



To all Members of the Council

24 June 2022

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Rother District Council to be held at the Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea on **Monday 4 July 2022** at 6:30pm, when it is proposed to transact the business stated below.

At 6:25pm, prior to the commencement of the meeting, you are invited to join the Chair in prayer which will be led by her Chaplain, Father Martin Harper.

1. To approve as a correct record and to authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 16 May 2022.

2. To receive apologies for absence.

3. 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.

4. To receive the Chair's communications.

5. To answer questions from members of the public, if any, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Council Procedure Rules (*time limit 30 minutes).

6. To answer questions from Members of the Council, if any, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Council Procedure Rules (*time limit 30 minutes).

7. To receive the report of the Cabinet on matters for determination by full Council at its meetings on 27 June (there were no recommendations to Council arising from the Cabinet meeting held on 23 May) to include, as under:

27 June 2022 – TO FOLLOW

➤ Burwash Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019-2028

8. To receive the report of the Head of Paid Service

In accordance with paragraph 17a of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and paragraph 4 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, of any urgent decisions taken at the Cabinet meetings held on 23 May and 27 June 2022.

9. To receive the report of the Returning Officer (Pages 1 - 2)

On the Brede and Udimore Rother Ward By-election held on the 16 June 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Malcolm Johnston
Chief Executive

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Rother District Council

COUNCIL MEETING

4 July 2022

REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

BY- ELECTION – 16 JUNE 2022

1. I have to report the result of the by-election held on Thursday, 16 June 2022 to elect a District Councillor for the Brede and Udimore Ward following the death of Councillor J.M. Johnson.

Brede and Udimore

GORDON, Neil (Con) – 424 – **ELECTED**

GRIFFITHS, Martin Paul (Liberal Democrat) – 266

% Turnout = 38

2. Following the election I have also to report that:
 - (i) Councillor Neil Gordon has given formal notice of his wish to join the Conservative group;
 - (ii) The revised membership of Political Groups is as follows:

Conservative	15
Association of Independents	12
Liberal Democrat & Green	8
Labour	2
Independent Member	1
	<u>38</u>

3. Following the by-election a review of the committee seats has been undertaken, in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, resulting in no change to the overall seat allocation.
4. Councillor Neil Gordon has been appointed to the Licensing and General Purposes and Planning Committees in accordance with the Group Leader's wishes.

Change in Substitute Membership

5. In accordance with paragraph 5.6(a) of the Council Procedure Rules, notice is also given that Councillor Mary Barnes has been appointed as the Conservative Substitute on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Gennette Stevens.

Malcolm Johnston
Returning Officer

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