

## **Rother District Council**

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 21 November 2022

**Title:** Bexhill Town Centre Conservation Area Task and Finish Group

**Report of:** Ben Hook, Director – Place and Climate Change

**Ward(s):** All

### **Officer**

**Recommendation(s):** It be **RESOLVED:** That:

- 1) a Bexhill Town Centre Conservation Area (BTCCA) Task and Finish Group be established, comprising five non-Executive Members, to review the BTCCA Technical Advice Note;
  - 2) the Terms of Reference at Appendix A and appointments to the Group be approved; and
  - 3) any recommendations from the Task and Finish Group be considered by the Committee following the production of a final report.
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### **Background**

1. In September 2022, this Committee, during its consideration of three Technical Advice Notes (TANs) regarding the implication and application of various elements of planning policy, decided that a Bexhill Town Centre Conservation Area Task and Finish Group (BTCCAT&FG) should be established (Minute OSC22/20 refers).
2. This Task and Finish Group will examine national regulation, local policy, and enforcement process in relation to the BTCCA and how this is reflected in the TAN.

### **Terms of Reference**

3. The draft Terms of Reference for the BTCCAT&FG can be found at Appendix A.

### **Conclusion**

4. The BTCCAT&FG will consider the format and content of the TAN, consult with local stakeholders and identify key areas where greater clarity or detail is needed.
5. The Group may wish to make additional recommendations in relation to how the Conservation Area is treated as part of local plan policy, which could be reviewed as part of the local plan review.

6. The Group may also wish to make additional recommendations in relation to how the Conservation Area is considered in relation to the Rother District Council Planning Enforcement Policy, which could be reviewed and amended if necessary, subject to normal policy governance.

### Human Resources Implications

7. The BTCCAT&FG will be led by the Planning Policy Manager, with additional resources from the Development Management team.

Other Implications	Applies?	Other Implications	Applies?
Human Rights	No	Equalities and Diversity	Yes
Crime and Disorder	No	External Consultation	No
Environmental	No	Access to Information	No
Risk Management	No	Exempt from publication	No

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Appendices:	A – Bexhill Town Centre Conservation Area Task and Finish Group: proposed Terms of Reference
Relevant previous Minutes:	OSCS22/08
Background Papers:	None
Reference Documents:	None