
West Sussex County Council – Ordinary Meeting

22 October 2021

At the Ordinary Meeting of the County Council held at 10.30 am on Friday, 22 October 2021, at County Hall, Chichester PO19 1RQ, the members present being:

Cllr Bradbury (Chairman)

Cllr Albury	Cllr A Jupp
Cllr Ali	Cllr N Jupp
Cllr Atkins, RD	Cllr Kenyon
Cllr Baldwin	Cllr Lanzer
Cllr Baxter	Cllr Lord
Cllr Bence	Cllr Markwell
Cllr Bennett	Cllr Marshall
Cllr Boram	Cllr McDonald
Cllr Britton	Cllr McGregor
Cllr Burgess	Cllr Milne
Cllr Burrett	Cllr Mitchell
Cllr Charles	Cllr Montyn
Cllr Cherry	Cllr Nagel
Cllr Chowdhury	Cllr Oakley
Cllr Condie	Cllr O'Kelly
Cllr A Cooper	Cllr Oppler
Cllr Cornell	Cllr Oxlade
Cllr Crow	Cllr Patel
Cllr J Dennis	Cllr Pudaloff
Cllr Duncton	Cllr Quinn
Cllr Dunn	Cllr Richardson
Cllr Elkins	Cllr Russell
Cllr Evans	Cllr Sharp
Cllr Forbes	Cllr Smith
Cllr Gibson	Cllr Sparkes
Cllr Greenway	Cllr Urquhart
Cllr Hall	Cllr Waight
Cllr Hillier	Cllr Wall
Cllr Hunt	Cllr Walsh, KStJ, RD
Cllr Johnson	Cllr Wickremaratchi
Cllr Joy	

27 Death of Sir David Amess

27.1 The Chairman led a minute's silence in memory of Sir David Amess, MP who had been killed in a terror attack.

28 Format of meeting

28.1 The Chairman reminded the Council that members participating remotely would not be able to take part in any items for decision as

the law requires members to be physically present in the chamber in order to participate and vote.

29 Deaths of former members

29.1 The Chairman reported the deaths of four former members of the Council: Mrs Sally Greenwell, who had represented the Petworth division from 1985 to 1993 and from 1997 to 2005, Mr Mike Hall, who had represented the Chichester East and later Chichester North division, serving on the Council from 1998 to 2013, Mr Peter Jones, who had represented Selsey from 2009 to 2013 and Cllr David Simmons, who had represented the Sompting & North Lancing division from 2009 to 2013 and then Southwick division from 2017 to 2021.

29.2 Members held a minute's silence.

30 Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Attendance

30.1 The following members attended the meeting virtually and therefore did not take part in or vote on items requiring a decision.

Cllr Bennett, Cllr Britton (afternoon session from 2.25 pm) Cllr Evans, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hillier, Cllr Joy (morning session), Cllr Kenyon and Cllr Nagel.

Apologies

30.2 Apologies were received from Cllr B Cooper, Cllr N Dennis, Cllr Linehan, Cllr Mercer, Cllr Payne, Cllr Pendleton and Cllr Turley.

30.3 Apologies for the afternoon session were received from Cllr Joy.

31 Members' Interests

31.1 Members declared interests as set out at Appendix 1.

32 Minutes

32.1 It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the County Council held on 16 July 2021 (pages 7 to 30) be approved as a correct record.

33 Appointments

33.1 The Council approved appointments as set out below which took effect from the end of the meeting.

Committee	Change
Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Ali and Cllr Patel to replace Cllr Markwell and to fill vacancy respectively
Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Linehan to fill vacancy
Foster Panel (additional member at the request of the Fostering Service)	Cllr Hall

34 Governance Committee: Use of hybrid technology for meetings

34.1 The Council considered a proposal for the use of hybrid technology for meetings in some circumstances, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee (pages 31 to 34).

34.2 Resolved –

That the proposed changes to Standing Orders, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

35 Address by a Cabinet Member

35.1 Members received an address by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People on the recent Ofsted monitoring visit. The Cabinet Member answered questions from members on the matter.

36 Governance Committee: Terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Member Development Group

36.1 The Council considered changes to the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Member Development Group in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 35 to 42).

36.2 In response to a suggestion from Cllr Pudaloff that it would be helpful to have someone with lived experience of disabilities on the group to feed into the process, the Chairman said that Cllr Wickremaratchi, Chairman of the Member Development Group, would contact her for a discussion.

36.3 Resolved –

(1) That the revised terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Panel, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and

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- (2) That the proposed amendment to the terms of reference of the Member Development Group, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.

37 Question Time

- 37.1 Members asked questions of members of the Cabinet on matters relevant to their portfolios and asked questions of chairmen, as set out at Appendix 3. This included questions on those matters contained within the Cabinet report (pages 43 to 48) and a supplementary report (supplement page 1) and written questions and answers pursuant to Standing Order 2.38 (set out at Appendix 2).

38 Motion on Gatwick Airport Runway Capacity (for debate)

- 38.1 The following motion was moved by Cllr Wall and seconded by Cllr Duncton.

'West Sussex County Council is a statutory consultee in the Development Consent Order process with regard to the proposal by Gatwick Airport Ltd (GAL) to bring the Northern/Emergency runway into routine use (for departures only). This Council notes the proposed economic benefits and likely adverse social and environmental impacts of GAL's Northern Runway Project.

This Council resolves to ask the Cabinet to seek evidence and assurance from GAL that it will mitigate the following key impacts as part of the proposed development:

- (1) Any increase in aircraft noise levels/noise distribution pattern.
- (2) Any adverse traffic and surface access impacts (forecasting, transport assessment methodology, modal shift).
- (3) Any additional social and environmental impacts, including on health and well-being, air quality and carbon reduction targets.
- (4) Any increase in the need for new homes (supply/demand from anticipated additional workforce) and supporting infrastructure, including County Council services.

In addition, whilst not part of the formal consultation, the safeguarded land allocation to the south of the existing runway for an additional runway should be reviewed and recommendations as to its future use should be made by the Cabinet to Her Majesty's Government.'

- 38.2 An amendment was proposed by Cllr Lord and seconded by Cllr Condie as set out below.

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This Council resolves to ask the Cabinet to seek **and be satisfied by** evidence and assurance from GAL that it will mitigate the following key impacts as part of the proposed development **before any final position on the proposal can be taken by the Council:**

- (1) Any increase in aircraft noise levels/noise distribution pattern.
- (2) Any adverse traffic and surface access impacts (forecasting, transport assessment methodology, modal shift).
- (3) Any additional social and environmental impacts, including on health and well-being, air quality and carbon reduction targets.
- (4) Any increase in the need for new homes (supply/demand from anticipated additional workforce) and supporting infrastructure, including County Council services.

In addition, whilst not part of the formal consultation, the safeguarded land allocation to the south of the existing runway for an additional runway should be reviewed and recommendations as to its future use **in line with the Council's Climate Change Strategy** should be made by the Cabinet to Her Majesty's Government.'

38.3 The amendment was lost.

38.4 The motion was carried.

39 Motion on Land Use (for debate)

39.1 At the County Council meeting on 16 July 2021 the following motion had been moved by Cllr Milne, seconded by Cllr Mercer, and referred to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property for consideration. A report by the Cabinet Member was included with the agenda (pages 40 and 50).

'This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property to put in place a clear process, such that any currently-owned Council land will always be first considered for possible social, community or environmental use, particularly where this complements the Council's ambitions relating to climate change, prior to deeming it surplus to requirements, which could see it allocated for development within West Sussex County Council's Joint Venture development company.'

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- 39.2 An amendment was moved by Cllr Duncton and seconded by Cllr Elkins as set out below.

'This Council **confirms that** ~~calls upon~~ the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property **has to** put in place a clear process, such that any currently-owned Council land **is** ~~will~~ always be first considered for possible social, community or environmental use, particularly where this **could** complements the Council's ambitions relating to climate change, prior to deeming it surplus to requirements, **one of** which **options** could **be** ~~see it allocated~~ for development ~~within~~ ~~West Sussex~~ **by the** County Council's Joint Venture development company.'

- 39.3 The amendment was carried.

- 39.4 The motion, as amended and set out below, was carried.

'This Council confirms that the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property has put in place a clear process, such that any currently-owned Council land is always first considered for possible social, community or environmental use, particularly where this could complements the Council's ambitions relating to climate change, prior to deeming it surplus to requirements, one of which options could be for development by the County Council's Joint Venture development company.'

40 Motion on Male Violence (not for debate)

- 40.1 The following motion was moved by Cllr Lord and seconded by Cllr Cherry:

'Recent news reports have highlighted the impact of male violence in the UK, including in West Sussex. This Council believes that:

- (a) Victims of male violence are never to blame.
- (b) Significantly reducing male violence will make women and men safer and lessen the suspicion that groups of young men and single men in particular face.
- (c) Alongside enhancing services for victims, agencies should focus their efforts on preventing male violence rather than asking innocent people to modify their behaviour.
- (d) The causes of male violence are complex and often start in early life.
- (e) Solutions cannot be created by agencies and voluntary organisations working in isolation.

This Council therefore calls on the Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue to convene a cross-agency group

(including but not limited to the police, health services, county, district and borough councils, and voluntary organisations) with the remit to:

- (1) Understand the extent and nature of male violence in West Sussex;
- (2) Assess the effectiveness of the programmes currently in place;
- (3) Identify gaps in provision with reference to national and international best practice; and

Report back to this Council within six months with details of a comprehensive and ambitious plan to ultimately end male violence in West Sussex, including details of the resources and timelines required.'

40.2 The motion was referred to the Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue for consideration.

41 Motion on Adult Social Care Charges (not for debate)

41.1 The following motion was moved by Cllr Milne and seconded by Cllr Walsh:

'Recent increases in Adult Social Care charges are causing severe distress to vulnerable individuals and their families, who are being asked to fund charge increases of as much as 400% overnight.

While we recognise the enormous stress on the County Council's budget caused by a decade of government cuts to local authority funding, this is clearly too much of an increase, too fast.

This Council therefore resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Adults Services to:

- (1) Reconsider the issue of Adult Social Care charges in West Sussex;
- (2) Look at alternative methods of funding and examine ways to reduce the impact on the public; and

Agree a cap on annual charge increases, such that no individual's bill can rise by more than a fixed maximum percentage in a single year (unless there has been a material change in their service provision).'

41.2 The motion was referred to the Cabinet Member for Adults Services for consideration.

Chairman

The Council rose at 3.53 pm