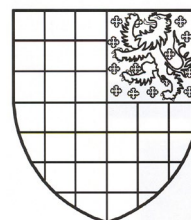


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**LEWES
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MINUTES

of the meeting of the Working party formed **to consider the matter of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**, held on **Wednesday 28th August 2019** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lewes at 7:00pm.**

PRESENT Cllrs Baah; Henman; Herbert and Makepeace

In attendance: S Brigden (*Town Clerk [TC]*).

UNWP2019/01 ELECTION of CHAIRMAN

Cllr Baah was elected Chairman of the Committee for the 2019/20 year.

UNWP2019/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies had been received from Cllr Bird, who was on holiday, and Cllr O’Keeffe who was attending a funeral.

UNWP2019/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

UNWP2019/04 QUESTIONS: There were none

UNWP2019/05 REMIT of the COMMITTEE

Members noted the remit of the committee, as:

A To assess the current activities of the Town Council against the 17 over-arching United Nations Sustainability Goals, as well as their sub-categories, to establish what we are doing to help bring about the goals.

B To look at what further activities the Town Council might promote that would enable Lewes to make its contribution towards achieving the goals.

C To create a snapshot report against which all future activities can be measured

UNWP2019/06 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

1. The earlier Working Party and found that the Council had a good baseline upon which to build in most of the areas where it had influence. There was an expectation that the upcoming Mayor’s event “Building a Sustainable Lewes” would identify many areas where collaborations and further developments were possible.

2. It was noted that the co-related 17 goals were often grouped as

- > “People”
- > “Prosperity”
- > “Planet”
- > “Peace and a just society”
- > “Partnership”

3. There followed a general discussion on various aspects of sustainability. It was suggested that Councillors might collect information to populate a directory of organizations/individuals working in the field of sustainability, who might make up a ‘map’ of advisers.

4. The previous identification of areas where the Council addressed aspects of the 17 goals was revisited, and ideas for further consideration and development were:

- > Revision of the stated aims and structure of the Councils financial grants scheme to encourage sustainability.
- > Introduction of initiatives to support composting and encourage organic practices on Council allotments (*eg* new prize categories at the annual show, and guidance leaflets).

- > Further develop the imminent (19th September) “Building a Sustainable Lewes” event and invite stakeholders to form an extended Sustainable Goals Forum.
- > Support Lewes FC youth outreach programme and assist promotion of club membership.
- > Support school uniform exchange programmes.
- > Instigate a Lewes Youth Council.
- > Encourage Lewes Bonfire Council to promote makers skills by introducing an annual award for costume-making.
- > Support a Lewes Youth Band.
- > Provide access to computer(s) for public use.
- > Promote effective sustainability features of Council buildings as encouragement to other owners of heritage-listed or unusual buildings.
- > Assist in formulation of an integrated transport policy for the town.

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CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Council would be asked to note these considerations and support the approach being taken.

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There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed, and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed.....

Date