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, J.J. Carroll, R.C. Carroll, C.A. Clark, G.C. Curtis, K.P. Dixon, P.R. Douart, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, S.D. Elford, R.V. Elliston, K.M. Field, A.E. Ganly, K.M. Harmer, Mrs S. Hart, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs B.A. Hollingsworth, Mrs J.M. Hughes, I.G.F. Jenkins, G.P. Johnson, J.M. Johnson, M.J. Kenward, C.R. Maynard, M. Mooney, D.B. Oliver, P.N. Osborne, Mrs S.M. Prochak, C.J. Saint and M.R Watson.

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

RESOLVED: That:

1. (a) That the Rother District Council General Fund Council Tax Requirement of £6,828,808 for 2019/20 and the resultant Band D tax of £179.45 be approved.
- (b) The expenses incurred by the Council, set out in the minutes of the Cabinet meeting of 11 February 2019 in the sum of £612,730 in respect of Bexhill and £61,500 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. It be noted that, the following amounts for the year 2019/20 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) 38054.1 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	16,609.5	Etchingham	411.8	Salehurst & Robertsbridge	1,033.8
Ashburnham & Penhurst	189.2	Ewhurst	538.0	Sedlescombe	674.7
Battle	2,722.5	Fairlight	891.4	Ticehurst	1,655.8
Beckley	543.1	Guestling	628.1	Udimore	183.2
Bodiam	159.8	Hurst Green	589.4	Westfield	1,119.5
Brede	863.0	Icklesham	1,229.7	Whatlington	160.9
Brightling	201.0	Iden	241.6	Rye	1,941.2
Burwash	1,261.2	Mountfield	202.1		
Camber	682.9	Northiam	1,051.2		
Catsfield	350.4	Peasmarsh	528.1		
Crowhurst	364.4	Pett	475.9		
Dallington	175.2	Playden	163.9		
East Guldeford	32.0	Rye Foreign	179.6		

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 2019/20 in accordance with sections 32 to 38 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 as amended: -

- a. £46,956,533 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. -£37,797,320 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. £9,159,213 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. £240.69 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. £2,330,405 Being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in section 35(1) of the Act.

f. £179.45 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.

g.

PARISH COUNCIL AREA

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Bexhill	217.21
Ashburnham & Penhurst	244.46
Battle	317.06
Beckley	221.80
Bodiam	241.40
Brede	221.11
Brightling	216.14
Burwash	230.99
Camber	279.42
Catsfield	243.47
Crowhurst	257.22
Dallington	227.59
East Guldeford	179.45
Etchingham	305.72
Ewhurst	302.93
Fairlight	238.91
Guestling	192.34
Hurst Green	250.64
Icklesham	269.92
Iden	237.40
Mountfield	244.27
Northiam	227.01
Peasmarsh	245.73
Pett	227.78
Playden	209.96
Rye Foreign	190.59
Salehurst	271.89
Sedlescombe	255.50
Ticehurst	263.97
Udimore	202.38
Westfield	213.84
Whatlington	223.58
Rye	301.05

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	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bexhill	144.80	168.94	193.07	217.21	265.48	313.76	362.01	434.42
Ashburnham & Penhurst	162.97	190.13	217.30	244.46	298.79	353.11	407.43	488.92
Battle	211.37	246.60	281.83	317.06	387.52	457.98	528.43	634.12
Beckley	147.86	172.51	197.15	221.80	271.09	320.38	369.66	443.60
Bodiam	160.93	187.75	214.58	241.40	295.05	348.69	402.33	482.80
Brede	147.40	171.97	196.54	221.11	270.25	319.39	368.51	442.22
Brightling	144.09	168.11	192.12	216.14	264.17	312.21	360.23	432.28
Burwash	153.99	179.66	205.32	230.99	282.32	333.66	384.98	461.98
Camber	186.28	217.32	248.37	279.42	341.52	403.61	465.70	558.84
Catsfield	162.31	189.36	216.42	243.47	297.58	351.68	405.78	486.94
Crowhurst	171.48	200.06	228.64	257.22	314.38	371.54	428.70	514.44
Dallington East	151.72	177.01	202.30	227.59	278.17	328.75	379.31	455.18
Guldeford	119.63	139.57	159.51	179.45	219.33	259.21	299.08	358.90
Etchingham	203.81	237.78	271.75	305.72	373.66	441.60	509.53	611.44
Ewhurst	201.95	235.61	269.27	302.93	370.25	437.57	504.88	605.86
Fairlight	159.27	185.82	212.36	238.91	292.00	345.10	398.18	477.82
Guestling	128.22	149.60	170.97	192.34	235.08	277.83	320.56	384.68
Hurst Green	167.09	194.94	222.79	250.64	306.34	362.04	417.73	501.28
Icklesham	179.94	209.94	239.93	269.92	329.90	389.89	449.86	539.84
Iden	158.26	184.64	211.02	237.40	290.16	342.92	395.66	474.80
Mountfield	162.84	189.99	217.13	244.27	298.55	352.84	407.11	488.54
Northiam	151.34	176.56	201.79	227.01	277.46	327.91	378.35	454.02
Peasmarsh	163.82	191.12	218.43	245.73	300.34	354.95	409.55	491.46
Pett	151.85	177.16	202.47	227.78	278.40	329.02	379.63	455.56
Playden	139.97	163.30	186.63	209.96	256.62	303.28	349.93	419.92
Rye Foreign	127.06	148.23	169.41	190.59	232.95	275.30	317.65	381.18
Salehurst	181.26	211.47	241.68	271.89	332.31	392.73	453.15	543.78
Sedlescombe	170.33	198.72	227.11	255.50	312.28	369.06	425.83	511.00
Ticehurst	175.98	205.31	234.64	263.97	322.63	381.29	439.95	527.94
Udimore	134.92	157.40	179.89	202.38	247.36	292.33	337.30	404.76
Westfield	142.56	166.32	190.08	213.84	261.36	308.88	356.40	427.68
Whatlington	149.05	173.89	198.74	223.58	273.27	322.95	372.63	447.16
Rye	200.70	234.15	267.60	301.05	367.95	434.85	501.75	602.10

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.

- That the Council notes that for the year 2019/20 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 overleaf:-

<u>Precepting Authority</u>	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ESCC	956.52	1,115.94	1,275.36	1,434.78	1,753.62	2,072.46	2,391.30	2,869.56
SPCC	126.61	147.71	168.81	189.91	232.11	274.31	316.52	379.82
ES Fire	62.45	72.85	83.26	93.67	114.49	135.30	156.12	187.34

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 2019/20 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	1,290.38	1,505.44	1,720.50	1,935.57	2,365.70	2,795.83	3,225.95	3,871.14
Ashburnham & Penhurst	1,308.55	1,526.63	1,744.73	1,962.82	2,399.01	2,835.18	3,271.37	3,925.64
Battle	1,356.95	1,583.10	1,809.26	2,035.42	2,487.74	2,940.05	3,392.37	4,070.84
Beckley	1,293.44	1,509.01	1,724.58	1,940.16	2,371.31	2,802.45	3,233.60	3,880.32
Bodiam	1,306.51	1,524.25	1,742.01	1,959.76	2,395.27	2,830.76	3,266.27	3,919.52
Brede	1,292.98	1,508.47	1,723.97	1,939.47	2,370.47	2,801.46	3,232.45	3,878.94
Brightling	1,289.67	1,504.61	1,719.55	1,934.50	2,364.39	2,794.28	3,224.17	3,869.00
Burwash	1,299.57	1,516.16	1,732.75	1,949.35	2,382.54	2,815.73	3,248.92	3,898.70
Camber	1,331.86	1,553.82	1,775.80	1,997.78	2,441.74	2,885.68	3,329.64	3,995.56
Catsfield	1,307.89	1,525.86	1,743.85	1,961.83	2,397.80	2,833.75	3,269.72	3,923.66
Crowhurst	1,317.06	1,536.56	1,756.07	1,975.58	2,414.60	2,853.61	3,292.64	3,951.16
Dallington East	1,297.30	1,513.51	1,729.73	1,945.95	2,378.39	2,810.82	3,243.25	3,891.90
Guldeford	1,265.21	1,476.07	1,686.94	1,897.81	2,319.55	2,741.28	3,163.02	3,795.62
Etchingham	1,349.39	1,574.28	1,799.18	2,024.08	2,473.88	2,923.67	3,373.47	4,048.16
Ewhurst	1,347.53	1,572.11	1,796.70	2,021.29	2,470.47	2,919.64	3,368.82	4,042.58
Fairlight	1,304.85	1,522.32	1,739.79	1,957.27	2,392.22	2,827.17	3,262.12	3,914.54
Guestling	1,273.80	1,486.10	1,698.40	1,910.70	2,335.30	2,759.90	3,184.50	3,821.40
Hurst Green	1,312.67	1,531.44	1,750.22	1,969.00	2,406.56	2,844.11	3,281.67	3,938.00
Icklesham	1,325.52	1,546.44	1,767.36	1,988.28	2,430.12	2,871.96	3,313.80	3,976.56
Iden	1,303.84	1,521.14	1,738.45	1,955.76	2,390.38	2,824.99	3,259.60	3,911.52
Mountfield	1,308.42	1,526.49	1,744.56	1,962.63	2,398.77	2,834.91	3,271.05	3,925.26
Northiam	1,296.92	1,513.06	1,729.22	1,945.37	2,377.68	2,809.98	3,242.29	3,890.74
Peasmarsh	1,309.40	1,527.62	1,745.86	1,964.09	2,400.56	2,837.02	3,273.49	3,928.18
Pett	1,297.43	1,513.66	1,729.90	1,946.14	2,378.62	2,811.09	3,243.57	3,892.28
Playden	1,285.55	1,499.80	1,714.06	1,928.32	2,356.84	2,785.35	3,213.87	3,856.64
Rye Foreign	1,272.64	1,484.73	1,696.84	1,908.95	2,333.17	2,757.37	3,181.59	3,817.90
Salehurst	1,326.84	1,547.97	1,769.11	1,990.25	2,432.53	2,874.80	3,317.09	3,980.50
Sedlescombe	1,315.91	1,535.22	1,754.54	1,973.86	2,412.50	2,851.13	3,289.77	3,947.72
Ticehurst	1,321.56	1,541.81	1,762.07	1,982.33	2,422.85	2,863.36	3,303.89	3,964.66
Udimore	1,280.50	1,493.90	1,707.32	1,920.74	2,347.58	2,774.40	3,201.24	3,841.48
Westfield	1,288.14	1,502.82	1,717.51	1,932.20	2,361.58	2,790.95	3,220.34	3,864.40
Whatlington	1,294.63	1,510.39	1,726.17	1,941.94	2,373.49	2,805.02	3,236.57	3,883.88
Rye	1,346.28	1,570.65	1,795.03	2,019.41	2,468.17	2,916.92	3,365.69	4,038.82

Valuation Bands

LOCAL TAX AREA

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Rye	1,346.27	1,570.65	1,795.03	2,019.41	2,468.17	2,916.93	3,365.68	4,038.82

6. The Assistant Director, Resources 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 2019/20 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under section 52B(3) of the Local Government Act 1992.

C18/69. REPORT OF THE LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

1. It was moved by Councillor Saint, Chairman of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee, and seconded that the report of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 22 October 2018, be approved and adopted.
2. The Chairman of the Council having called over the reports, the whole

report was reserved for discussion:

Licensing & General Purposes
22 October 2018

LG18/09

C18/70. RESERVED MATTERS

Licensing and General Purposes Committee – 22 October 2018

LG18/09 – GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

RESOLVED: That Minute LG18/09 be approved and adopted.

C18/71. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

It was moved by Councillor Maynard and seconded that the report of the Returning Officer on the results of the by-election held on 10 January 2019 and the formal confirmation of the retirement of Councillor T.W. Graham be received.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

C18/72. APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PANEL

Members received and considered the report of the Executive Director on the appointment of a substitute Member to the Police and Crime Commissioner Panel.

RESOLVED: That Councillor J. Barnes be nominated as the Council's substitute representative on the Police Crime and Commissioner Panel until May 2019.

C18/73. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN 2019/20

Nominations were received for the appointment of Councillor Kentfield as Chairman and Councillor Azad for Vice-Chairman respectively of the Council for the Council Year 2019/20.

RESOLVED: That the names of Councillors Kentfield and Azad be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Council, without prejudice to the outcome of the May elections, for appointment respectively as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Council Year 2019/20.

CHAIRMAN

The Council rose at 7:57pm

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