BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

to be held in the **Bexhill Senior Citizens Club, Eversley Road, Bexhill-on-Sea**

on **Wednesday 25th November 2026** at **6:00pm**

when it is proposed to transact the following business:



Adam Chugg
Town Clerk 19th November 2026

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.
Please note that the proceedings of this meeting may be recorded in line with regulations set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. Members of the public addressing the council but not wishing to be recorded should put this request to the town clerk at the earliest opportunity.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE DURING THE MEETING AS THIS INTERFERES WITH THE RADIO MICROPHONES USED IN RECORDING THE MEETING.

AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

   In accordance with standing order 3(f) this session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Subject to standing order 3(g), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. In accordance with standing order 3(h), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given. A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking. A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chair of the meeting. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chair of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

2. **TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE NEW STRATEGIC AUTHORITY**

   a) To receive presentation from Cllr Keith Robertson regarding the Sussex and Brighton Strategic Authority.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

5. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. MINUTES

a) To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday the 28th October 2026.

(Appendix A)

7. MAYORS OFFICE

a) To receive an update on the work of the Town Mayor.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

External Councillors may report for three minutes.

a) To receive reports from Division County Councillors.
b) To receive reports form Ward District Councillors.
c) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors.

9. PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

a) To consider approving Terms of Reference for the Planning, Development and Highways Committee.

(Appendix B)

b) To appoint seven members to the Planning, Development and Highways Committee as stated in the Terms of Reference.
c) To receive the response of the Town Council to the Rother District Council Draft Local Plan Consultation.

(Appendix C)

10. TO CONSIDER APPROVING UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE TOWN ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

a) To consider approving updated Terms of Reference for the Town Accessibility Working Group as recommended by the Amenities Committee.

(Appendix D)

11. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON WORK FROM STRATEGY COMMITTEE

a) To receive and consider approving one of the 3 visions created by the Strategy Committee:
    I. Bexhill on Sea will be vibrant, welcoming and looking to the future. Engaging inclusively alongside our communities to create an

even better place. Providing an improved, sustainable and life enhancing environment that celebrates our rich heritage.

II. For Bexhill on Sea to be a welcoming, vibrant and prosperous seaside Town where our Heritage is celebrated, communities are supported, businesses thrive and future generations have the opportunity to flourish.

III. For Bexhill-on-Sea to be a thriving, welcoming and resilient Town that celebrates its heritage, improves wellbeing and creates opportunities for future generations.

b) To consider commissioning an Options Appraisal for the most suitable long-term premises as recommended by the Strategy Committee. To note this would be funded from the future projects budget.

(Appendix E)

12. SERPOLLET SCULPTURE

a) To resolve to re-allocate up to £6,000 from CCTV EMR to Serpollet EMR. Rationale: National Highways and Rother District Council have indicated that an expert traffic risk assessment is needed before the planning application can be determined. It is estimated that this will cost up to £6,000. Therefore, the recommendation is we take unused funds from the CCTV EMR to fund this.

13. ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

14. TOWN CLERK UPDATE

a) To receive Town Clerk report.

(Appendix F)

15. PLANNING MATTERS

16. TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ROTHER PARKING REVIEW

a) To respond to the East Sussex County Council Rother arking review formal consultation. https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/parking/parking-reviews/current-reviews/rother-review

(Appendix G)

17. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) To receive report on High Street Rental Auctions and submit comments to Rother District Council.
High Street Rental Auctions – Rother District Council

(Appendix H, H I)

b) To submit comments on Rother District Council proposed budget for 2027-2028.
Council Budget 2027 – Rother District Council

(Appendix I)

18. ASSET TRANSFER

a) To consider Heads of Terms for Manor Barn Public Conveniences.

(Appendix J)

b) To consider Heads of Terms for Lower Galley Hill car park.

(Appendix K)

c) Update on Fountain - Cllrs are asked to note the following:

I. The tender process has gone live:
RDC AB Replacement of Bexhill Seafront Fountain (ESPH729 JB) - Find a Tender

II. BNB/RDC confirm funding support for the maintenance of the Fountain, the arrangement will now be 100% of costs in the first year of operation instead of a smaller % over a number of years.

III. Cllrs considered the Heads of Terms in August. The full asset transfer documents are expected to be sent on for consideration in the coming weeks.

19. EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

a) To receive updates from external representatives.

20. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

a) Cllr Jacklin

Preamble - Homes England have included a MUGA and a play area in their initial plans. The scope and feasibility of these may depend on how they are maintained. Homes England have indicated that they would welcome dialogue with the Town Council in completing their plans to submit for outline planning approval. The proposal is for the Town Clerk to have the discussions and report back.

The motions are as follows:

I. The Town Council resolves to discuss potential collaboration with Homes England about assets of community interest on the Northeye Site.

II. The Town Council resolves to ask David Dennis to provide advice to the Town Council on the Homes England Northeye Development Plans and feed back to the Town Council in time for our response to the final round of consultation.

21. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

22. RISK REGISTER

a) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2026

All motions for the meeting of the Full Council on the 16th December 2026 must be received by the 4th December 2026.

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press will not be permitted to attend during the following items:

24. TO CONSIDER A RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA POST

(Appendix L)