

Rother District Council

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	31 July 2023
Report of the	-	Interim Chief Executive
Subject	-	Appointment to Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That an appointment be made to Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd (SEASPACE) in place of Councillor Jeeawon for the remainder of this civic year, expiring in May 2024 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 24 May 2023 (Minute C23/21 refers) the appointment made to Bexhill Renaissance Ltd (SEASPACE) requires replacement.
2. At the Annual Council meeting Council approved the appointment of Councillor A.K. Jeeawon as this Council's representative on Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd (SEASPACE). Councillor Jeeawon is now unable to take up this appointment and a replacement representative is required.

Considerations

3. Rother District Council is a Member of the Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd and its liability is capped by the Articles of Association at £1. Member Directors appointed to the company are appointed as directors of a limited liability company and as such have all the protections usually afforded to such directors under the Companies Act 2006 along with the corresponding duties and obligations to act in the interest of the company etc. that are set out in this Act.
4. While liability is limited in the usual manner for limited companies there are circumstances in which Directors may have personal liability, for instance if they were shown to have acted improperly, failed to perform director's duties etc. The Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd carry insurance to cover some of this risk but were a director to behave in breach of their statutory duties or act against the interest of the company they would bear some risk of not being protected by the structure of the company or its insurance.

Conclusion

5. Council is therefore invited to appoint an alternative representative on the Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd (SEASPACE) for the remainder of the current civic year until May 2024.

Lorna Ford
Interim Chief Executive