

# RECONVENED FULL COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM 11 JULY 2018

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Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Nigel Sinden) in the Chair, Councillors Bacon, Barnett, Batsford, Battley, S Beaney, Berelson, Bishop, Charman, Chowney, Cox, Davies, Fitzgerald from 7.20pm, Louise, O'Callaghan, Rogers, Sabetian, Turner, Webb, Lee, Patmore, K Beaney, Beaver, Edwards, Foster, Marlow-Eastwood and Rankin

Apologies for absence were noted for Councillors Forward, Roberts, Scott, Evans and Levane

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Fitzgerald

## 15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

## 16. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

There were no announcements from the Mayor or the Leader of the Council.

## 17. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS UNDER RULE 12

No written questions from members had been received.

Questions to the Leader, Deputy Leader and other Lead Members were asked and answered in accordance with rule 12.1 as follows:

Questioners And Councillor	Subject	Reply Given By Councillor
Lee	<u>Definition of Anti-Semitism</u> Hastings Borough Council aims for an inclusive environment. Does the Leader of the Council agree with the current international definition of Anti-Semitism? Councillor Chowney replied that he did not currently know the international definition, but would endeavour to answer Councillor Lee after finding out.	Chowney
O'Callaghan	<u>Active Hastings</u> Being a parent, I would like to know what kind of activities I can be doing with them during the summer holidays. Is there anything going on in the town that could help keep children active? Councillor Batsford replied that Active Hastings had a number of activities going on over the	Batsford

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	<p>summer holidays, starting Wednesday 25 July 2018 with a number of activities, as detailed in the Active Hastings leaflets available at the Town Hall and the Tourist Information Centre. These leaflets were circulated at the meeting.</p>	
Patmore	<p><u>New Pier Owner</u> Will the Leader of the Council wish the new owner of the pier good luck and a successful future? Councillor Chowney responded that he does wish the new owner good luck, and noted that there were many interesting ideas that he had heard.</p>	Chowney
Cox	<p><u>MyHastings Online Services</u> Would Councillor Rogers be able to give us an update on the progress of the number of services used online through the MyHastings service? Councillor Rogers replied by stating that since the launch of MyHastings, 48,000 accounts had been set up. In the future, she said, there would be a Member's Briefing for online services. She said there was praise from parts of the community, and encouraged members to tell their residents to use the service.</p>	Rogers
Beaver	<p><u>The Affect of Glyphosate on Bee Populations</u> Would the Leader of the Council comment on how despite passing a motion to protect bee populations in the town, weed removers still use the chemical glyphosate, which has negative effects on bees? Councillor Chowney stated that there wasn't a proven link between glyphosate and the negative effects on bees, however his concern was that the chemical is carcinogenic. Eventually, in the long term he stated, the Council would aim to not use chemicals and instead de-weed by hand.</p>	Chowney
Bishop	<p><u>Thanks to Roger Crouch</u> will the Leader extend his thanks to Roger Crouch for his efforts in organising so many events in Hastings, including the Red Arrows flying over, and the Hastings Pirate Day, and world record? Councillor Chowney responded that there was many thanks and a well done given to Roger Crouch for all of his work in organising festivals in the town, especially that of Hastings Pirate Day, which managed to gain the world record.</p>	Chowney
Rankin	<p><u>New Management of the Pier</u> Would the Leader of the Council tell us his hopes and aspirations, or perhaps provide some kind of manifesto for</p>	Chowney

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	<p>the pier? Councillor Chowney replied that the council did not own the pier, and while they might offer advice through the planning department, it would be inappropriate to interfere with the future of plans for the pier.</p>	
Sabetian	<p><u>Renewable Energy Plan</u> Would the Leader of the Council be able to provide an update on the progress of the renewable energy plan and the mounting of solar panels of council owned properties? The reply was that PV arrays were being placed on Muriel Matters House currently, as well as other buildings and factory units owned by the council. He mentioned further that there were plans to use areas in Rother District Borough to provide energy. Wind generation was a possibility, but due to planning issues, plans for on-shore wind generation were being delayed. There was a hope that a ban on this kind of energy generation could be lifted.</p>	Chowney

18. **MOTION (RULE 14)**

Councillor Charman proposed, a motion, as set out in the resolution below, which was seconded by Councillor Louise.

**RESOLVED (by 19 for and 8 against) that:**

**“East Sussex County Council (ESCC) made the decision not to recommission the care provision provided at the Isabel Blackman Centre in Hastings Old Town in their Cabinet meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This will mean the closure of a vital centrally located service with loss of jobs from April 1 2019.**

**We are deeply concerned about the effect this will have on the vulnerable elderly people from across the Borough who use the Isabel Blackman Centre, who may, as a result, be put at risk of isolation, depression and other health issues.**

**ESCC promise to replace this service with “like for like” alternative provision. However we have not seen any detail of how this will be achieved, and are not confident this will be guaranteed on current evidence.**

**We therefore request that the decision is brought back to ESCC Cabinet on the basis that:**

**1. Full costings on redundancy and legal obligation for the redundancy costs is provided.**

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2. The cost savings in transferring the asset to another provider are identified.

3. The design and commissions for approval of like-for-like service proposals are worked up within the 9 month timeframe.

We ask the ESCC leader and director of Adult Social Care commit to meeting the substantial care and social needs of our existing and new clients as a County priority.

We also request that the Leader of Hastings Borough Council write to the Chair of ESCC, the Director of Adult Social Care, and to Amber Rudd MP.

- To fulfill its promises in respect of like-for-like replacement provision.
- To respect the covenants on the Isabel Blackman Centre building.
- To commission local providers for future services.
- To work closely and transparently with the Isabel Blackman Foundation and local Councillors to fully involve them in the commissioning of new services.”

### 19. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

No motions for a change in representation on committees were received from the group leaders.

### 20. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Mayor called over the minutes set out in the agenda, the under mentioned minutes were reserved for discussion. He reminded Full Council that due to the meeting being reconvened from 11 July 2018, minutes 90 (Pt1) and 90 (Pt2) on the agenda had already been agreed.

**RESOLVED that under rule 13.3 the reports and minutes of committees set out in the agenda, including those items on which a council decision was required, be received and agreed. Only those items which were reserved were discussed, as follows:**

Meeting	Minute	Councillor
Special Cabinet, 21 May 2018	80. Hastings Country Park Visitor Centre	Lee
Cabinet, 4 June 2018	83. GDPR – The General Data Protection Rules	Beaver
Cabinet, 4 June 2018	84. Draft Town Centre and Bohemia Area Action Plan	Davies
Cabinet, 4 June 2018	86. Hastings Fish Brand	Battley

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Cabinet, 2 July 2018	91. 1-1 conversations and values and behavioural framework performance management approach	Lee
Cabinet, 2 July 2018	92. Targeted Funding to Reduce Rough Sleeping	Turner
Cabinet, 2 July 2018	93. (E) 12/13 York Buildings	Patmore

The press and public were asked to leave the Council Chamber for the discussion of minute 93, as this was an exempt part 2 item, and they could not be present for this.

No motions for reference to Overview and Scrutiny Committee or reference back to Cabinet were approved in respect of the items reserved for discussion and they were therefore received.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm)