



Chichester City Council

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes

Date 2 April 2025

Time 4.30pm – 5.21pm

Location The Council Chamber, The Council House, North Street, Chichester. West Sussex • PO19 1LQ

PRESENT: The Mayor, Councillor Quail (SQ), the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Loxton (SL), Councillors Apel (CA), Butler (AB), Chant (RC), Corfield (MC), C Gershater (CG), J Gershater (JG), McHale (SM), Miall (RMi), Pramas (LP), Scicluna (AS) and Vivian (JV).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk (TC), Deputy Town Clerk (DTC), Council Services and Support Manager (CSSM), West Sussex County Councillor Simon Oakley

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Councillors Knight, Kondabeka and Squire.

Councillor Moore was absent.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

No declarations were made.

110. LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVOLUTION IN ENGLAND

Council considered the recommendations from the Devolution Working Group in order to agree the City Council's response to HM Government's consultation regarding the proposed Sussex and Brighton Strategic Mayoral Authority.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/sussex-and-brighton-devolution/sussex-and-brighton-devolution-consultation>

The Mayor read out the proposed responses in order and asked Members for feedback on the draft document.

Council **AGREED** to submit the response as presented in the report circulated before the meeting, subject to the following changes:

- Q1) Change the response to **Don't Know**.
- Q2) Change the response to **Strongly Disagree**.
- Q5) Change the response to **Disagree**.
- Q6) Change the response to **Strongly Disagree**.
- Q7) Change the response to **Strongly Disagree**.

Members further **AGREED** to make the following changes to the text of the draft response:

- To add an introduction highlighting the City Council's concerns regarding the lack of a robust evidence or rationale for the proposed devolution model.
- Q6 – text to be added highlighting concerns about water quality.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk would make the agreed changes and submit the response to the consultation on behalf of the City Council.

111. **COMMON SEAL**

RESOLVED that the Common Seal be affixed to any documents necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed at this meeting.

DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING: 30 April 2025 at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 5.21pm

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Minute ref.	Action	Assigned to:
110	Amend City Council response to the consultation as agreed by Councillors and submit the response to the Government	Town Clerk