Governance Committee
16 OCTOBER 2018

Present: Councillors: Michael Willett (Chairman), David Coldwell (Vice-Chairman), Andrew Baldwin, Toni Bradnum, Karen Burgess, Philip Circus, Leonard Crosbie and Matthew French

Apologies: Councillors: Peter Burgess

GO/15 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Governance Committee hled on 18th Spetmember 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

GO/16 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

GO/17 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

GO/18 **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS**

The Returning Officer summarised his review of polling district, polling places and polling stations.

One significant change was noted by Members that St Andrew's Primary School would no longer be used as a polling station. Electors in Nuthurst & Lower Beeding would instead vote at Mannings Heath Village Hall.

Some Members were disappointed with this outcome as some electors would need to travel further to attend their polling station but ultimately the Committee agreed to recommend Council to approve the revised schedule.

RESOLVED

That the Committee Recommends Council to approve the revised schedule of polling districts and polling places following the review carried out this year.

REASON

To ensure that polling districts, polling places and polling stations are relevant and fit for purpose.

GO/19 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

That, under Section 100A (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of paragraphs 2 and 3 and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

GO/20 **REVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONSTITUTION OF PLANNING COMMITTEES AT HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Head of Legal & Democratic Services provided Members with a brief update on the Review of Planning Committees at Horsham District Council.

Details of the Advisor conducting the Review and the chosen Peer Member were given to the Committee. Discussion of the proposed timeline for further Committees took place.

GO/21 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.03 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN