

**To all Members of the Council**

1 November 2019

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary Meeting of Rother District Council to be on **Monday 11 November 2019** at 5.30 pm at the Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, when it is proposed to transact the business stated below.

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. Disclosure of Interest
To receive any disclosure by Members of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the personal interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct. Members are reminded of the need to repeat their declaration immediately prior to the commencement of the item in question.
3. To receive the report of the Cabinet on matters for determination by full Council at its meetings held on 30 September and 4 November, if any, as under: (Pages 1 - 38)
30 September 2019
 - Proposed Operational Changes To The Planning Committee (CB19/47)
 - Performance Progress Report: First Quarter 2019/20 (Asset Income target) (CB19/48)**4 November 2019**
 - Proposed Changes To Public Speaking At Planning Committee (to be taken with CB19/47 above)
 - 1066 Country Walk Pathways – Grant Funding
 - District Of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2019
 - Revenue Budget And Capital Programme Monitoring Quarter 2 2019-20
4. To receive the report of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee on the following matters for determination by full Council at its meeting held on 21 October 2019, as under: (Pages 39 - 88)
21 October 2019
 - Criminal Convictions And Immigration Guidance (LG19/11)
 - Review Of Polling Districts And Polling Places 2019 (LG19/12)

Any supplementary verbal questions put will be audio recorded for ease of reproducing the minutes of the meeting

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5. Appointments to outside bodies: Team East Sussex (TES) - to receive the report of the Executive Director on the appointment of a representative (Pages 89 - 90)

Malcolm Johnston
Executive Director

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Report to	-	Council
Date	-	11 November 2019
Report of the	-	Cabinet
Subject	-	References from Cabinet Meetings

The Council is asked to consider recommendations arising from the Cabinet meetings held on 30 September 2019 and 4 November, as set out below.

CABINET – 30 September 2019**CB19/47. PROPOSED OPERATIONAL CHANGES TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Members received and considered Minutes PL19/43 and OSC19/21 arising from the Planning Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) meetings held on 15 August and 9 September 2019 respectively, that had considered proposed operational changes to the Planning Committee, together with a report from the Executive Director.

During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- it was recommended and agreed that Members who were not present at site visits would be required to declare and while allowed to stay and contribute, they would not be allowed to vote;
- a Ward Member's unique local knowledge was considered to be hugely beneficial to Committee Members;
- the OSC had raised concerns over recommendation 3 limiting non-planning committee Members to five minutes per application and were recommending its removal;
- however, others felt limiting non-Planning Committee Members to five minutes per application or at the Chairman's discretion, allowed for flexibility if necessary;
- Members could raise a 'point of order' if they felt mis-information had been given at a meeting;
- Ward Members were not quasi-Members of the Planning Committee and therefore did not have equal rights to Committee Members; and
- recommendation 3 would embed in the Constitution the right of a non-Planning Committee Member to speak at Planning Committee.

RECOMMENDED: That the following proposed changes to the operation of the Planning Committee be approved and adopted:

- 1) the cut off time for any late submissions be 9:00am on the Monday before the Thursday Planning Committee;

- 2) all meetings of the Planning Committee be audio recorded in their entirety;
- 3) non-Planning Committee Members addressing Planning Committee be limited to five minutes per application or at the Chairman's discretion;
- 4) attendance at the formal Planning Committee site visits be compulsory for Planning Committee Members. Members who were not present at site visits will be required to declare and while they will be allowed to stay and contribute to the debate, they will not be allowed to vote; and
- 5) the Executive Director be authorised to make all consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution, Council practice and the Statement of Community Involvement.

(Cabinet Agenda Item 6)

CB19/48. PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT: FIRST QUARTER 2019/20

Members received and considered Minute OSC19/23 arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) meeting held on the 9 September 2019.

The Head of Service Acquisition, Transformation and Regeneration led Members through a summary of the Council's performance against the selected indicators across four key areas (Housing and Homelessness, Benefits Performance, Waste and Recycling and Asset Income), giving the position at the end of the first financial quarter (1 April to 30 June 2019) for 2019/20.

The original Asset Income target of £1,520,000 was set prior to the budget setting for 2019/20; the budget was forecast at £1,939,000 including the income from the property investment strategy. Therefore, it was recommended the target in the performance indicator be adjusted accordingly to bring it into line with the income requirement included in the approved 2019/20 Revenue Budget.

The OSC had requested two additional recommendations - that Cabinet be requested to consider lobbying Government regarding the introduction of a charge on housing developers for development sites with planning permission that remain unbuilt for three years or more; and that performance indicators not meeting their targets be reported with suggestions for improvement from officers.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- performance against the Waste and Recycling target mostly represented the performance of the previous contractor;
- East Sussex County Council was responsible for processing recycling, Rother District Council was responsible for increasing

rates of recycling. This was a challenge requiring further education for residents for which there was currently no budget;

- Members raised concerns over the difficulties incurred in identifying suitable temporary accommodation to suit different circumstances, i.e. families or individual applicants; and
- it was acknowledged that the time to process benefit claims applications depended on the correct information being provided by applicant in the first instance.

RECOMMENDED: That: the Asset Income target be increased to £1,939,000, to bring it into line with the income requirement included in the approved 2019/20 Revenue Budget.

Cabinet also **RESOLVED:** That

- 1) Government be lobbied regarding the introduction of a charge on housing developers for development sites with planning permission that remain unbuilt for three years or more; and
- 2) reports of performance indicators that have not met their target be accompanied by suggested recommendations for improvement from officers.

(Cabinet Agenda Item 7)

CABINET – 4 November 2019

CB19/54. PROPOSED CHANGES TO PUBLIC SPEAKING AT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the report of the Chairman of the Planning Committee that proposed a number of changes to the Public Speaking Scheme at Planning Committee meetings. The report had also been considered by the Planning Committee on 12 September 2019 and scrutinised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on 14 October 2019. The minutes from both meetings were appended to the report at Appendices 5 and 6 respectively.

Following consideration of the comments / suggestions made by the Planning Committee and OSC, some of which had been taken on board, Cabinet was supportive of the proposed revised public speaking scheme as outlined at Appendix 3 and revised Code of Practice document at Appendix 4 to the report. It was also agreed that the scheme be subject to a 12 month review. It was noted that the five Minutes for Ward Members to speak, interspersed within the Planning Committee debate, would be timed, as at full Council meetings.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- 1) the proposed revised public speaking scheme as set out in Appendix 3 to the report and revised Code of Practice document as set out in Appendix 4 to the report be agreed; and thereafter any minor changes to the public speaking system and/or the Code of

Practice to be delegated to the Executive Director in consultation with the Chairman of Planning; (Attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to this report).

- 2) non-Planning Committee Ward Members speaking under the scheme be encouraged to submit a brief summary of the issues they would raise in advance of the meeting to be circulated to the Planning Committee;
- 3) the word 'interspersed' be added in the Ward Member column in the table at Appendix 3 to the report; (Attached as Appendix 1 to this report).
- 4) Members calling in an application must attend the relevant Planning Committee, send a Member on their behalf or provide an apology / reason for non-attendance; and
- 5) the revised scheme be reviewed after 12 months.

(Cabinet Agenda Item 6)

CB19/55. **1066 COUNTRY WALK PATHWAYS – GRANT FUNDING**

The Council had been successful in securing a grant of £163,272.60 for the 1066 Walk Pathways Project (WPP) from the Rural Payments Agency under the European Agricultural Funding for Rural Development Tourism Infrastructure Grant Programme.

1066 WPP aimed to promote and improve the signage infrastructure of the Pevensey to Rye 1066 Country Walk route. East Sussex County Council (ESCC) currently maintained the route, however improved signage and raised awareness was required.

The project would create and install bespoke visitor interpretation panels along the route reflecting local history, visitor attractions, eateries, accommodation etc.; along with two bespoke sculpture pieces, bespoke seating and sculpture trails, as well as promote the route. It was hoped that the project extended into Hastings and Bexhill off the main Pevensey to Rye route to capture the major population centres.

Necessary investigations and consultations with relevant partners had been completed and it was noted that a total of £14,500 had been committed from 1066 Country Marketing, ESCC and Wealden District Council towards the project. The Council would commit an additional £6,250 from the Tourism Budget and be responsible for maintaining the art installations for a period of five years.

A sister project was also being developed namely the 1066 Walk Puddings and Pathways Festival, to promote local food outlets along the route. Funding sources were currently being explored.

Cabinet agreed that the grant provided much needed investment into the green tourism sector, would help to promote this valuable asset and represented excellent value for money.

RECOMMENDED: That the provision of £163,272.60 be made in the Council's Revenue Budget to accommodate costs incurred in delivery of the 1066 Walk Pathways project, to be recovered by way of grant from the Rural Payments Agency.

(Cabinet Agenda Item 9)

CB19/56. **DISTRICT OF ROTHER (OFF-STREET) PARKING PLACES ORDER 2019**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Director on the District of Rother Parking Places Order (PPO). The Council currently operated its designated car parks under the District of Rother (Off Street) PPO 1983 and despite a number of small variations, had not been significantly updated since that time. In December 2018, Cabinet had recommended a number of changes and resolved that officers draft and consult on a new PPO.

The overall objective of the new PPO was to improve the ability of the Council to manage all car parks effectively, meet the cost of maintenance and enforcement. There was also a desire to provide greater controls to the Council within 'amenity open space parking areas' and certain rural car parks which were not named in the current PPO and, therefore, were largely unenforceable.

The proposed draft PPO was appended to the report at Appendix A and included the following changes: allowed recreational vehicles to park during the daytime; reduced maximum waiting period to 23 hours; removed devolved car parks; varied payment methods; included a number of parking areas currently designated as 'amenity open space parking areas'; and included rural car parks. The reduction in maximum waiting periods in car parks would allow improved enforcement of cars that were abandoned and or left for long periods of time. Local residents who used amenity car parks to park vehicles safely off the highway where there was no alternative parking would not be penalised if parked overnight.

The inclusion of the car park at the Bear at Burwash was queried as it was thought that this was being devolved to Burwash Parish Council who was awaiting a lease; this would be investigated by officers.

A consultation was held between 17 May to 26 July 2019 and the Council had received 302 responses; the executive summary was detailed in Appendix B to the report with full details available in the Members' Room. Feedback indicated that the majority of responders were supportive of the proposed changes. Two additional changes were put forward for Members' consideration, firstly, to include an electric vehicle charging clause to future proof the provision of electrical charging points and whether to award 'Disabled Person's Badge' holders free parking for the first three hours of any one day, in-line with neighbouring authorities. Should the Council agree to this it would result in a loss of £50,000 income per annum.

Members felt that the provision contained within PART I, Operative and General Provisions of the PPO, paragraph 23 (a) that a driver of a

vehicle in respect of which a standard charge had been incurred had to pay the standard charge within seven days was insufficient time. Cabinet suggested that this be amended to 21 working days and officers agreed to seek legal advice on this and advise accordingly for full Council on Monday 11 November.

Cabinet was pleased with the level of engagement and considered that all the suggested amendments to the proposed PPO were welcome, however, the suggestion to support free parking for the first three hours to 'Disabled Person's Badge' holders was not supported. It was considered that the provision of disabled bays within car parks was about access and not cost and the Council could ill afford this reduction in income.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- 1) the proposed District of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2019 at Appendix A be approved and adopted; (Attached as Appendix 3 to this report).
- 2) the proposed free parking for the first three hours of any one day as part of the District of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2019 for Disabled Person's Badge Holders NOT be supported; and

(Councillor Mrs Bayliss wished it to be recorded that she abstained from voting on this recommendation).

- 3) the number of days in which a driver of a vehicle in respect of which a standard charge had been incurred had to pay the standard charge be extended from seven to 21 days, subject to legal advice.

(Cabinet Agenda Item 11)

CB19/57. **REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING
QUARTER 2 2019-20**

Members received and considered the report of the Executive Directors on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Monitoring Quarter 2 2019/20. The report contained details of the significant variations of the Revenue Budget and updated Capital Programme.

Since the last report to Cabinet, there had been two reportable virements. The Council had provided an additional grant of £193,000 to the De La Warr Pavilion Charitable Trust to meet the pension shortfall and a staffing post had been transferred from the Resources to Housing and Community Service to improve operational efficiency.

Overall the cost of services identified a deficit of £1.2m which was 7.5% greater than the revised budget and represented an increase of £980,000 from the Quarter 1 2019/20 report. Currently reserves were being used to support the Revenue Budget however this would not be sustainable long term. The Council's Rother 2020 programme envisaged delivering ongoing services based on savings and it was

forecast in the financial plan that staff cuts would be required. The Strategic Management Team would be reviewing all vacant posts and seeking expressions of interest for voluntary redundancies. Costs of redundancies would be built into the Medium Term Financial Strategy and recovered within a year.

The main reasons for the variations were attributed to underspends / savings on employment related costs and staff vacancies. The deficit was attributed to election costs, planning fee and land charges income, costs associated within the Acquisitions, Transformation and Regeneration and Resources Services, waste services, provision of temporary accommodation, replacement of faulty Leisure Centre equipment and cemeteries income.

Investment returns were in-line with the budget. The final year end position would depend on treasury management and property investment decisions made between now and March 2020. 2019/20 Reserves were expected to meet £704,000 compared to the original budget assumption of £1.67m. Due to the reduction of reserves it was recommended that the Council did not continue to provide grass cutting of £40,000 per annum to East Sussex County Council in 2020/21.

The Council Tax collection rate was forecast to be broadly in-line with the annual estimate and the Business Rates collection performance would be higher than the budget by £170,000. Appendix B to the report, showed the Capital Programme for the period 2019/20 to 2024/25 which included £46,000 for upgrading Camber Car Park.

Capital spend to the end of September 2019 totalled £9.3m which included the purchase of Glovers House, Bexhill, as identified in Appendix A to the report. The significant save of £300,000 on the works at the untarmacked car park at Camber, following a review of the projected costs, was highlighted.

It was noted that following the forthcoming Corporate Peer Challenge follow up visit from the Local Government Association, if considered appropriate, a peer review on finance may be requested.

RECOMMENDED: That the updated Capital Programme at Appendix B to the report, be approved. (Attached as Appendix 4 to this report).

Cabinet also **RESOLVED:** That

- 1) the report and actions being undertaken by the Strategic Management Team to address the projected overspend be noted; and
- 2) Council ceases to fund East Sussex County Council for additional grass cutting to highway verges from 2020/21.

(Cabinet Agenda Item 14)

Councillor D.B. Oliver
Leader of the Council

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PROPOSED PLANNING COMMITTEE PUBLIC SPEAKING

	FOR	AGAINST	PARISH & TOWN	WARD MEMBER	QUESTION THE SPEAKER	ADMIN OF SYSTEM	MAX TIME PER APPLICATION
Rother – Proposed	Householder 1 x 5mins	Householder 1x 5mins	5 mins	5 mins (interspersed)	YES	Democratic Services <i>Registration will start at 2pm on the date that the agenda is published (Wednesday) and close at 4pm on Monday of Committee week (space subject to availability)</i>	20 minutes+ questions
	Minor/Other** 2 x 5 mins	Minor/Other** 2 x 5 mins	5 mins	5 mins (interspersed)	YES		30 mins + questions
	Major*** 3x 5 mins	Major*** 3x 5mins	5 mins	5 mins (interspersed)	YES		40 mins + questions
	<i>(All the above including the applicant/ agent)</i>		<i>(Can be from adjoining Parish if application on a Parish Boundary but only one speaker as nominated by the Parish by resolution)</i>				

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Note: No petition will now be required

**Minor/Other – includes any non-major planning application (i.e listed building consents or developments up to 9 units or up to 1,000 sqm of commercial floorspace)

***Major – 10 units and above or above 1,000 sqm of commercial floorspace

Speakers may use visual aids which must have been provided in advance for circulation whether hard copy or computer generated and have been submitted with a comment on the application prior to the officer’s report being completed.

Discretion will always sit with the Chairman regarding speaking in relation to speakers and times allowed.

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PROPOSED PUBLIC SPEAKING AT THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Code of Practice

1. This Code of Practice explains the rules that apply to public speaking for planning applications of the Planning Committee. Planning applications which are decided by officers under Rother District Council's (RDC) scheme of delegation do not come before the Planning Committee and so public speaking rights do not apply in respect of them.
2. If you wish to check whether a planning application in which you are interested is on the agenda for the Planning Committee, please look at the Planning Committee agendas published on the Council website:

<https://rother.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=135&Year=0>

The Planning Committee public speaking webpage is below:

<http://www.rother.gov.uk/article/528/Planning-Committee>

Agendas are published one week before each Planning Committee meeting.

3. If you wish to speak at a Planning Committee meeting, you **must** have previously made a written representation on the application. You can then register with Democratic Services by telephone on 01424 787811 or email to the following email address:

Democraticservices@rother.gov.uk

Registration will start at **2pm** on the date that the agenda is published (Wednesday) and close at **4pm** on Monday of Committee week (space subject to availability).

You will need to provide the following details:

- The application(s) in respect of which you wish to speak (including the reference).
 - Confirm that you have sent in a submission before the Planning Agenda was published (including the date and reference to any visuals you sent in).
 - Your name, full postal address, a contact telephone number and email address.
 - The speaker category which applies to you – objector; supporter; the applicant, an agent or another person on behalf of the applicant.
4. Each speaker will be allowed to address the Planning Committee for no more than **5 minutes**.

Householder	1 speaker each for and against
Minor/Other	2 speakers each for and against
Major	3 speakers each for and against

Above categories reflect national application thresholds

5. The Planning Committee meeting will be managed by the Chairman with the advice of the Officers of the Council. Where people have registered to speak, applications will be dealt with as follows:

- The Chairman will introduce the application by reading out its reference number, address and report page number.
 - The Planning Officer will introduce the application and provide the Planning Committee with any update as necessary.
 - The Chairman will invite those who have registered to speak to come to the designated table and address the Planning Committee.
 - The Chairman will then invite Members of the Planning Committee to ask questions of each speaker on the content of their speech if so required. The Planning Committee will then debate and decide the application.
6. The order of speaking is as follows:
- Nominated Parish representative.
 - Objectors.
 - Supporters including the applicant.
 - RDC Ward Member who does not sit on the Planning Committee.
7. You might find it helpful to write out your speech beforehand or at least to make notes about what you want to say to the Planning Committee. Your speech must relate solely to your written submission (which may include any visuals you submitted with your original submission). You must not introduce new arguments, additional information or hearsay which has not been subject to Council and public scrutiny. Please speak slowly and clearly into the microphone. Time limits will be strictly observed.
8. You must focus your comments only on your written submission and relevant planning issues, for example:
- The external design, appearance and layout of the development.
 - The impact on trees and nature conservation or overshadowing and privacy.
 - Highway safety.
 - Planning policy and government guidance.
9. You should avoid referring to matters which are not relevant to planning, for example:
- Boundary disputes or other property rights.
 - The applicant's motives, character or reputation.
 - The loss of property value or loss of a view.
 - Matters covered by other legislation.
10. You must not pass written material such as diagrams and photographs around the table to Members of the Planning Committee.
11. When you have finished Members of the Planning Committee will be given the opportunity to ask you questions on the content of your speech.
12. Once you have spoken and answered Committee questions you will not be allowed to speak again on that application at that meeting. However, if the application is deferred, you can register afresh to speak when the application is reconsidered at a subsequent meeting.

RDC 2019

**ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL
THE DISTRICT OF ROTHER (OFF-STREET)
PARKING PLACES ORDER 2019**

The District Council of Rother (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) in exercise of their powers under Section 32, 33, 35, and 39 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (as amended) (the 1984 Act) and Part IV of schedule 9 to the 1984 Act and of all other enabling powers, with the consent of the East Sussex County Council in accordance with section 39(3) of the 1984 Act and after consulting the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the 1984 Act hereby makes the following Order.

PART I – OPERATIVE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. COMMENCEMENT AND CITATION

This Order shall come into operation on the XXXXXXXXXX and may be cited as The District of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2019.

2. REVOCATION OF PREVIOUS ORDERS

The Orders set out in the First Schedule to this Order are hereby revoked.

3. DEFINITIONS

(1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them:-

- a. “Council” means the Council of the District of Rother;
- b. “driver”, in relation to a vehicle waiting in the parking place, means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the parking place; it shall be presumed that the Driver was the person who was the registered keeper of the Vehicle at that time;
- c. “owner”, in relation to a vehicle means the person by whom such vehicle is kept and used and for the purpose of determining in the course of any proceedings who was the Owner of the Vehicle at any time it shall be presumed that the Owner was the person who was the registered keeper of the vehicle at that time.;
- d. “parking place” means the area of land specified by name in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order provided by the Council under Section 32(1) of the Act of 1984 for use as a parking place;
- e. “parking enforcement officer” means a person authorised by or on behalf of the Council to supervise the parking place;
- f. “prescribed hours” means the period set out in column 8 of the Schedule to this Order and which refers to the hours of the day in which a charge shall be paid;
- g. “ticket machine” means an apparatus or device of a type and design having been specially or generally approved by the Secretary of State for Transport, or his predecessors, designed to issue parking tickets indicating the payment of a charge and the date and time at which the charge was paid;
- h. “payment app” means any contracted app displayed within the car park for payment of car parking charge purposes only;
- i. “disabled person’s badge” has, in relation to Article 23, the same meaning as in the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations 1975;

- j. “relevant position”, in relation to Article 23, means:-
 - (i) In the case of a vehicle fitted with a transparent front windscreen, the badge is exhibited thereon with the obverse side facing forward on the nearside and immediately behind the windscreen;
 - (ii) In the case of a vehicle not fitted with a front transparent windscreen the badge is exhibited in a conspicuous position on the front or nearside of the vehicle.

4. **INTERPRETATION**

- 4.1 The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply *for* the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- 4.2 The paragraph headings in this Order are for information only.
- 4.3 Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article *is* a reference to the *Article* bearing that number in this Order and any reference in this Order to the numbered Schedule is a reference to the Schedule bearing that number in this Order.
- 4.4 Reference to any statute or statutory provision includes a reference to:
 - 4.4.1 That statute or statutory provision as from time to time amended extended re-enacted or consolidated whether before or after the date of this Order; and
 - 4.4.2 All statutory instruments or order made pursuant to it.

PART II – USE OF LAND AND PARKING PLACES

- 5. Each of the areas of land specified in column 1 of the Second Schedule to this Order may be used, subject to the following provisions of this Order, as parking places for such classes of vehicles, in such positions and on such days and during such hours and on payment of such charges, if any, as are specified in relation to that area in the said Schedule, **SAVE THAT** nothing in this Article 5 shall restrict the power of the Council to suspend, on a temporary basis, the use of a Parking Place or part thereof from such use by indication on site where such suspension is considered reasonably necessary. Furthermore, the use of any such parking place is permitted on the clear understanding that the Council and their representatives accept no liability for any damage to vehicles or other property or injuries to persons arising in any way whatsoever directly or indirectly from the use of the car park or for the safe custody of any vehicles or property left thereon.
- 6. **Class and Position of Vehicles**
Where in column 6 of the Second Schedule to this Order a parking place is described as available for vehicles of a specified class or in a specified position, the driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in that parking place:-
 - (a) Unless it is of the specified class; or
 - (b) In a position other than that specified.
- 7. **Manner of Parking of Trailers**
The driver of a vehicle drawing a trailer shall not permit the vehicle or trailer to wait in a parking place unless they have disconnected the trailer, and for the purposes of this Order the vehicle and trailer shall be deemed to be separate vehicles and will be required to comply with the conditions of the car park for

both. The said driver shall be deemed to be the driver of each of the said vehicles.

8. Overlapping Bays

Should the body work of any vehicle overlap into an adjoining bay, or bays, the driver will be required to pay for the adjoining bay or bays.

9. Overextending into thoroughfare

Any vehicle that is parked that extends beyond a marked bay in excess of 2ft / 61cm and obstructs the thoroughways will be subject to Standard Charge Notice to Pay.

10. Use of Vehicles in Parking Places

No person shall, without the prior consent of the Council, use a vehicle while it is in a parking place in connection with the sale of any goods to any persons in or near the parking place or in connection with the selling or offering for hire of his skills or services.

11. No person shall, without the prior consent of the Council, use any part of the parking place or any vehicle left in the parking place:-

- (a) For sleeping or camping purposes;
- (b) For cooking and eating purposes; or
- (c) For the purpose of repairing, servicing or washing any vehicle or part thereof other than is reasonably necessary to enable that vehicle to depart from the parking place.

12. The driver of a motor vehicle using the parking place shall not sound any horn or other similar instrument except when about to change the position of the vehicle in or to depart from the parking place, or to avoid an accident.

13. No person shall, except with the permission of any person duly authorised in that behalf by the Council, drive any vehicle in the parking place other than for the purpose of leaving that vehicle in the parking place in accordance with the provisions of this Order or for the purposes of departing from the parking place.

14. No person shall in the parking place wantonly shout or otherwise make any loud noise to the disturbance or annoyance of users of the parking place or residents of premises in the neighbourhood.

15. No person shall in the parking place use any threatening, abusive or insulting language, gesture or conduct with the intent to put any person in fear or so as to occasion a breach of the peace or whereby a breach of the peace is likely to be occasioned.

16. A driver of a vehicle shall not use the parking place:-

- (a) So as unreasonably to prevent access to any premises adjoining the parking place or so as to be a nuisance; or
- (b) When the Council shall have closed the parking place or a part thereof or shall have closed the parking place or a part thereof to a specified class or classes of vehicles, and exhibited notice of such closing on or near the parking place.

17. The driver of a motor vehicle using the parking place shall stop the engine as soon as the vehicle is in position in the parking place, and shall not start the

engine except when about to change the position of the vehicle in or to depart from the parking place.

18. (1) The driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in the parking place for longer than the maximum period permitted for waiting specified in column 5 of the Second Schedule to this Order in relation to that parking place.

(2) When a vehicle has left the parking place after waiting therein the driver thereof shall not, after it's leaving, permit it to wait again in the same parking place within such period, if any, as is specified in column 9 of the Second Schedule to this Order in relation to that parking place.
19. In respect of those parking places for which, in column 7 of the Second Schedule to this Order, it is indicated that a standard charge applies, the charge for a vehicle left in such a parking place for any period during the prescribed hours shall be subject to Articles 24 and 26 below and the charge listed in the Second Schedule to this Order.
20. In the case of a vehicle in respect of which the standard charge indicated in Article 19 above may have been incurred, it shall be the duty of a parking enforcement officer to attach to the vehicle in a conspicuous position a notice which shall include the following particulars:-
 - (a) the registration mark of the vehicle or, where the vehicle is being used under a trade licence, the number of the trade plate carried by the vehicle;
 - (b) the time at which he noticed that the charge had been incurred;
 - (c) a statement that the standard charge of the sum specified in Article 16 above is required to be paid;
 - (d) the manner in which, and the time within which, the standard charge should be paid; and
 - (e) a statement that it is an offence under this Order and Section 35A of the 1984 Act to contravene or not to comply with any provision of this Order;
21. Where a notice is not able to be attached to the vehicle the Council or their agent will obtain keeper details of the vehicle and provide details of the enforcement by post within 35 days of the contravention. The notice will include the details as laid out in Article 20(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).
22. Where a notice has been attached to a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of this Order, no person not being a parking enforcement officer or some other person duly authorised by the Council shall remove the notice from the vehicle until the vehicle is removed from the parking place.
23. The driver of a vehicle in respect of which the standard charge has been incurred shall either:
 - (a) pay the standard charge to the Council either by cheque, online payment, debit or credit card payment or postal order, which shall be delivered or sent by post so as to reach the Offices of the Council not later than 10am on the seventh day following the day on which the standard charge was incurred or in cash in person at the said Offices not later than as aforesaid. Provided that, if the said seventh day falls upon a day on which the said Department is closed, the period within which payment of the standard

charge shall be made to the Council shall be extended until 10am on the next full day on which the said Office is open.

- (b) where the standard charge notice has been issued by an agent of the Council the driver will be required to comply with their payment methods laid out in the notice.

24. (1) The driver of a vehicle left in a parking place shall be exempt from payment of the standard charge referred to in Article 19 above:-
- (a) in respect of any period for which a valid ticket has been purchased for that parking place provided that such parking ticket is exhibited on the vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this Article: or
 - (b) in respect of any period for which a valid electronic ticket has been purchased for that parking place provided that such electronic ticket has been purchased and recorded on the appointed system and the registration details and payment has been confirmed: or
 - (c) in respect of any period for which the driver has registered to pay for parking at a ticket machine within the car park: or
 - (d) in respect of those parking places where parking tickets are not available, if the driver removes the said vehicle from the parking place before the expiration of the maximum period of waiting specified in column 6 of the Second Schedule to this Order.

- (2) For the purpose of this Order a parking ticket shall be:-

- (a) a ticket purchased by the insertion of the appropriate coin or coins from a ticket machine at a parking place at the price and for the period specified in relation to that parking place in column 7 of the Second Schedule to this Order;
- (b) a ticket issued by a ticket machine within the car park for the registration of the vehicle reserving payment by credit or debit card; or
- (c) a season ticket purchased from the Council at a charge ascertained by reference to the Scale of Charges set out in column 7 to the Second Schedule to this Order, such tickets being valid for all the parking places in the said Schedule; or
- (d) an electronic ticket purchased and paid for online via the application displayed within the car park for the location
- (e) any other ticket otherwise supplied by or purchased from any person duly authorised by the Council for such purpose.

- (3) A parking ticket shall be valid for a parking place if and so long as the following conditions are satisfied:-

- (a) In the case of a parking ticket having an adhesive portion the parking ticket is exhibited on the vehicle:-
 - (i) in the case of a vehicle which is fitted with a transparent front windscreen, by sticking the parking ticket or tickets to the inside surface of the windscreen on the offside so that it is facing forwards and can be easily seen from in front of the vehicle;
 - (ii) in the case of a vehicle which is not fitted with a transparent front windscreen, by sticking the parking ticket or tickets on the front of the vehicle so that it is facing forwards and can easily be seen from in front of the vehicle.

- (b) In the case of the parking ticket not having an adhesive portion the parking ticket is exhibited on the vehicle:-
- (i) In the case of a vehicle which is fitted with a transparent front windscreen, by exhibiting the parking ticket or tickets in the inside of the vehicle facing upwards, in such a position that it can easily be seen through the windscreen from in front of the vehicle;
 - (ii) In the case of a vehicle which is not fitted with a transparent front windscreen, by securing the parking ticket or tickets to the front of the vehicle so that it can easily be seen from in front of the vehicle.
- (c) In the case where an electronic ticket has been purchased online for the location where the vehicle is parked and the driver has received confirmation of payment and retained said confirmation for the duration of the stay;
- (d) In the case where a driver has registered to pay for parking at the ticket machine and the issued ticket showing the registration number of the vehicle parked is displayed as per 3 (a) (i) (ii) or 3 (b) (i) (ii);
- (e) The period indicated on the parking ticket calculated from the date and time of purchase indicated in the ticket has not expired.

25. When a parking ticket has been exhibited on a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of this Order, no person shall remove the parking ticket from the vehicle until the vehicle is removed from the parking place.

26. If at the time when a vehicle is left in a parking place during the prescribed hours there is no ticket machine at that parking place, or all the ticket machines at that parking place carry notices placed upon them by a person duly authorised by the Council indicating that they are out of order, the driver of that vehicle shall be exempt from payment of the charge referred to in Article 16 above except when a vehicle is left in a parking place for longer than the maximum period specified in column 6 of the Second Schedule to this Order.

27. Subject to the proviso hereto, when a vehicle is left in the parking place in contravention of any of the provisions of Article 6 and Article 18 of this Order, a person authorised in that behalf by the Council may remove the vehicle or arrange for it to be removed from the parking place.

Provided that when a vehicle is waiting in the parking place in contravention of the provision of Article 6(b) of this Order, a person authorised in that behalf by the Council may alter or cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with that provision.

28. No person shall use the parking place as a means of passage proceeding from one road to another.

29. Where in the parking place signs are erected or surface markings are laid for the purpose of:-

- (a) indicating the entrance to or exit from the parking place; or
- (b) indicating that a vehicle using the parking place shall proceed in a specified direction within the parking place;

No person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle:-

- (i) So that it enters the parking place otherwise than by an entrance, or leave the parking place otherwise than by an exit, so indicated; or
- (ii) In a direction other than that specified, as the case may be.

30. In the parking place, no person shall:-

- (a) Erect or cause or permit to be erected any tent, booth, stand, building or other structure without the written consent of the Council;
- (b) light or cause or permit to be lit any fire.

31. Any person removing or altering the position of a vehicle by virtue of Article 28 of this Order may do so by towing or driving the vehicle or in such other manner as they may think necessary and may take such measures in relation to the vehicle as they may think necessary to enable them to remove it or alter its position, as the case may be.

32. When a person authorised by the Council removes or makes arrangements for the removal of a vehicle from the parking place by virtue of Article 28 of this Order, they shall make such arrangement as may be reasonably necessary for the safe custody of the vehicle.

33. A vehicle, which displays a Disabled Person's Badge and special parking disc (clock) set at time of arrival, which is left in a bay which is designated for use as a disabled person's parking space, shall be exempt for the first three hours of any day from payment of a charge imposed by the provisions of this Order. This exemption does not apply in any other area of the Parking Place. The Driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in any of the bays marked as being for the use by 'disabled badge holders only' unless it is a vehicle which is clearly and continuously displaying a valid Disabled Person's Badge, positioned either on the dashboard or in the front windscreen of the vehicle, so that the serial number and expiry date of the badge can be clearly read from outside the vehicle. Additionally, a special parking disc (clock) must also be displayed next to the badge, set at a time of arrival (3 hours free parking).

34. In respect of electric vehicles in the parking place:-

- (a) Any person utilising an electric vehicle charging point situated within any car park within this order MUST pay the appropriate parking charge whilst the vehicle is being re-charged and occupying a bay reserved for re-charging purposes.
- (b) Any electric vehicle in a bay reserved for re-charging that is not displaying a valid parking ticket will be subject to a Standard Charge under Article 19 of this order irrespective of the charging status of the vehicle
- (c) Once an electric vehicle has been charged the vehicle must be moved to any another bay without a re-charger to make the charging facility available to other electric vehicle users
- (d) Parking bays with an electric vehicle charger are for use by electric vehicles only for the purposes of re-charging.
- (e) No electric vehicle may park in a bay with an electric vehicle charging point unless it is being re-charged.

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FIRST SCHEDULE – REVOCATION OF PRECEDING ORDERS

1. The District of Rother (Borough of Bexhill (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 1970) (Variation) Order 1979.
2. The District of Rother (Borough of Bexhill (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 1970) (Variation) Order 1977.
3. The Borough of Bexhill (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 1970.
4. The Borough of Bexhill (Sidley Car Park) Order 1967.
5. The Borough of Bexhill (Little Common and The Gorses Car Park) Order 1973.
6. The District of Rother (Rye) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 1977 (Variation) Order 1979.
7. The District of Rother (Rye) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 1977.
8. The District of Rother (Rural District of Battle (Camber and Battle) (Parking Places) Order 1964) (Variation) Order 1977.
9. The Rural District of Battle (Camber and Battle) (Parking Places) Order 1964.
10. The Burwash (Off-Street Parking Place) Order 1971).
11. The Robertsbridge (Parking Place) Order 1963.
12. The Robertsbridge (Parking Place) (Supplemental) Order 1969.
13. The Ticehurst (Off-Street Parking Place) Order 1971.
14. The Battle (Mount Street Parking Place) Order 1972.
15. The Rye Harbour (Off-Street Parking Place) Order 1973.
16. The Catsfield (Off-Street Parking Place) Order 1973.
17. The District of Rother (Northiam) (Off-Street Parking Place) Order 1977.
18. The District of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 1983

SECOND SCHEDULE

THE USE OF THIS CAR PARK IS PERMITTED ON THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COUNCIL AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPT NO LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE TO VEHICLES OR OTHER PROPERTY OR INJURIES TO PERSONS ARISING IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM THE USE OF THE CAR PARK OR FOR THE SAFE CUSTODY OF ANY VEHICLES OR PROPERTY LEFT THEREON.

WARNING: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE (Section 35A of the 1984 Act)

**The District Of Rother (Off-Street) Parking Places Order 2019
Schedule 2**

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Little Common Car Park	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Upper Market Car Park, Battle	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs.	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Lower Market Car Park, Battle	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs.	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Mount Street Car Park, Battle	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs.	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Eversley Road Car Park, Bexhill on Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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De La Warr Car Park, Bexhill on Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr,

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Wainwright Road Car Park, Bexhill On Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Western Road Car Park, Bexhill On Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	24 hrs	Yes	Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000 The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	

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Cinque Ports Street Car Park, Rye	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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The Strand Car Park, Rye	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Lucknow Place Car Park, Rye	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Bedford Place Car Park, Rye	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Gibbet Marsh Car Park, Rye	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Gun Gardens Car Park, Rye	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	24 hrs	Yes	Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000 The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	-

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Central Car Park, Camber	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, between 8am to 8pm	12 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days 0830 to 1800	1 hr.

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Western Car Park, Camber	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, between 8am and 8pm	12 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days 0830 to 1800	1 hr.

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Western Coach Park, Camber	Wholly within a parking bay	Public service vehicles and Goods vehicles only as defined in Section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicle Act 1981 and Section 196 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 respectively.	All Days, between 8am and 8pm	12 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket prices. The Standard Charge is £100, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days 0830 to 1800	1 hr.

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Old Lydd Road Car Park, Rye	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr.

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Beeching Close, Bexhill on Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All vehicles except: a. Goods vehicles exceeding 15cwt unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, exclusive of driver c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Northiam Car Park	Wholly within a parking bay	All vehicles except: a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3,5cwt unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, exclusive of driver c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Hurst Green Car Park	Wholly within a parking bay	All vehicles except: a. Goods vehicles exceeding 15cwt unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, exclusive of driver. c. Caravans d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr.

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Sedlescombe Car Park	Wholly within a parking bay	All vehicles except: a. Goods vehicles exceeding 15cwt unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, exclusive of driver. c. Caravans d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Burwash (The Bear) Car Park	Wholly within a parking bay	All vehicles except: a) Goods vehicles exceeding 15cwt unladen weight; and b) Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, exclusive of driver	All Days, All Hours	A. In respect of 40 spaces where signs are erected or surface markings laid indicating such a limit or to the effect that such a limit is in force:- i. On Monday to Saturday inclusive between 8.00am to 6.00pm 2 hours in any period of 4 hours. ii. At all other times and on Sundays – no limit. B. On the remaining spaces:- i. Between 6.00am and 9.00pm on every day – 9 hours. ii. At all other times – no limit.	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Burwash - The Square	Wholly within a parking bay	All vehicles except: a. Goods vehicles exceeding 15cwt unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, exclusive of driver. c. Caravans d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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The Gorses Car Park, Little Common	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Pett Level Car Park	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Sidley Car Park	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Market Square Coach Park, Battle	Wholly within a parking bay	No Vehicles except; Public service vehicles and Goods vehicles only as defined in Section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicle Act 1981 and Section 196 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 respectively.	All Days, All Hours	5 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	2 hrs

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Rye Sports Centre Car Park, Rye	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued. Permits available on request please see www.rother.gov.uk or call 01424 787000	All Days	1 hr

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Richmond Road - Polegrove	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Galley Hill, Bexhill on Sea- Top	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Galley Hill, Bexhill on Sea - Bottom	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Manor Barn & Gardens, Bexhill on Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Sidley Community Centre	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Bexhill Leisure Centre	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Egerton Park, Bexhill on Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Broad Oak Park, Bexhill on Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Rye Cricket Salts	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Little Common Rec Ground	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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St Marys Rec Ground, Bexhill on Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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War Memorial, Bexhill on Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Town Hall, Bexhill on Sea	Wholly within a parking bay	All Vehicles except a. Goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 cwt. unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers exclusive of driver; and c. Caravans; and d. Motorhomes	Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays, All Hours	1 hr

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Etchingam (Oxenbridge Lane)	Wholly within a parking bay	All vehicles except: a. Goods vehicles exceeding 15cwt unladen weight; and b. Passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, exclusive of driver. c. Caravans d. Motorhomes	All Days, All Hours	23 hrs	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Wainwright Road Coach & lorry park, Bexhill	Wholly within a parking bay	No Vehicles except; Public service vehicles and Goods vehicles only as defined in Section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicle Act 1981 and Section 196 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 respectively.	All Days, All Hours	23 hours	Yes	Please refer to Schedule 3 for parking ticket & parking permit prices. The Standard Charge is £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of a Notice being issued.	All Days	1 hr

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Capital Programme – 2019/20 to 2024/25

	2019/20 Budget £'000	2020/21 Budget £'000	2021/22 Budget £'000	2022/23 Budget £'000	2023/24 Budget £'000	2024/25 Budget £'000
Acquisitions, Transformation and Regeneration						
Community Grants	130	130	130	130	130	130
East Parade - project A - Bexhill East Beach		288				
East Parade - project B - Shelters and Heritage Hub	32					
Cemetery Entrance	240					
Community Led Housing Schemes		450	150			
Blackfriars Housing Development		3,052				
Rother 2020 Programme						
Property Investment Strategy - uncommitted	3,076	7,000				
PIS - Beeching Road/Wainwright Road	250	3,000				
PIS - Glovers House	7,812					
PIS- Barnhorn Road	600	10,000	397			
PIS - Beeching Road site 18-40	500	460				
Rother 20/20 ICT Investment	45	345				
Corporate Document Image Processing System		435				
Housing and Community Services						
De La Warr Pavilion - Capital Grant	53	53	53	53	53	53
Fairlight Coastal Protection	70					
Sidley Sports and Recreation	300					
Land Swap re Former High School Site	1,085					
Bexhill Leisure Centre – site development	33	543	1,746	5,901	6,901	410
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,625	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
New Bins	121	108	108	108	108	108
Bexhill Promenade - outflow pipe		100				
Bexhill Promenade – Protective Barriers	50					
Housing (purchases – temp accommodation)	1,000	2,000				
Reinforcement Works to Camber Car Parks	46					

Capital Programme – 2019/20 to 2024/25

	2019/20 Budget £'000	2020/21 Budget £'000	2021/22 Budget £'000	2022/23 Budget £'000	2023/24 Budget £'000	2024/25 Budget £'000
Strategy and Planning						
Highways works – London Road Bexhill	300					
CIL Payments to Parish/Town Councils	200					
Executive Directors & Corporate Core						
Accommodation Strategy	75					
Lift for Amherst Road Offices	100					
Resources						
Enterprise Resource Planning System upgrade	36					
ICT Infrastructure – Ongoing Upgrade Programme	166					
Total Capital Programme	17,945	27,964	2,584	6,192	7,192	701

	2019/20 Budget £'000	2020/21 Budget £'000	2021/22 Budget £'000	2022/23 Budget £'000	2023/24 Budget £'000	2024/25 Budget £'000
Funded By:						
Capital Receipts	1,118	543	1,537	0	0	0
Grants and contributions	2,995	3,962	359	1,948	0	0
Borrowing	13,078	22,000	397	0	0	0
Capital Expenditure Charged to Revenue	704	1,359	291	291	291	291
Unfunded	50	100	0	3,953	6,901	410
Total Funding	17,945	27,964	2,584	6,192	7,192	701

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Report to	-	Council
Date	-	11 November 2019
Report of the	-	Licensing and General Purposes Committee
Subject	-	Reference from the Licensing and General Purposes Committee

The Council is asked to consider the recommendations arising from the Licensing and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21 October, as set out below.

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 21 October 2019**LG19/12. CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND IMMIGRATION GUIDANCE**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Executive Director on the Council's Criminal Convictions Policy and Immigration Guidance in relation to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers.

In 2015, the Council adopted a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licensing: Criminal Convictions Policy, the purpose of which was to provide guidance on the criteria taken into account by the Council when determining whether or not an applicant, or an existing licence holder, was a fit and proper person to hold a dual drivers licence; a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle Licence; and/or a Private Hire Operators Licence.

In September 2017, the Government established the Task and Finish Group (TFG) on Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing to consider evidence relating to the adequacy of taxi and private hire legislation and to make recommendations for actions to address any priority issues identified. In the following September (2018), the Group published its report 'Taxi and Private Hire Licensing – steps towards a safer and more robust system', which made a total of 34 recommendations, many of which had already been adopted by the Council. The report called upon the Government to legislate for national minimum standards and to set such standards at a level that ensured high minimum safety standards (recommendation 2). In addition it called for urgent guidance on the relevance of previous convictions and the period for which exclusions from licensing should apply (recommendation 21).

In February 2019, the Government published its response to the TFG report, accepting that there was a need for greater consistency and collaboration in regulation to address changes and the concerns of the public, the trade and regulators, and three key measures recommended to achieve a safe service for passengers, namely: national minimum standards, national enforcement powers and a national licencing database. The latter two measures were beyond the Council's scope of powers but the Council could introduce measures

towards achieving robust standards in advance of the introduction of any national minimum standards being ratified.

The Institute of Licensing (IoL) had published its 'Guidance on Determining the Suitability of Applicants and Licensees in the Hackney and Private Hire Trades' in April 2018, which was welcomed by the Government in their response to the TFG and had stated that, subject to consultation (which took place between February and April 2019), it was the intention to include this in the national minimum standards.

The Council's Criminal Convictions policy presented to Members had been amended in line with the IoL guidelines and the Government's draft guidance, which incorporated those omissions identified, along with other minor variations and was attached to the report at Appendix A.

Members had the opportunity to raise questions and the following points were noted:

- the guidance had been simplified by grouping offences together under general headings;
- when considering an application for a licence, allegations that did not result in a conviction could also be taken into consideration. Members requested that the sentence at 2.6 in the guidelines, 'This will also include complaints where there has been no police involvement', be shown as a point in its own right in order to highlight it further;
- no applicants were to be deterred from applying for a licence and would be considered against guidelines set out in the policy;
- the removal of the requirement for written references was due to the availability of relevant information through the newly established Anti Fraud Network database; and
- further Government guidance was expected in the future, therefore the policy would need amending again at that point.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council's existing Criminal Convictions policy be amended in line with the Institute of Licensing guidelines and the Government draft guidance, as set out in Appendix A, as amended.

(Licensing and General Purposes Agenda Item 5).

LG19/13. **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2019**
(6)

Members received and considered the report of the Executive Director detailing the Council's statutory review of its polling districts and polling places.

The review considered the arrangements for polling districts and polling places at UK Parliamentary elections and thus covered the arrangements in place for the parts of Bexhill and Battle and the Hastings and Rye constituencies that fell within Rother. These arrangements remained in place for other elections. The review did not

cover parliamentary, local government or parish boundaries, or the naming of these electoral areas, which were subject to a separate review process conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

A total of 17 responses to the consultation were received, which were included in Appendix 2 to the report. Feedback from polling station staff and polling station inspectors had also been considered.

There were seven changes to the existing polling places and polling stations that the Committee was asked to recommend, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

During the debate, the following points were noted:

- Rother currently had 81 polling districts, which would be reduced to 72;
- 190 staff were employed across the polling stations, consisting of 71 presiding officers and 119 poll clerks; the number of staff would not increase as a result of the proposed changes;
- access to polling stations was constantly reviewed and signage improved; and
- measures were taken to ensure polling stations were as centrally located and easily accessible within Wards as possible.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- 1) the Polling Places Scheme in Appendix B be approved; and
- 2) the Executive Director's current delegated authority to agree necessary changes of polling place after consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee, relevant District Ward Member(s), County Council Member and Parish Council be maintained. Should any of the consultees not agree the proposed change, the decision to be brought to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee and full Council for determination.

(Licensing and General Purposes Agenda Item 6).

Councillor A.K. Jeeawon
Chairman of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee

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Rother District Council

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver – Proposed changes to the licensing guidelines in Council's Criminal Convictions Policy

(Material changes to the existing document are highlighted in red)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the criteria taken into account by the Council when determining whether or not an applicant, or an existing licence holder, is a fit and proper person to hold a dual drivers licence; a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence; and/ or a private hire operators licence.
- 1.2 The overriding aim of the Licensing Authority is to protect the safety of the public. The Licensing Authority is concerned to ensure that:
- A person is a fit and proper person.
 - The person does not pose a threat to the public.
 - The public are safeguarded from dishonest persons.
 - The safeguarding of children and young persons.
- 1.3 This policy provides guidance to any person with an interest in public and private hire licensing. In particular, but not exclusively:
- Applicants for drivers'/ vehicles/ operators licences
 - Existing licensed drivers whose licences are being reviewed
 - Licensing officers
 - Members of the licensing committee/ panel (or other relevant decision making body)
 - Magistrates' hearing appeals against local authority decisions
- 1.4 Where licensing officers have delegated powers to grant licences, they will utilise these guidelines when making a decision to grant a licence. In all other cases applications for licences will be referred to the licensing committee/ panel (or other relevant decision-making body). Whilst officers and the committee/ panel will have regard to the guidelines contained in the policy, **each case will be considered on its individual merits and, where the circumstances demand, the committee/ officer may depart from the guidelines.**

2. General policy

- 2.1 These guidelines do not replace the duty of the Licensing Authority to refuse to grant a licence, or to revoke a licence, where they are not satisfied that the applicant or licensee is a fit and proper person. There may be circumstances where it is appropriate to depart from the guidelines or where a situation is not covered by them. In these cases the Authority will consider the matter from first principles and determine the fitness and propriety of the individual.
- 2.2 In determining whether an individual is fit and proper the Licensing Authority is entitled to take into account all matters concerning that applicant or licensee. They are not simply concerned with that person's behaviour whilst working in the hackney carriage or private hire trade. This consideration is far wider than

simply criminal convictions or other evidence of unacceptable behaviour, and the entire character of the individual will be considered. This can include, but is not limited to, the individual's attitude and temperament.

- 2.3 As the Licensing Authority will be looking at the entirety of the individual, the fit and proper test will not simply be determined by a specified period of time having elapsed following a conviction or the completion of a sentence. Time periods are relevant and weighty considerations, but they are not the only determining factor. In addition to the nature of the offence or other behaviour, the quantity of matters and the period over which they were committed will also be considered. Patterns of repeated unacceptable or criminal behaviour are likely to cause greater concern than isolated occurrences as such patterns can demonstrate a propensity for such behaviour or offending.
- 2.4 In all cases the Licensing Authority will consider the conviction or behaviour in question, and what weight should be attached to it. Each and every case will be determined on its merits and with regard to these guidelines.
- 2.5 In this policy any reference to 'conviction' shall be construed to include matters that amount to criminal behaviour, but which may not have resulted in conviction.
- 2.6 Matters which have not resulted in a criminal conviction (be that due to an acquittal; a conviction being quashed; a decision not to prosecute; or a continuing investigation) can and will be taken into account by the Licensing Authority.
- 2.6.1 Complaints where there has been no police involvement can and will also be taken into account by the Licensing Authority.
- 2.7 Convictions for attempt or conspiracy will be regarded as convictions for the substantive crime. Cautions, fixed penalty notices, and community resolutions shall also be considered in the same way as convictions.
- 2.8 Where a new applicant is under investigation; has been charged with any offence; or is awaiting trial; the determination of the licence application will be deferred until the trial has been completed, or the charges/ summonses withdrawn. Where an existing licensee has been arrested; is under investigation; or has been charged/ summonsed; it will be for the Licensing Authority to decide what action to take in the light of these guidelines.
- 2.9 Once a licence has been granted, there is a continuing requirement on the part of the licensee to maintain their fit and proper status. The Licensing Authority has powers to take action against the holder(s) of all types of licence (driver's, vehicle and operator's) and it must be understood that any convictions or other actions on the part of the licensee which would have prevented them being granted a licence on initial application will lead to that licence being revoked.
- 2.10 Any dishonesty by any applicant, or other person on the applicant's behalf, which is discovered to have occurred in any part of any application process (e.g. failure to declare convictions, false names or addresses, falsified references) will result in a licence being refused or, if already granted, revoked, and may result in prosecution.

2.11 Whilst a single conviction will not necessarily be an automatic bar to obtaining a licence, an applicant would normally be expected to:

- a. Remain free of conviction for an appropriate period;
- b. Demonstrate that they are an exceptional case sufficient for the Council to deviate from these guidelines; and
- c. Show adequate evidence that he/ she is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

Simply remaining free of conviction will not generally be regarded as adequate evidence that a person is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

In determining time elapsed 'free of conviction' shall be measured from the date of completion of any sentence, or driving ban, imposed; or, in the case of a fine, from the date of conviction (whichever is the longer).

The onus for proving that an applicant is a fit and proper person lies with the applicant.

3 Where an applicant has been convicted of a criminal offence, the Licensing Authority cannot review the merits of the conviction [Nottingham City Council v. Mohammed Farooq (1998)].

4 Pre-requisites to making an application

4.1 It is the policy of the Licensing Authority that every application for a licence to drive a hackney carriage and/ or private hire vehicle must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of the following matters (and that applications that are incomplete will not be deemed to have been made until such time as they are completed):

- That the applicant has the right to live and work in the country;
- An enhanced criminal record check and evidence that they are not on a child and/ or vulnerable adult barring list;
- A certificate of their current medical fitness to DVLA Group 2 standard;
- That the applicant is authorised to drive a vehicle of the same classification as that which the licence will allow them to drive;
- That the applicant has a minimum of three years post-qualification driving experience (or if not, has completed an advanced driving assessment);
- That the applicant has adequate literacy and numeracy skills to provide the service that they wish to be licensed for;
- That the applicant has sufficient ability to speak English and to understand spoken English to provide the service that they wish to be licensed for.
- That the applicant has had child sexual exploitation and safeguarding training.
- That the applicant has been checked against National Anti Fraud Network (NAFN) database.

4.2 If an applicant has spent six continuous months or more overseas, the Licensing Authority will expect to see evidence of a criminal record check from the country/ countries covering the period before a licence application can be made. This period will be for ten years.

5 Appeals

- 5.1 Any applicant refused a driver's licence on the grounds that the Licensing Authority is not satisfied that he or she is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence has a right to appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the notice of refusal [Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976, s 52 (1)].
- 5.2 Any applicant refused an operator licence on the grounds that the Licensing Authority is not satisfied he/ she is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence has a right to appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the notice of refusal. [Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976, s 55 (4)]
- 5.3 Any licensee whose licence is suspended or revoked has a right to appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the notice of suspension or revocation. [Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976, s 61 and 62]

6 Powers

- 6.1 Sections 61 and 62 of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 allow the Licensing Authority to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a licence if the application/ licence holder has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty, indecency, violence; failure to comply with the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847; failure to comply with the provisions of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976; or any other reasonable cause.
- 6.2 The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions)(Amendment) Order 2002, allows the Licensing Authority to take into account all convictions recorded against an applicant or the holder of a private hire vehicle or hackney carriage driver's licence, whether spent or not. Therefore the Licensing Authority will have regard to all relevant convictions, particularly where there is a long history of offending or a recent pattern of repeat offending.
- 6.3 In this policy the term "disqualification" refers to the period served, in order to take account of the fact that a court may reduce the period of disqualification from driving. An applicant must provide evidence in advance to prove that the court agreed a reduction in the period of disqualification.

7 Consideration of disclosed criminal history

- 7.1 Under the provisions of sections 51, 55, and 59, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Licensing Authority is required to ensure that an applicant for the grant or renewal of a hackney carriage and/ or a private hire vehicle drivers' licence and/ or private hire vehicle operators licence is a 'fit and proper' person to hold such a licence. However, if an applicant has any convictions, warnings, cautions, charges or **summons** awaiting trial, **or pending investigations**, the licensing authority will look into:

- How relevant the offence(s) are to the licence being applied for
- How serious the offence(s) were

- When the offence(s) were committed
 - The date of conviction
 - Circumstances of the individual concerned
 - Sentence imposed by the court
 - The applicant's age at the time of conviction
 - Whether they form part of a pattern of offending
 - Any other character check considered reasonable (e.g. personal references)
 - Any other factors that might be relevant
- 7.2 Existing holders of drivers'/ operators licences or the proprietors of hackney carriage / private hire vehicle licences are required to notify the Licensing Authority in writing within 7 days of being arrested, receiving a driving licence endorsement, fixed penalty notice or criminal conviction (including cautions).
- 7.3 The Licensing Authority requires enhanced disclosures from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) of any applicant for a driver licence. Standard level checks are required for applicants for an operators licence. The Licensing Authority follows the DBS's Code of Practice on the fair use of disclosure information. A copy is available on request.
- 7.4 Applicants applying for the grant or a renewal of a drivers' licence will be required to obtain an enhanced disclosure at their expense. Similarly applicants for the grant or renewal of an operators licence will be required to obtain a standard level disclosure at their own expense. The Licensing Authority abides by the DBS's Policy on the secure storage, handling, use, retention and disposal of disclosure information, which is available on request.
- 7.5 Where a driver has received penalty points because they have failed to notify the Council of a relevant conviction, the Licensing Authority will require applicants to register for the DBS's update service and to nominate the Licensing Authority to receive updates. These licensees are expected to provide evidence of continuous registration and nomination throughout the duration of their licence. The cost of the registration will be met by the driver concerned.
- 7.6 More information about the DBS can be found on their website at:
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service>
- 7.7 The Licensing Authority is also entitled to use other records and information that may be available to it in determining applications or an entitlement to continue holding a licence. This may include information held by the Licensing Authority or other licensing authorities, and information disclosed by the police.

8 Crimes resulting in death/ serious injury

- 8.1 Where an applicant or licensee has been convicted of a crime which resulted in the death of another person; was intended to cause the death or serious injury of another person; or was reckless as to whether death or serious injury would be caused; they will not be licensed. This will include the offences of causing death by dangerous driving; death by careless driving whilst under

the influence of drink or drugs; death by driving whilst disqualified, un-licensed or uninsured; or any similar offence(s).

9 Exploitation

- 9.1 Where an applicant or licensee has been convicted of a crime involving, related to, or has any connection with abuse, exploitation, use or treatment of another individual irrespective of whether the victim or victims were adults or children, they will not be licensed. This includes slavery, child sexual exploitation, grooming, psychological, emotional or financial abuse, but this is not an exhaustive list.

10 Terrorism

- 10.1 Where an applicant or licensee has been convicted of a crime involving, related to, or has any connection with terrorism they will not be licensed.

11 Sex and indecency offences

- 11.1 Where an applicant has a conviction for any offence involving or connected with illegal sexual activity or any form of indecency, a licence will not be granted.
- 11.2 In addition to the above, the Licensing Authority will not grant a licence to any applicant who is currently on the Sex Offenders Register or on any 'barred' list.

12 Offences involving violence

- 12.1 Where an applicant has a conviction for an offence of violence, or connected with any offence of violence, a licence will not be granted until at least 10 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.

13 Dishonesty

- 13.1 Where an applicant has a conviction for any offence of dishonesty, or any offence where dishonesty is an element of the offence, a licence will not be granted until at least 7 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.

14 Drugs

- 14.1 Where an applicant has any conviction for, or related to, the supply of drugs, or possession with intent to supply or connected with possession with intent to supply, a licence will not be granted until at least 10 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.
- 14.2 Where an applicant has a conviction for possession of drugs, or related to the possession of drugs, a licence will not be granted until at least 5 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed. In these circumstances, any applicant will also have to undergo drugs testing at their own expense to demonstrate that they are not using controlled drugs.

15 Possession of a weapon

- 15.1 Where an applicant has a conviction for possession of a firearm, or imitation firearm, a licence will not be granted until at least 10 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.
- 15.2 Where an applicant has a conviction for possession of a weapon or any other weapon related offence, a licence will not be granted until at least 7 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.

16 Criminal damage

- 16.1 Where an applicant has a conviction for criminal damage, including arson that does not endanger life, a licence will not be granted until at least 7 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.

17 Public Order

- 17.1 Where an applicant has a conviction for a public order offence a licence will not be granted until at least 7 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed

18 Discrimination

- 18.1 Where an applicant has a conviction involving or connected with discrimination in any form, a licence will not be granted until at least 7 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.

19 Motoring convictions

- 19.1 Hackney carriage and private hire drivers are professional drivers charged with the responsibility of carrying the public. Any motoring conviction demonstrates a lack of professionalism and will be considered seriously. It is accepted that offences can be committed unintentionally, and a single occurrence of a minor traffic offence would not prohibit the grant of a licence or may not result in action against an existing licence. Subsequent convictions reinforce the fact that the licensee does not take their professional responsibilities seriously and is therefore not a safe and suitable person to be granted or retain a licence.

20 Drink driving/ driving under the influence of drugs/ using a hand-held telephone or hand held device whilst driving

- 20.1 Where an applicant has a conviction for drink driving or driving under the influence of drugs, a licence will not be granted until at least 7 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence or driving ban imposed. In these circumstances, any applicant will also have to undergo drugs testing at their own expense to demonstrate that they are not using controlled drugs.
- 20.2 Where an applicant has a conviction for using a held-hand mobile telephone or a hand-held device whilst driving, a licence will not be granted until at least 5 years have elapsed since the conviction or completion of any sentence or driving ban imposed, whichever is the later.

21 Other motoring offences

- 21.1 A major traffic or vehicle related offence is one which is not covered above and also any offence which resulted in injury to any person or damage to any property (including vehicles). It also includes driving without insurance or any offence connected with motor insurance. Where an applicant has a conviction for a major traffic offence or similar offence, a licence will not be granted until at least 7 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.
- 21.2 A minor traffic or vehicle related offence is one which does not involve loss of life, driving under the influence of drink or drugs, driving whilst using a mobile phone, and has not resulted in injury to any person or damage to any property (including vehicles). Where an applicant has 7 or more points on their DVLA licence for minor traffic or similar offences, a licence will not be granted until at least 5 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.
- 21.3 An operator who aids and abets the driving of passengers for hire and reward without insurance will normally have his/ her operators' licence revoked immediately and be prevented from holding a licence for at least 7 years.

22 Hackney carriage and private hire offences

- 22.1 Where an applicant has a conviction for an offence concerned with or connected to hackney carriage or private hire activity (whether the offence involved the use of a vehicle or not), a licence will not be granted until at least 7 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.

23 Once a licence has been granted

- 23.1 If, following the grant of a licence, the licensee's conduct is such that were they applying for a new licence their application would not be granted, then consideration will be given to revocation of their existing licence. In determining such cases any reference to 'applicant' in this policy shall be construed as to include an existing licensee and it shall be for the Licensing Authority to decide what action to take in the light of these guidelines.
- 23.2 A suspension or revocation of the licence of a driver takes effect at the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which notice is given to the driver. If it appears that the interests of public safety require the suspension or revocation of the licence to have immediate effect, and the notice given to the driver includes a statement that is so and an explanation why, the suspension or revocation takes effect when the notice is given to the driver. [Road Safety Act 2006, s 52, 2A&2B]
- 23.3 A suspension or revocation of the licence of an operator takes effect at the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which notice is given to the operator.

24 Licences issued by other Licensing Authorities

- 24.1 Applicants who hold a licence with one Licensing Authority should not automatically assume that their application will be granted by another. Each case will be decided on its own merits.

24.2 Licensees who are licensed by multiple Authorities are expected to inform all such Authorities of the Authorities that they are licensed by and to advise each Authority of any changes in this respect; and should expect those Authorities to share information regarding their conduct and to take it into account as appropriate.

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Current Polling Scheme with Proposals

Bexhill Central District Ward

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BC001	Beulah Baptist Church Hall, Clifford Road	2,098	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
BC002	Meeting Room at Sackville Road Methodist Church, Parkhurst Road	2,112	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> “A bit difficult to comment as only know my own polling station on Sackville Road which is fine. Review seems to have been conducted well.” – Member of the public <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.

Bexhill Collington District Ward

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BD001	St Augustine's Church Hall, St Augustine's Close	1,484	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None.
BD001/A*	St Augustine's Church Hall, St Augustine's Close	8	1	<u>Recommendation:</u> That BD001/A is merged with BD001, as there is no longer a requirement for the two polling districts to be split. No other changes proposed.
BD002	Cooden Beach Sports & Social Club	998	1	Dual polling place with BG002. The current polling place is not in the polling district. We have investigated alternative venues, but have not been able to identify a suitable alternative within the polling district, and therefore no change of polling place is proposed.
BD002/A*	Cooden Beach Sports & Social Club	240	1	<u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> That BD002/A is merged with BD002, as there is no longer a requirement for the two polling districts to be split. No other changes proposed.
BD003	Bexhill Amateur Athletic Association, Little Common Road	1,276	1	Dual polling place with KEW01. The current polling place is not in the polling district. We have investigated alternative venues, but have not been able to identify a suitable alternative within the polling district, and therefore no change of polling place is proposed.

				<p><u>Other comments received:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.</p>
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Bexhill Kewhurst Ward

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
KEW01	Bexhill Amateur Athletic Association, Little Common Road	1,614	1	Dual polling place with BD003. No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
KEW02	St Stephens Church Hall, Woodsgate Park	1,245	1	Dual polling place with BI001. The current polling place is not in the polling district. We have investigated alternative venues, but have not been able to identify a suitable alternative within the polling district, and therefore no change of polling place is proposed. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
KEW03	St Marthas Church Hall, Cooden Sea Road	1,195	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u>
KEW03/A*	St Marthas Church Hall, Cooden Sea Road	0	1	None. <u>Recommendation:</u>
KEW03/B*	St Marthas Church Hall, Cooden Sea Road	7	1	That KEW03/A and KEW03/B are merged with KEW03, as there is no longer a requirement for the three polling districts to be split. No other changes proposed.

Bexhill Old Town & Worsham

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BE001	St Peters Community Centre, Church Street	1,466	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u>
BE001/A*	St Peters Community Centre, Church Street	40	1	None. <u>Recommendation:</u> That BE001/A is merged with BE001, as there is no longer a requirement for the two polling districts to be split. No other changes proposed.
BE002	Christchurch Methodist Church Hall, Springfield Road	1,680	1	Dual polling place with BI002. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.

Bexhill Pebsham & St Michaels

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BH001	St Michael's Church Hall, Glassenbury Drive	1,295	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BH002	Pebsham Community Centre, Seabourne Road	2,661	2	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p>The electorate in BH002 is currently too large, and therefore it is proposed to split the polling district into two smaller polling districts. The proposed division is along Seabourne Road, which runs centrally through the current polling district.</p> <p>The current polling place is considered large enough to accommodate two polling stations, and so it is proposed that the polling place remain the same for both polling districts.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That BH002 is split into two smaller polling districts (BH002 and BH003), and that Pebsham Community Centre remains the polling place for both polling districts.</p>

Bexhill Sackville

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BF	The whole polling district (St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Upper Sea Road is the venue currently in use)	3,888	2	<p>The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the last compulsory 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.</p>
BF/A*	The whole polling district (St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Upper Sea Road is the polling station currently in use)	203	1	<p>The electorate for BF is currently too large, and therefore it is proposed to split the polling district into two smaller polling districts (BF001 and BF002). The proposed division is along the train line which runs centrally through the current polling district.</p>
BF/B*	The whole polling district (St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Upper Sea Road is the polling station currently in use)	66	1	<p>It is proposed that St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Upper Sea Road is designated as the polling place for the new polling district which would cover the area north of the train line (BF001).</p> <p>It is proposed that the whole of the polling district be designated as the polling place for the new polling district south of the train line (BF002).</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That BF/A and BF/B are merged with BF, as there is no longer a requirement for these three polling districts to be split. It is further recommended that BF is then split into two smaller polling districts (BF001 and BF002), and that St Mary Magdalene Church Hall be designated as the polling place for BF001, and the whole of the polling district be designated as the polling place for BF002.</p>

Bexhill Sidley

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BJ001	Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, Southlands Road (All Saints Community Hall, All Saints was the venue for the most recent elections)	2,335	1	<p>Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall is the currently designated polling place, however we have been advised that it has now been closed on a permanent basis.</p> <p>All Saints Community Hall was used at the recent elections, and there are no issues identified with the venue.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed that All Saints Community Hall is designated the polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That All Saints Community Hall be designated as the polling place.</p>
BJ002	Sidley Baptist Church, Claremont Road	1,812	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>

Bexhill St Marks Ward

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BG001	St Marks Church Hall, Green Lane (Little Common Community Centre was used at the most recent elections)	2,680	2	<p>St Marks Church Hall is the currently designated polling place, however Little Community Centre was used at the recent elections, due to issues with the use of St Marks Church Hall. However, these issues have now been resolved, and therefore no change in polling place is proposed.</p> <p>Additionally, the electorate for BG001 is currently too large. In the consultation document, it was proposed to merge a portion of the polling district, including Barnhorn Road and the area to the south, with BG002 in order to balance the electorate.</p> <p>However, it has not been possible to find a suitable location to do so without inconveniencing the electorate. Therefore, it is instead proposed that BG001 be split into two smaller polling districts. The proposed division is where Peartree Lane meets Barnhorn Road.</p> <p>St Marks Church Hall is considered large enough to accommodate two polling stations, and so it is proposed that the polling place remain the same for both polling districts.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>“I live in Little Common and we have always used St Marks hall for voting.</p> <p>Recently there was an unexpected election (maybe the European one) and we had to use a school – I think Little Common School. The access was limited for drivers. It felt very tight for space, especially in such a residential area.</p> <p>I’d be pleased not to go there again.” – Member of the public</p> <p>“I live in Ocklynge Close and find it easy to vote at St Mark’s</p>

				<p>Church Hall because there is no need to cross the A259. The 'new' crossing is a nightmare to cross with pedestrians having to wait in the middle of the busy road for the traffic to be stopped in order to cross. Parking is a potential problem if the polling station is at the Community Centre because the car park is small and access difficult via Shepherd's Close.</p> <p>Because of the road crossing situation I decided to become a postal voter." – Member of the public</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That BG001 is split into two smaller polling districts, and that St Marks Church Hall remains the polling place for both polling districts.</p>
BG002	Cooden Beach Sports & Social Club, Withyham Road	853	1	<p>Dual polling place with BD002.</p> <p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BG003	Normans Bay Caravan Park	162	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>"I am happy with the current arrangements for Normans Bay, where we can vote in the Caravan Park by the train station. This is much better than the previous arrangements where we voted in the (not to be confused with...) Camping and Caravan Park to the west of the village. It is important to be able to vote within walking distance of home." – Member of the public</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>

Bexhill St Stephens Ward

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BI001	St Stephens Church Hall, Woodsgate Park	2,680	1	Dual polling place with KEW02.
BI001/A*	St Stephen Church Hall, Woodsgate Park	149	1	The electorate in BI001 is currently too large, and therefore it is proposed to split the polling district into two smaller polling districts. The proposed division is along Gunters Lane, which runs centrally through the current polling district.
BI001/B*	St Stephens Church Hall, Woodsgate Park	9	1	<p>The current polling place is not considered ideal in the long term, as it is already a dual polling place with KEW02.</p> <p>However, we have investigated alternative venues, but have not been able to identify a suitable alternative within the polling district. Therefore, it is proposed that St Stephen’s Church Hall be designated as the polling place for the new polling district to the east of Gunters Lane, but the whole of the new polling district to the west of Gunters Lane be designated as the polling place to allow for the use of an alternative venue, should one come into use in the near future.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That BI001/A and BI001/B are merged with BI001, as there is no longer a requirement for these three polling districts to be split. It is further recommended that BI001 is then split into two smaller polling districts, and that St Stephens Church Hall remain the polling place for the polling district to the east of Gunters Lane, but the whole of the polling district be designated as the polling place for the polling district to the west of Gunters Lane.</p>

BI002	Christchurch Methodist Church, Springfield Road	1,084	1	Dual polling place with BE002.
BI002/A*	Christchurch Methodist Church, Springfield Road	32	1	The current polling place is not in the polling district. We have investigated alternative venues, but have not been able to identify a suitable alternative within the polling district, and therefore no change of polling place is proposed.
BI002/B*	Christchurch Methodist Church, Springfield Road	45	1	<p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That BI002/A and BI002/B are merged with BI002, as there is no longer a requirement for the two polling districts to be split. No other changes proposed.</p>

Brede & Udimore

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HAI	St Marys Community Hall, Udimore	289	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
HBL	Brede Village Hall, Cackle Street	1,548	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.

Burwash & the Weald

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BM	Brightling Village Hall, Brightling	307	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BN	Burwash Village Hall, High Street	1,482	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BO	Burwash Common Pavilion, Burwash Common	768	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BS	Etchingam Village Hall, Parsonage Croft	706	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>“The Parish Council of Etchingam, while declaring an interest as Guarantor Trustee to the owners of the property currently in use as polling place for district BS, would wish to support the proposal of “no changes”.” – Parish Clerk, Etchingam Parish</p>

				<p>Council</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BY	Mountfield Village Hall, Church Road	426	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>

Catsfield & Crowhurst

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BA	Ashburnham Village Hall, Brownbread Street	295	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
BAP	Ashburnham Village Hall, Brownbread Street	38	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
BP	Hermon Cottage, Church Road	660	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
BQ	St Georges Church Parish Room, Forwood Lane	675	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.

BR	Dallington Old School Village Hall, The Street	270	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
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Eastern Rother

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BAB	Peasmarsh Memorial Hall, Main Street	983	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BHB	Playden W.I. Hall, Houghton Green Lane	292	1	<p>Dual polling place with HHA.</p> <p>The current polling place is not in the polling district. We have investigated alternative venues, but have not been able to identify a suitable alternative within the polling district, and therefore no change of polling place is proposed.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HA	Camber Memorial Hall, Lydd Road	875	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HB	Salts Farm Shop, East Guldeford	62	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p>

				<p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HF	Iden Village Hall, Iden	393	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HHA	Playden W.I. Hall, Houghton Green Lane	226	1	<p>Dual polling place with BHB.</p> <p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HJ	Rye Harbour Village Hall, Harbour Road	331	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HM	Winchelsea Beach Community Hall, Sea Road	699	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>“The village hall is my polling place. It is ideal in all respects and no children miss a day’s education many times a year.” – Member of the public.</p>

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Hurst Green & Ticehurst

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BAF	Stonegate Village Hall, Forge Field	405	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BAH	Ticehurst Village Hall, High Street	1,972	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BU	Flimwell Cricket Pavilion, High Street	589	1	<p>We have been made aware that the new Flimwell Village Hall is nearing completion and should come into use in the near future. It is considered that this venue would be an improvement over the current venue. As the venue is not yet completed, it is proposed that the whole polling district is designated as the polling place, to allow the venue to be changed to Flimwell Village Hall, subject to availability and suitability.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>“In Flimwell we currently use the cricket pavilion – however this has stepped access.</p> <p>We are having built a new village hall at the A21 Cross roads which will be complete in 2 to 3 months and available with parking and step free access. Can you consider this?</p>

				<p>I have copied the Clerk to the Parish Council and the chair of Flimwell Village Hall Trustees” – Member of the public</p> <p>“Good idea [name removed] – certainly would be endorsed by the PC and I am sure the poll people would prefer the kitchen and loo facilities – I have this on the agenda for 3rd September full council meeting” – Parish Clerk, Ticehurst Parish Council</p> <p>“I write as the County Councillor for Rother NW to indicate that, with the possible exception of Flimwell, I think the selection of polling stations in my ward has worked well and I recommend no change. In Flimwell, the pavilion is not a good location as far as the polling clerks are concerned, though fine for voting. If the new village hall is ready in time, that should be considered.” – Councillor John Barnes</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That the whole polling district be designated as the polling place.</p>
BVA	Hurst Green Village Hall, Station Road	1,172	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>

North Battle, Netherfield & Whatlington

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BAJ	Battle Baptist Church, Mount Street	2,444	1	<p>The electorate in BAJ is currently too large, and therefore it is proposed to split the polling district into two smaller polling districts. The proposed division is in Mount Street, north of the current polling place, Battle Baptist Church.</p> <p>The current polling place is considered large enough to accommodate two polling stations, and so it is proposed that the polling place remain the same for both polling districts.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That BAJ/A is merged with BAJ, as there is no longer a requirement for these two polling districts to be split. It is further recommended that BAJ is then split into two smaller polling districts, and that Battle Baptist Church remains the polling place for both polling districts.</p>
BAJ/A*	Battle Baptist Church, Mount Street	387	1	
BAM	Whatlington Village Hall, Whatlington	284	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
BZ	The whole polling district (Netherfield C.E. Primary School was used at the most recent elections)	663	1	<p>The whole of the polling district was designated as the polling place as part of the last compulsory review of polling districts and polling places, however Netherfield C.E. Primary School is currently used as the polling station.</p>

BZ/A*	The whole polling district (Netherfield C.E. Primary School was used at the most recent elections)	3	<p>Whilst the use of a school is not considered preferable, there are currently no suitable alternative venues in the polling district. Therefore it is proposed that Netherfield C.E. Primary School is designated the polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>“I agree that using a school is not ideal so I suggest the Village Hall.” – Councillor Kathryn Field</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That BZ/A is merged with BZ, as there is no longer a requirement for these two polling districts to be split.</p> <p>Netherfield Village Hall has been considered at previous reviews, but was considered not to be suitable due to its location in relation to the majority of residences in the polling district. There were also safety concerns for electors travelling to the venue on foot, as there is not a footpath along most of Netherfield Road. This situation remains the same, and therefore it is recommended that Netherfield C.E. Primary School be designated as the polling place.</p>
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Northern Rother

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BAA	Northiam Village Hall, Frewen Close	1,854	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
BAE	Staplecross Village Hall, Northiam Road	731	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> “Ewhurst Parish Council supports the proposal that the Polling Places for Ewhurst Parish remain unchanged.” – Parish Clerk, Ewhurst Parish Council <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
BB	Beckley Village Centre, Main Street	902	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
BK	Bodiam Parish Room, Sandhurst Road	306	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None.

				<p><u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.</p>
BT	The Arthur Herdman Pavilion, Ewhurst Green	252	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u> “Ewhurst Parish Council supports the proposal that the Polling Places for Ewhurst Parish remain unchanged.” – Parish Clerk, Ewhurst Parish Council</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.</p>

Robertsbridge

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BAC	Robertsbridge Village Hall, Station Road	2,054	1	Due to new developments in Robertsbridge, the electorate in BAC is expected to rise over the next few years.
BVB	Robertsbridge Village Hall, Station Road	57	1	<p>In the consultation document, it was proposed to merge a portion of the polling district with BVB in order to balance the electorate.</p> <p>However, following further investigation, it is now considered unlikely that the electorate will increase above 2,500 in the next few years.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed that for now the smaller polling district of BVB be merged with BAC as there is no longer a requirement for the two polling districts to be split. This will cause no disruption to the electorate.</p> <p>The polling district division can then be considered again at the appropriate time in the future.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>“Robertsbridge conducts its poll using the Village Hall. This serves the community extremely well as the location is easy to attend by folk from all over the village. If it ain't broke, don't fix it is my motto and that certainly applies in this case.” – Member of the public</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That BVB is merged with BAC, as there is no longer a requirement for these two polling districts to be split.</p>

Rye & Winchelsea

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HI001	Badger Gate, Udimore Road	1,712	1	<p>Badger Gate has been the designated place since 2016 as the previous venue, Tilling Green Community Centre, was not available for use at the time.</p> <p>Tilling Green Community Centre is now available and is considered a more suitable venue. Therefore it is proposed to change the polling place to Tilling Green Community Centre.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>“I am councillor for Rye and Winchelsea town. The three polling stations used are fine.” – Councillor Gennette Stevens</p> <p>“Rye Town Council supports the proposal that the Polling Place should be changed from Badger Gate to Tilling Green Community Centre.” – Town Clerk, Rye Town Council</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That Tilling Green Community Centre be designated as the polling place.</p>
HI002	Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill	1,905	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>“I am councillor for Rye and Winchelsea town. The three polling stations used are fine.” – Councillor Gennette Stevens</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HL	Winchelsea New Hall, Rectory Lane	386	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p>

				<p>“I am councillor for Rye and Winchelsea town. The three polling stations used are fine.” – Councillor Gennette Stevens</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
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Sedlescombe & Westfield

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BAD	Sedlescombe Village Hall, Church Hill	1,239	1	No issues identified with polling place. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
HAK	Westfield Church Hall, Vicarage Lane	1,766	1	Dual polling place with HAK. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
HAL	Westfield Church Hall, Vicarage Lane	321	1	Dual polling place with HAL. The current polling place is not in the polling district. We have investigated alternative venues, but have not been able to identify a suitable alternative within the polling district, and therefore no change of polling place is proposed. <u>Other comments received:</u> None. <u>Recommendation:</u> No changes proposed.
HBW	The whole polling district (Westfield Church Hall was used at the most	240	1	The whole polling district is currently designated as the polling place as the previous venue, Sedlescombe Golf Club House, is no longer available for use. Westfield Church Hall was used at

	recent elections)			<p>the most recent elections, but is not considered suitable for permanent use as it is already in use as a polling place for two other polling districts.</p> <p>Claverton Country House Hotel, Bluemans Lane has recently been identified as a possible venue. Following a visit by officers, it has been determined that the venue would be available and is considered suitable for use.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That Claverton Country House Hotel is designated as the polling place.</p>
HK	Three Oaks Village Hall, Butchers Lane	675	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>

South Battle & Telham

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
BAG	Wilmoths, Hastings Road	436	1	<p>Wilmoths is currently designated as the polling place, however it is not considered to be an ideal venue. We have investigated alternative venues, but have not been able to identify a suitable alternative within the polling district, and therefore no change of polling place is proposed.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That the whole polling district is designated as the polling place.</p>
BX	The whole polling district (The Emmanuel Centre was used at the most recent elections)	1,291	1	<p>The whole polling district is currently designated as the polling place, however The Emmanuel Centre was used at the most recent elections, and is considered a suitable venue. Therefore it is proposed that The Emmanuel Centre is designated as the polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That The Emmanuel Centre is designated as the polling place.</p>

Southern Rother

Current Polling District	Current Polling Place	Electorate	Number of Polling Stations	Acting Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HC	Fairlight Village Hall, Fairlight	1,562	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HD	The whole polling district (Guestling Village Hall, Church Lane is currently used as a polling station)	514	1	<p>The whole polling district is currently designated as the polling place. Guestling Village Hall is currently used as a polling station, but is not considered to be an ideal venue. Therefore, it is proposed that the whole polling district continue to be designated as the polling place to allow for an alternative venue to be used at such time as one becomes available.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HE	Icklesham Memorial Hall, Workhouse Lane	799	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p> <p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
HG	Pett Village Hall, Pett Road	746	1	<p>No issues identified with polling place.</p>

				<p><u>Other comments received:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
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* The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) conducted a review of Rother electoral arrangements in 2016, which resulted in new ward boundaries. As a result, it was necessary to create a number of additional temporary polling districts, where the existing polling district boundaries were not aligned with the new ward boundaries and part of the polling district had changed ward. It was intended that these temporary polling districts would remain until the new ward boundaries took effect at the local elections in May 2019 (after which they would no longer be required), and then be merged with an existing polling district in their new ward as part of the next compulsory review of polling districts and polling places.

General Comments and Proposals

“Isn’t it about time this system was dragged into the 21st century and allowed us to vote online?
If I can register as a voter online why can’t I vote online?
Surely more people would actually vote if they didn’t have to physically go down to some seedy little hall.”

– Member of the public.

“Thankyou for the chance to respond to the request for feedback concerning the polling stations.
I would like to put forth my views on voter turnout and how this could be positively affected by giving some thought to our four legged canine friends and their owners in the polling stations.
We have a very well behaved small dog. Previously on any given election day we would walk down to our local polling station and in we went with our dog. There were no problems. Far from it. People wanted to pet her and fuss over her, all which she loves.
Last time we went to vote the dog was refused into the polling station. She has never caused any trouble and she has never asked to vote for a candidate as she does not hold any particular political view. Would be nice if there was a more dog friendly atmosphere in the polling stations. I realise that not all dogs may be as friendly as our dog. I am sure that the traffic flow could be arranged in the polling station so that possibly one of the kiosks was for people with dogs or that there was a one way system so noone needed to be in contact with an animal.

There are many people with assistance dogs as well- I know they are in a different category and likely allowed in.
Bexhill being a retirement town means there are a lot of retired people out walking their pets during the day who would likely pop in and vote more often with their dogs than without. Otherwise it means a separate trip out again in the same day to vote- not an option for many elderly people. Most get out once a day with their dog on a walk and that is the sum total of their activity or stamina for the day. I think if you allowed dogs in the polling stations there would be a greater turnout. I am sure you could manage to do this with some very simple measures concerning traffic flow within the polling stations. When you consider all of the public places that pooches are allowed into in the town such as many cafes, and public buildings and businesses I think it would be well worthwhile considering this as an option on polling days.

Thankyou for letting me express my views

Sincerely,

[name removed]

And Meg the Cockapoo-who although she holds no political beliefs is as smart as many politicians in Westminster.”

– Member of the public

“Dear Malcolm

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - Hastings and Rye parliamentary constituency

Thank you for the recent letter from your Electoral Services Manager, Richard Adams. This invited me, as the Acting

Returning Officer (ARO) of Hastings and Rye parliamentary constituency, to comment on your current review of polling districts and polling places.

I have reviewed the consultation documentation received and concur with the proposals made by Rother District Council, in relation to the Rye part of the constituency. As also agreed in 2016, I am happy to continue support of the designation of the whole of Guestling polling district as polling place, in order to give a degree of flexibility, should a more suitable venue become available. Similarly, I am happy to support your proposal to designate the whole of Kent Street polling district as the polling place for the same reasons. I am also in agreement with your proposal to move the HI001 polling place from Badger Gate to Tilling Green Community Centre, for elections from May 2020, as this venue is more conveniently located for electors and affords better access and facilities.

I agree it is vitally important to focus on access for all electors, including those with disabilities. We should always strive to ensure that polling stations have full disabled access, but realise this is not always possible, given the limited numbers of venues within an area. Achieving reasonable disabled access is certainly a challenge in the Hastings part of the constituency. Nevertheless, I feel we should continue to aspire to make our polling stations as accessible as possible. In addition to this, I believe that all members of the community should feel comfortable when entering a polling station and would suggest that you take this into consideration also.

As indicated earlier, I fully support your proposals. However, my previous electoral experience suggests that further changes to polling stations will sometimes be forced upon us, when current locations are no longer available. Similarly, new potential locations that become available from time to time can present opportunities to improve access and/or facilities. I hope it will be possible to take full advantage of these opportunities.

Thank you again for allowing me to make representations, and I wish a successful conclusion to your review.”

- Jane Hartnell, Acting Returning Officer, Hastings & Rye Parliamentary Constituency

Rother District Council

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	11 November 2019
Report of the	-	Executive Director
Subject	-	Appointments to outside bodies: Team East Sussex (TES)

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That the appointment to Team East Sussex no longer be a reserved appointment for the Leader of the Council and Councillor Mrs C.A. Bayliss be appointed as this Council's representative for the remainder of this civic year, expiring in May 2020 and that attendance thereat be designated an approved duty.

Introduction

1. Following the appointments made to outside bodies at the Annual Council meeting held on 22 May 2019 (Minute C19/17 refers) the appointment made to Team East Sussex (TES) requires change.
2. TES is the local federated board for the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP). Membership of TES is made up of business, local authority, social enterprise and education representatives from across the county.
3. The appointment to TES is one of a number of appointments that are reserved for specific roles undertaken by Councillors. The appointment to TES has hitherto been a reserved appointment for the Leader of the Council and Councillor Oliver was automatically appointed as this Council's representative at the Annual Council meeting in May.
4. Due to other commitments, the Leader of the Council is unable to take up this appointment and has requested that Council agrees that the appointment to TES is no longer a reserved appointment for the Leader the Council and that Councillor Mrs Bayliss be nominated to represent the Council on TES for the remainder of the current civic year.

Conclusion

5. Council is therefore invited to agree that TES is no longer a reserved appointment for the Leader of the Council and the Council's appointed representative on TES for the remainder of the current civic year until 2020 be Councillor Mrs Bayliss.

Malcolm Johnston
Executive Director

Risk Assessment Statement

Failure to appoint a representative who is able to attend meetings and represent the Council could result in the Council being unable to influence economic growth and prosperity East Sussex via the TES.

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