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## **Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee**

A meeting of the committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Wednesday, 13 March 2019** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

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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 previous meetings of the Committee**
    - (a) **Minutes of 14 January 2019 Meeting** (Pages 7 - 20)  

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 (cream paper).
    - (b) **Minutes of 30 January 2019 Meeting** (Pages 21 - 24)  

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  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 25 - 28)

The Committee is asked to note the Cabinet Member's responses to the Committee's recommendations.

**a) Operations and Public Protection Savings Proposals**

The Committee is asked to note the Cabinet Member's response to the Committee's Recommendations on the Operations and Public Protection Savings Proposals – attached.

**b) Savings Proposals - Community Initiative Fund**

The Committee is asked to note the Cabinet Member's response to the Committee's recommendations on the Savings Proposals – Community Initiative Fund – attached.

10.40 am 5. **Call in: A29 Realignment Scheme - HI20 18/19** (Pages 29 - 48)

The Environment, Community and Fire Select Committee Business Planning Group has agreed to call in the proposed decision by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure concerning the A29 Realignment Scheme - decision published on the Executive Decision Database on 18 February 2019 and in the Members' Information Service on 18 February 2019 HI20 18.19.

The decision report asked the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure to agree to:

- (1) Approve the identified route for the A29 Realignment set out at paragraphs 3.4 and 3.6;
- (2) Approve the A29 Realignment Business Case (Appendix to the report) for submission to Coast to Capital LEP for its approval;
- (3) Delegate authority to the Director for Highways and Transport, in consultation with the Director for Finance, Performance and Procurement, to enter into a Funding Agreement with Coast to Capital LEP for the whole scheme once approved;
- (4) Commence public consultation on the proposed scheme for the A29 Realignment described in section 3 of the report in Feb/March 2019;
- (5) Authorise, subject to business case approval, the commencement of a process to procure and award a 'design and build' contractor for Phase 1 of the A29 Realignment scheme from the approved list of

contractors on  
the Highways and Transportation Framework;

(6) Delegate authority to the Director for Highways and Transport to award the design and build contract following the outcome of the procurement process; and

(7) Delegate authority to the Director for Highways and Transport to submit a planning application for Phase 1 of the scheme.

**a)** Decision report by Executive Director of Economy, Infrastructure and Environment and Director of Highways and Transport – attached.

The call-in was initiated by Michael Jones supported by Brian Quinn, Chris Oxlade and Brenda Smith. The decision has not previously been previewed by the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee

**b)** Call-in request – attached.

Michael Jones has been invited to outline the reasons for the call-in request to the Committee.

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

11.40 am      6.      **Highway and Transport Improvement Schemes** (Pages 49 - 60)

Report by Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure and Environment and Director of Highways and Transport – attached.

This report addresses the identification, assessment, prioritisation, and funding of highway and transport improvement schemes, including the role of members and the use of developer contributions.

The Committee is asked to consider the key issues identified, note the improvements that are being made to various processes and to give their view on the suggested new improvements.

**The Committee will break**

1.00 pm      7.      **Draft Guidance on Parking at New Developments** (Pages 61 - 116)

Report by Executive Director of Economy, Infrastructure & Environment and Director of Highways and Transport – attached.

The County Council has worked with the Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in West Sussex to undertake a review of the current approaches to parking, and prepared new draft Guidance on Parking at New Developments .The Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure will be asked to approve the new guidance in March 2019.

The Committee is asked to consider the proposed approaches taken to parking at both residential and non-residential developments.

- 2.00 pm      8.      **Community Hubs and Plans for Worthing Library** (Pages 117 - 172)

Report by Director of Communities – attached.

The Committee is asked to understand the background of the Community Hubs Programme, to consider the Strategic Principles and financial implications and to review the engagement and consultation undertaken for the first Community Hub in Worthing.

- 3.00 pm      9.      **Business Planning Group Report** (Pages 173 - 194)

The report provides an update to the Committee of the Business Planning Group meeting held on 20 December 2018, setting out the key issues discussed – attached

The Committee is asked to endorse the contents of this report and the Committee’s Work Programme for 2019/20, revised to reflect the Business Planning Group’s discussions and any subsequent developments.

- 3.05 pm      10.      **Requests for Call-in**

The Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee Business Planning Group (BPG) received a request to call-in the proposed decision by the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities concerning the Community Hubs and Plans for Worthing Library SSC7 18/19 – decision published on the Executive Decision Database on 1 November 2018 and in the Member’s Information Service on 1 November 2018. The BPG declined the request.

The BPG also received a request for call-in of the proposed decision by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure concerning the A29 Realignment Scheme - decision published on the Executive Decision Database on 18 February 2019 and in the Members’ Information Service on 18 February 2019 HI20 18.19. This request was accepted by the

BPG and will be heard in Item no.5.

11. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 195 - 204)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 1 March 2019 – 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.

12. **Possible Items for Future Scrutiny**

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Select 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.

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is on **9 May 2019** at 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Chichester.

Items likely to be on the agenda include:

- Halewick Lane Energy Storage Project
- Road Safety - Safer Sussex Roads Partnership
- Major Events Protocol
- New Arrangements for Community Grant Funding
- Work to Mitigate the Loss of Educational Services Provided by the Prevention Team
- Economy Growth Plan - Action Plans

**To all members of the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee**