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PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Planning Policy Committee will be held in the **Council Chamber at the Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton BN17 5LF** on **Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 6.00 pm** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors Bower (Chair), Hughes (Vice-Chair), Chapman, Charles, Coster, Elkins, Goodheart, Jones, Lury, Thurston and Yeates

PLEASE NOTE: Subject to Covid-19 Risk Assessments members of the public are advised that there will be no physical access to this meeting.

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Any members of the public wishing to address the Committee meeting during Public Question Time, will need to email Committees@arun.gov.uk by 5.15 pm on **Monday 12 July 2021** in line with current Procedure Rules. It will be at the Chief Executive's/Chair's discretion if any questions received after this deadline are considered. Permitted questions will be read out by an Officer.

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact:
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AGENDA

OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

Members are asked to note reports from Cllr Thurston on the South Down National Park Authority and Cllr Lury on the Strategic Board.

Note : If Members have any detailed questions, they are reminded that they need to inform the Chair and relevant Director in advance of the meeting.

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ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Report to Planning Policy Committee – 20 July 2021

Name of Meeting:	South Downs National Park Authority
Date of Meeting:	September 2020 - July 2021
Report by:	Cllr Isabel Thurston
Committee:	Planning Policy Committee

The SDNPA has two committees, P and R (including Audit and Governance), and Planning. I sit on the former, for which there are bi-monthly meetings plus associated briefings and working groups. In addition we all attend full Authority meetings which are also bi-monthly. I've attended around 20 meetings since last September. Meetings have been online until the last couple of months, and the Authority set up a generous Covid recovery fund for local businesses affected.

The Authority works to a five year Partnership Management Plan, on projects and partnerships in the Park and on the borders, which further its purposes – to protect the park and help people enjoy it, as well as to help residents thrive.

At the moment the key priorities are: Climate Change, Nature Recovery, Equality and Diversity and Wellbeing. There is an emphasis on the rural economy – especially local business networks, tourism and food – and farmers and landowners are encouraged to join cluster groups to share practice and resources.

As you would expect the officers follow government movements very closely and work with DEFRA and the other National Parks to develop high level strategy. We have had briefings on planning, and protected landscapes legislation, as well as NSIPs like Rampion and roads.

The SDNP has just bought its first piece of land, the Seven Sisters Country Park. Plans are to create a state of the art model for biodiversity and climate change awareness. We are also about to embark on an exciting project for the Shoreham Cement works, which again should be a model of sustainable development.

For workshops, officers from the park's LAs are often invited to speak on their work, however there doesn't seem to be much liaison with Arun and this is something I would love to see improve. The officers and members are fully aware of Arun's difficult situation (which is shared by Chichester and Horsham, for example) and are keen to be involved with border projects and especially green corridors.

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**ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Report to Planning Policy Committee – 20 July 2021

Name of Meeting:	Strategic Board
Date of Meeting:	31 March 2021
Report by:	Councillor Martin Lury
Committee:	Planning Policy Committee

I attended a virtual meeting of the Strategic Board along with Karl Roberts, Director of Place. The meeting began with an update on the Post of Strategic Planning Advisor and subsequent appointment of consultants to undertake background evidence to LSS3. It transpires that the aforementioned advisor should have completed a Statement of Common Ground, but failed to do so in the agreed timescale and thus there had been a mutual parting of the ways. He did not charge for evidence studies, so circa £ 450 000 remains ring-fenced in order to move forward and consultants who know the area and have been lauded by Horsham for their work have now been engaged (ICENI).

A Constraints Map to be produced in months and Housing Need issues with evidence of the scale of unmet need to be worked through over a period of three to five months. The Board will then examine these and look at opportunities for growth and finalise the Statement of Common Ground which explicitly recognises a Climate crisis.

There then ensued a round - up of where various authorities were with their Local Plans. Horsham are at Reg 19 stage, Mid Sussex adoption next year, The National Park plan adopted in 2019, Lewes having reviewed a five year old plan will adopt a new one in December, Brighton looking to adopt in early 2022 (watch the ripple effect as they face a 35 per cent increase in housing numbers), Adur plan adopted in 2017 had a 3500 shortfall, seeking to do a light review and with just two sites to test and attempting to safeguard a site between Shoreham and Lancing, Worthing coming up for inspection soon (not over enamoured of Arun's comments!), Chichester Reg 19 in March 2022 and lamenting the fact that over 70 per cent of land is in The National Park and also citing issues with the A27 in terms of an East/West corridor

ICENI will be present at the next meeting looking at the Constraints Map partly reflecting pressure from London.

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