

**POLICY and RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

Agenda Item 63

11 October 2012

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Nomination of Member to Serve on Proposed Coastal West Sussex Strategic Planning Board		
Date of Meeting:	11th October 2012		
Report of:	Strategic Director, Place		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE/ EXEMPTIONS

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 A Coastal West Sussex Strategic Planning Board has been set up by the relevant local authorities to consider strategic planning issues arising from the Duty to Co-Operate required by the Localism Act and National Planning Policy Framework. The report seeks agreement on a Council Member to serve on this board.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee agree that Councillor MacCafferty as Deputy Leader of the City Council be nominated as the City Council's representative to serve on the Coastal West Sussex Strategic Planning Board.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The Coastal West Sussex Partnership has been set up to bring together leaders and senior officers from business, education institutions and the public sector to work collectively on economic issues that affect the coastal area of Chichester, Arun, Worthing and Adur Districts.
- 3.2 The Partnership's vision is for a strengthened coastal economy that delivers an exceptional experience for residents, business and visitors. The Partnership exists to support the activities of the partner organisations, to take on roles where collaboration is most appropriate and directly assist economic regeneration projects and initiatives.
- 3.3 Coastal West Sussex is one of 5 area partnerships that contribute to the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership.
- 3.4 Shoreham Harbour is one of the main development sites in Coastal West Sussex and it is for this reason that the City Council has previously attended a number of Coastal West Sussex planning meetings.

- 3.5 With the new duty to co-operate on planning issues the Coastal West Sussex Partnership offers the opportunity for co-operation to discuss strategic planning issues. This has been agreed by the relevant local authorities on the Partnership and a Strategic Planning Board has been set up. Brighton & Hove City Council has been invited to be represented on this Board. The Board will not have any decision making powers which rest with the constituent local authorities.
- 3.6 The report recommends that Councillor MacCafferty as Deputy Leader represents the City Council on the Coastal West Sussex Strategic Planning Board.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 None required

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Name Karen Brookshaw Date: 12/09/12

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The duty to co-operate referred to in the report was introduced by the Localism Act 2011. The specific statutory requirements regarding the duty to co-operate are found in section 110 of that Act which requires that local planning authorities co-operate in relation to the planning of a “strategic matter”. “Strategic matter” is defined as “sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas...” The recommendation in the report accords with this duty to co-operate.

It is not considered that any adverse human rights implications arise from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Name Hilary Woodward Date: 14/09/12

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Through the duty to co-operate the requirement to meet cross-boundary development requirements can be assessed.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None arising from this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Failure to carry out the duty to co-operate effectively could see the City Plan being found unsound at public examination

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 None arising from this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 Effective co-operation with other local authorities is required to enable the development and growth requirements, including housing needs of the wider City sub-region, to be considered. In order for the City Plan to be found sound at public examination it is necessary to demonstrate evidence that the City has effectively co-operated with nearby authorities on matters of mutual or cross boundary impacts. The Strategic Planning Board offers an effective and efficient method of helping to achieve this.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 An alternative would be not to attend the Coastal West Sussex Strategic Planning Board. Alternative methods of co-operation are likely to be more time consuming and ponderous.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The City Council is required to co-operate effectively with other local authorities to consider development needs that extend across its boundaries. This approach is required to demonstrate the soundness of the City Plan. Membership of the Coastal West Sussex Strategic Planning Board is one way of meeting these objectives and demonstrating that the duty to co-operate has been met.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. None

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. None

