

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Proposed Committee Placements:

Wednesday 21st May 2025, **Appendix E.**

1. Introduction:

At each Annual Meeting of The Council, the corporate body is asked to resolve which members subscribe to each of the following committees: *Amenities Committee, Engagement and Communications Committee, Finance and Audit Committee.*

On **Tuesday 13th May 2025**, members were sent an email asking them which committees they wish to sit on. This allows a list of committee preferences to be prepared in advance of the Annual Meeting of The Council.

2. Terms of Reference Amendments:

Throughout the 2025/2026 municipal year, several resolutions were made to amend the Terms of Reference. These included:

- A resolution made on **Wednesday 8th May 2024** increasing the committee membership for the Finance and Audit Committee from *six* members to *seven* members.
- A resolution made on **Wednesday 8th May 2024** increasing the committee membership for the Amenities Committee from *six* members to *seven* members.

00011 TO APPOINT ANY NEW COMMITTEES (IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 4).

- a) Finance and Audit Committee.
It was **RESOLVED** to increase the committee places from six to seven and appoint Cllr Brailsford, Cllr Timpe, Cllr El, Cllr Drayson, Cllr Rustem, Cllr Winter and Cllr Huseyin.
- b) Engagement and Communications Committee.
It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Blagrove, Cllr Byrne, Cllr Plim, Cllr Winter, Cllr Huseyin and Cllr Thomas.
- c) Amenities Committee.
It was **RESOLVED** to increase the committee places from six to seven. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Brailsford, Cllr Byrne, Cllr El, Cllr Goss, Cllr Plim, Cllr Rustem, Cllr Wilson .

**An image taken from the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8th May 2024.*

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- A resolution made on **Wednesday 8th May 2024** overturning a resolution that committees were made up of at least one-third women.
- A resolution made on **Wednesday 8th May 2024** stating that no more than 40% of a committee shall be made up of councillors holding office at both Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council and Rother District Council.

00010 TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXISTING COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** to overturn the previous resolution that committees are made up of at least one third women.

It was **RESOLVED** that no more than 40% (rounded down) of membership on committees shall be made up of Councillors holding office at both the Town Council and the District Council.

**An image taken from the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8th May 2024.*

- A resolution made on **Wednesday 26th June 2024** increasing the Finance and Audit Committee membership from *seven* members to *eight* members.

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a) Finance and Audit Committee:

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that Full Council increase the number on the Finance and Audit Committee to 8 members to enable the 40% limit of Rother District Councillors to be adhered to.

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It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Plim to the Finance and Audit Committee.

**An image taken from the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 26th June 2024.*

3. Current Resolutions Surrounding Committee Memberships:

There is currently a standing resolution made at the meeting of **Wednesday 8th May 2024** stating the following:

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It was **RESOLVED** that no more than 40% (rounded down) of membership on committees shall be made up of Councillors holding office at both the Town Council and the District Council.

4. Amenities Committee Preferences:

The following is a list (in alphabetical order, not the order the requests were received in) of which councillors wish to sit on the Amenities Committee:

Amenities Committee:

Cllr Byrne
Cllr Crotty
Cllr El
Cllr Goss
Cllr Plim
Cllr Rustem
Cllr Wilson

The Amenities Committee is made up of seven members.

5. Engagement and Communications Committee Preferences:

The following is a list (in alphabetical order, not the order the requests were received in) of which councillors wish to sit on the Engagement and Communications Committee:

Engagement and Communications Committee:

Cllr Blagrove
Cllr Huseyin
Cllr Plim
Cllr Winter

The Engagement and Communications Committee is made up of six members.

6. Finance and Audit Committee Preferences:

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The following is a list (in alphabetical order, not the order the requests were received in) of which councillors wish to sit on the Finance and Audit Committee:

Finance and Audit Committee:

Cllr Blagrove
Cllr Crotty
Cllr El
Cllr Huseyin
Cllr Peters
Cllr Rustem
Cllr Wilson
Cllr Winter

The Finance and Audit Committee is made up of eight members.

7. Standing Orders Amendment:

On **Wednesday 30th April 2025**, Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council resolved to amend the Standing Orders to introduce a strike-out voting policy, which goes as follows:

The Strike Out Voting Procedure

1. Initial Vote: All nominated candidates are put to a vote. If one candidate receives an absolute majority (more than half of the votes cast), they are elected.
2. No Majority Achieved: If no candidate achieves an absolute majority, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated from the contest.
3. Subsequent Rounds: The remaining candidates are subjected to another round of voting. This elimination process continues removing the candidate with the least votes each time until a candidate obtains an absolute majority.
4. Resolving a Tie: In the event of a tie between the final two candidates, the chair of the meeting has the authority to cast the deciding vote.

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- In each round, each councillor is entitled to vote for one candidate only.
- The vote is by a show of hands.
- If no candidate gets an absolute majority, the one with the fewest votes is eliminated, and a new vote is held – but again, only one vote per councillor per round.

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- a) To consider addition to Standing Orders formalising strike-out voting.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve addition to Standing Orders formalising strike-out voting.

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8. The Recommendation:

For any committees where there appears to be an oversubscription: you are asked to use the newly adopted Strike-out Voting Policy to fill these committee spaces, keeping in mind the resolution mentioned in item **3**.