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Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee

A virtual meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Wednesday, 18 November 2020**.

Note: In accordance with regulations in response to the current public health emergency, this meeting will be held virtually with members in remote attendance. Public access is via webcasting.

The meeting will be available to watch live via the Internet at this address:

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Agenda

- 10.30 am
1. **Declarations of Interest**

Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt please contact Democratic Services before the meeting.
 2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 7 - 14)

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2020 (cream paper).
 3. **Urgent Matters**

Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances, including cases where the Committee needs to be informed of budgetary or performance issues affecting matters within its terms of reference, which have emerged since the publication of the agenda.
 4. **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 15 - 20)

The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at the 14 September 2020 meeting from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure and the Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities.

10.45 am 5. **West Sussex Tree Plan** (Pages 21 - 56)

Report by Lee Harris, Executive Director Place Services and Matt Davey, Director of Highways, Transport and Planning.

The Plan seeks to ensure that the trees within the County Council's ownership are maintained, protected, and improved for current and future generations. It also seeks to influence how the wider tree resource within the County is managed and improved.

11.25 am 6. **Call-ins**

(a) **Call-in Emergency Active Travel Fund Cycle Lane Scheme in Chichester (HI10 20/21)** (Pages 57 - 100)

The Director of Law and Assurance has agreed to call-in the proposed decision by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure concerning the Emergency Active Travel Fund Cycle Lane - A286 Chichester ring-road HI10 (20/21), published on the Executive Decision Database on 23 October 2020 and in the Member's Bulletin on 28 October 2020.

The decision report asks the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure to approve the removal of the Emergency Active Travel Cycle Scheme installed in Chichester.

The decision report by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure is attached as Annex 1 to the cover report.

The call-in was initiated by Councillor Dr Kate O'Kelly, supported by Councillors Dr James Walsh, Louise Goldsmith, Jamie Fitzjohn, Kirsty Lord and Morwen Millson. The decision has not previously been previewed by the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee. Dr O'Kelly has been invited to outline the reasons for the call-in request to the Committee.

Mr Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, has been invited to address the Committee and answer questions.

(b) **Call -in Emergency Active Travel Fund Cycle Lane Scheme A270 Upper Shoreham Road (HI11 20/21)** (Pages 101 - 140)

The Director of Law and Assurance has agreed to call-in the proposed decision by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure concerning the Emergency Active Travel Fund Cycle Lanes HI11 (20/21) – specifically, as it pertains to the

A270 Upper Shoreham Road scheme, published on the Executive Decision Database on 3 November 2020 and in the Member's Bulletin on 4 November 2020.

The decision report asks the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure to approve the removal of the Emergency Active Travel Cycle Scheme installed in Shoreham, and four others. The decision report by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure is attached as Annex 1 to the cover report.

The call-in was initiated by Councillor Kevin Boram, supported by Councillors Debbie Kennard, Ann Bridges, and George Barton. The decision has not previously been previewed by the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee. Mr Boram has been invited to outline the reasons for the call-in request to the Committee.

Mr Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, has been invited to address the Committee and answer questions.

Break

The Committee will adjourn for 15 minutes for a break.

- 12.40 pm 7. **Update on Cycling and Walking in West Sussex** (Pages 141 - 172)

Report by Director of Highways, Transport and Planning.

An update on work in this area, to include an update on Tranches 1 and 2 of the Emergency Active Travel Fund, and an update on work on the Cycling and Walking Strategy. Members of the Cycling and Walking Strategy Executive Task and Finish Group will assist the Cabinet Member in responding to the Committee's questions.

The Committee is asked to:

Review lessons learned from Tranche 1 of the Emergency Active Travel Fund, and how these are to be taken forward.

Consider and comment on the work of the TFG so far and agree suggestions to the Cabinet Member and Group on how the work on the Strategy is taken forward, particularly in respect of the Council's commitments in respect of climate change, Gear Change and LTN 1/20.

- 1.40 pm 8. **Pavement Parking Consultation response**

Members of the Committee who were involved are invited to verbally feed back to the Committee on what came out of the meeting with Miles Davy, Parking Manager, on the Pavement Parking Consultation Response.

9. **Requests for Call-in**

Call-in requests were received for the proposed decisions by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure concerning the concerning the Emergency Active Travel Fund Cycle Lane - A286 Chichester ring-road HI10 (20/21), published on the Executive Decision Database on 23 October 2020 and in the Member's Bulletin on 28 October 2020 and concerning the Emergency Active Travel Fund Cycle Lanes HI11 (20/21) – specifically, as it pertains to the A270 Upper Shoreham Road scheme, published on the Executive Decision Database on 3 November 2020 and in the Member's Bulletin on 4 November 2020.

These requests were accepted by The Director of Law and Assurance and will be heard in Item 6.

10. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 173 - 182)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 2 November 2020 – attached.

An extract from any Forward Plan published between the date of despatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

11. **Possible Items for Future Scrutiny** (Pages 183 - 184)

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Scrutiny Committee, and suitable for scrutiny, e.g. raised with them by constituents arising from central government initiatives etc.

If any member puts forward such an item, the Committee's role at this meeting is just to assess, briefly, whether to refer the matter to its Business Planning Group (BPG) to consider in detail.

The BPG met on 16 October 2020. The Work Programme, reflecting the output of the meeting is attached (Appendix A).

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 11 January 2021 at 10.30 am. Probable agenda items include:

- Community Hub Update
- Climate Change Strategy Delivery Plan

- Savings Proposals

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 29 December 2020.

To all members of the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee