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RALC meeting 8th July 2026

Bexhill Town Hall

Some important points of awareness for all Councillors

Local Plan update

There will be a final opportunity to submit comments against the final draft plan in the Autumn 26. With the final plan being submitted to government in December 26.

Numbers

There were quoted as just 260 comments from Bexhill residents of the 1400 Overall comments. Considering Bexhill is greater than 50% of Rother it seems that Bexhill residents are relatively happy with the local plan or just don't complete consultations

Planning

Major changes to NPPF which will impact us and I believe that we need a briefing from RDC planning officer

Some changes are delegated to officers developments under 9

No ability for District councillors to call into planning committee.

LGR and the Future

Significant discussion over the future and how Parish and Town Councils will operate in the future. No absolute commitment to them even existing. Discussion around NAC's

Agreement for the Chair to gain commitment from Lewes and Wealden District to enter into discussions with County and the Strategic Mayoral authority to creating reporting and discussion lines now rather than waiting.

The exec of RALC have split all the Towns and Parishes up between them and we are being looked after by the Chair, Keith who wishes to meet with the 2 RALC reps, the Chair and Deputy and the Town Clerk.

What I am unclear about is the impact that RALC can have and whether 50% of RDC has any value when its reduced down to 3% of RALC.

Membership

There was confusion about whether Clerks are able to attend. The answer is yes. And I agree with that as there are some very technical scenarios on the horizon so our clerk should be at these

There are only quarterly and access via Teams is acceptable

Next meeting 21/10/26 which is also the Annual Parish Meeting, @ Brede