

**Report from Cllr Michael Lunn representing Wealden District Council Rotherfield and Hadlow Down Ward**

Wealden District Council has had its first Full Council meeting since the elections. This report outlines which Councillors whom have formed the new cabinet as outlined below.

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
LEADER Cllr James Partridge**	Governance: corporate policy development; corporate governance; forward visioning of the Council; performance management; development of policy support to elected members; democratic and electoral services; legal services; Community Leadership and Communications: Community leadership; communications; consultation and engagement and strategic partnerships.
HOUSING & BENEFITS Cllr Rachel Millward (Deputy Leader)**	Housing: affordable housing delivery; housing strategy; housing needs; housing options; private rented housing; special needs and supporting people; housing policy and performance; council housing; sheltered housing; right to buy; gypsies & travellers; HRA business plan; rent policy and setting. Benefits: Council Tax; NNDR; council tax support; housing benefits; and transformation to Universal Credit.
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT Cllr Ian Tysh	Planning and Development: Local Plan and infrastructure; arboriculture; landscape; biodiversity, AONB policy and South Downs National Park; housing delivery. Development management including: planning; building control; enforcement; local land charges; conservation; and design services. Strategic infrastructure provision
CLIMATE CHANGE, ECONOMY & WELLBEING Paul Coleshill	Climate Change: To deliver the Council's Climate Change Action Plan Economic Development: Economic development; business support; tourism strategy; and employment opportunities. Wellbeing: Sport, leisure & community wellbeing
FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES Greg Collins	Finance: budget strategy; accountancy; treasury management; risk management; council tax; exchequer services; audit Human Resources: HR personnel services; payroll; training and workforce development; and equalities, diversity & inclusion.
WASTE & CUSTOMER SERVICES Gareth Owen-Williams	Waste Management: delivery of commissioned waste management and recycling services through the joint waste contract. Customer Services: development of service access channels including demand management; web-based services; ICT and systems; and customer

	contact centre across all customer facing services.
PUBLIC HEALTH & ASSET MANAGEMENT Kelvin Williams	Community and Public Health: Food safety; health and safety; crime and disorder; public health; arts; community transport partnerships; community grants; pollution control; contaminated land; licensing; animal welfare; emergency planning; coastal protection; and protection from flooding and the voluntary sector. Asset Management: commercial strategy; strategic asset management; procurement; and implementation of commissioning strategy; car parks;

**\*\* Indications suggests the Lib Dem/Green Coalition will alternate Leader and Deputy Leader every 12 months.**

**Below outlines the new Chairs and Deputy Chairs of each District Council Committee.**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair/Deputy Chair</b>
Licensing	Anne Blake-Coggins
	Jessika Hulbert
Overview & scrutiny	Graham Shaw
	Dan Manvell
Planning (N)	Martyn Everitt
	Andrew Wilson
Planning (S)	Gavin Blake-Coggins
	Cornelie Usborne
Audit finance and governance	Andrew Wilson
	David White
Standards	Jane Clark
	Graham Shaw
Officer appointments and appeals	Alison Wilson
	Paul Coleshill

#### In other news

#### **Planning matters**

All Councillors (old and new) have received mandatory training on planning. Planning Committees are starting to resume, it is too early to say how these committees will operate or have impact on the Councils finances due to non-determination or impacts on appeals.

#### **Waste collections**

BIFFA has been notified that the bin employees have balloted again to on strike. This started on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and due to run for 1 month. However, unlike last time this is more a localised issue not related to pay and therefore it is hoped the matter is resolved in the near future.

#### **Full Council Motions**

There were two Full Council motions. 1. Ongoing issues related to potholes with ESCC and 2. Saving the Uckfield Leisure Pool. Both motions passed but it was subsequently noted by Trevor Scott that

each item will need to be brought before Cabinet and ultimately back to full Council to enable cost implications to be full evaluated.

**Land known as Drakes Den**

This matter has now been referred to an appeal – which the Parish Council and residents can make further comment.