



REGENERATION AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regeneration & Strategic Development Committee held at Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven on **Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 8:30pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: Shaun Boniface (Chair)
Lesley Boniface
Krissy Taylor
Kim Bishop
Mark Wardle
James Harrison

ALSO ATTENDING: Ken Dry, Town Clerk
Stephen Honey, Executive Officer (on-line)

RSD001/25 The Chair stated that this meeting will be recorded and then made publicly available on the Newhaven Town Council Website for 28 days, followed by its removal and deletion.

RSD002/25 **TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THIS REGENERATION & STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO THE ROLE OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE SAME.**

Cllr. L. Boniface **NOMINATED** Cllr. S. Boniface to take the role of Chairman of this Regeneration & Strategic Development Committee, this was **SECONDED** by Cllr. Taylor, and following a unanimous vote in favour, it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. Boniface take the role of Chairman of this Regeneration & Strategic Development Committee for the ensuing year.

RSD003/25 **TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THIS REGENERATION & STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO THE ROLE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE SAME.**

Cllr. Wardle **NOMINATED** Cllr. Harrison to take the role of Vice Chairman of this Regeneration & Strategic Development Committee, this was **SECONDED** by Cllr. Taylor, and following a unanimous vote in favour, it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. Harrison take the role of Vice Chairman of this Regeneration & Strategic Development Committee for the ensuing year.

RSD004/25 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Woodling.

RSD005/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made.

RSD006/25 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGENERATION AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH MAY 2025 ARE AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2025 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes be signed by the Chair to be a true record of the proceedings.

RSD007/25 PETITIONS/PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received

RSD008/25 TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE ACTIONS CONCERNING THE EXISTING GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PROVISION.

The Town Clerk provided the meeting with an update on the current position and then provided an oral summary of each of the following options.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	
	LDC Veg + Burial	NTC Veg + Burial Highways Verges	NTC Veg Highways Verges LDC Burial	NTC Veg Highways Verges NTC Burial/DLO	NTC Veg Highways Verges NTC Burial	
Term	(5+5 years)	(5+5 years)	2 years and (5+5 years)	2 years + Perm	2 years each contract*	*staggered let
Potential Risks	Over-riding Unitary Priorities Minimal Control Chosen Contractor Lack of Flexibility Increased Precept Unknown effects of Unitary Set-up	Over Procurement Thresholds Increased NTC Monitoring unknown Contractor Increased Precept Contractor Relationship Full NTC Procurement Unknown effects of Unitary Set-up	Reduced Control/Monitoring Chosen Contractor Lack of Flexibility (Burial) NTC Monitoring Increased Precept Partial U/K effects of Unitary Set-up	Recruitment & Training Capital Expenditure/Eqpt Staff Salaries/Inc. Precept Staffing on-costs NTC Monitoring Increased Precept	NTC Monitoring Increased Precept	
Potential Benefits	No NTC Procurement	Contractor Control Chosen Contractor One contract/economies of scale	Reduced NTC Procurement Some Contractor Control Some Contract Renewal Frequency Below Procurement Thresholds	Part Contract/Economies of Scale Contractor Control Contract Renewal Frequency Below Procurement Thresholds Staff ownership?	Contract Economies of Scale Contractor Control Contract Renewal Frequency Below Procurement Thresholds	

Following discussion, councillors indicated that they did not consider Options 1 and 2 as viable given the circumstances at hand and that additional financial information surrounding Option 4 was required.

RESOLVED that a decision be deferred until more financial information is supplied regarding Option 4 with a final resolution by e-mail to be reported to the next meeting of this committee.

RSD009/25 INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT TO 20TH MAY 2025.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:25Hrs.

Date: **Chair**

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