

Subject:	South Downs National Park Authority – Delegation of Development Control Function to Constituent Authorities – Extract from the proceedings of the Governance Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2012		
Date of Meeting:	22 March 2012		
Report of:	Strategic Director; Resources		
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Wards Affected:	All		

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**4.00 pm 20 March 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Littman (Chair), A Norman (Deputy Chair), Cox, Mitchell, Morgan, Powell, Randall, G Theobald, MacCafferty and Shanks.

Also in attendance: Mr. S. Keane, Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

PART ONE

73. SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY – DELEGATION OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL FUNCTION TO CONSTITUENT AUTHORITIES

- 73.1 The committee considered the report of the Strategic Director, Place regarding the South Downs National Park Authority and the termination of Development Control Agency Arrangements in Brighton and Hove. The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) became the Local Planning Authority for the National Park on 1 April 2011. The Council entered into an Agency Agreement under s101 of the Local Government Act 1972 with the SDNPA to provide Development Control services for that part of the National Park within the City on a temporary basis of up to three years. The report sought to terminate that agreement. The number of application reviewed over the last year had been low, with 23 applications having been received. The SDNPA now had its own planning department.
- 73.2 Councillor Theobald said that termination of the agreement had been expected, but had concerns over where the planning meetings would be held. Councillor Theobald was advised that the meetings would be held in Midhurst, unless there were a high number

of residents involved in a matter when an alternative more locally based venue would be considered. Councillor Theobald was concerned that Midhurst was difficult to travel due, with a lack of public transport, and felt that an alternative venue such as Arundel should be considered. The Chair asked if those comments could be passed to the SDNPA.

- 73.3 **RESOLVED:** That the Council be recommended to agree that the Agency Agreement dated 21 June 2011 between South Downs National Park Authority and the Council relating to the provision of planning services in Brighton and Hove be terminated on a date to be agreed by the South Downs National Park Authority and the Strategic Director, Place.