APPENDIX L

FULL COUNCIL MOTION

Motion to Reinstate the Planning and Development Committee

Proposed by: Cllr Connor Winter
Seconded by: Cllr Paul Wilson

Motion

That Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council resolves to reinstate its Planning and Development Committee, recognising the changing national planning landscape, the importance of effective local representation in planning matters, and the need for a dedicated, coordinated forum through which the Town Council can consider planning proposals and formulate its representations on matters affecting Bexhill and its surrounding communities.

The Council further resolves that the Committee shall operate within the Town Council's existing staffing and administrative arrangements, meet monthly for the remainder of the 2026/27 civic year in accordance with the proposed timetable set out below, and have a remit that includes the consideration of planning applications, planning policy consultations, significant development proposals and other relevant planning matters. The Bexhill Neighbourhood Plan shall ultimately fall within the Committee's remit for ongoing development, implementation, monitoring and future review, subject to the completion and reporting of the commissioned expert review and compliance with the Council's Standing Orders and applicable statutory requirements.

The following timetable has been proposed by the Town Clerk, Adam, to accommodate the reinstated Committee alongside existing committee meetings and within the Council's current administrative arrangements.

Month	Proposed date	Scheduling arrangement
December 2026	2 December	Before the Engagement and Communications Committee

January 2027	6 January	Before the Amenities Committee
January 2027 — alternative	13 January	Before the Finance and Audit Committee
February 2027	3 February	Before the Engagement and Communications Committee
March 2027	3 March	Before the Amenities Committee
April 2027	7 April	Before the Engagement and Communications Committee
April 2027 — alternative	14 April	Before the Finance and Audit Committee

The timetable is intended to provide one Planning and Development Committee meeting per month for the remainder of the civic year, with meetings scheduled alongside existing committee business where practicable. Planning consultation deadlines and the requirements of individual applications will need to be taken into account when preparing each agenda.