

Extract Minute of Council meeting held on 25 February 2025.

Minute 74, Petition: Stop the closure of Redhill Paddling Pool

'RESOLVED:- That Council ask Overview and Scrutiny to investigate how we arrived at this situation, and investigate ways to keep the paddling pool open and report back to full Council.'

Consideration was given to a petition calling for BCP Council to continue funding of the Redhill Paddling Pool.

The petition organiser, Ms Joscelyn Holbrook, provided Council with background relating to the submitted petition.

Members thanked the petition organiser for bringing the petition to Council, and Councillor T Slade moved the following motion:

"Ask Overview and Scrutiny to commission a new Task and Finish Group to investigate how we arrived at this situation, propose a long-term financial plan within council resources, and report back to Full Council at a later date."

Councillor C Adams seconded the motion.

Council debated the motion, and Councillor C Rigby moved an amendment to the motion, to delete words so that the motion read:

"Ask Overview and Scrutiny to ~~commission a new Task and Finish Group to~~ investigate how we arrived at this situation, ~~propose a long-term financial plan within council resources, and~~ **investigate ways to keep the paddling pool open** and report back to Full Council at a later date."

The proposed amendment to the motion was accepted by Councillor T Slade and Council unanimously voted to approve the amendment.

Council debated the substantive motion and this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: - That Council ask Overview and Scrutiny to investigate how we arrived at this situation, and investigate ways to keep the paddling pool open and report back to full Council.

Voting: Agreed with no dissent

Minute 83 - Motion to strengthen building standards through Local Authority control.

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules was proposed by Councillor P Cooper and seconded by Councillor P Canavan.

Councillor D Brown proposed an amendment to add the following to the proposed resolution:

“d) Refer the motion to the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for recommendation of the Council’s policy position on this matter.”

Council agreement was sought to confirm the amendment as the substantive motion which was subsequently carried without dissent.

Council proceeded to debate the substantive motion, where it was:

RESOLVED that:-

Council therefore resolves that the Leader of the Council writes to the relevant Secretary of State to:-

(a) Express this Council’s support to restore Local Authority Control over building inspections, reintroducing legislation that makes Local Authorities the primary enforcers of building safety and standards;

(b) Establish proper investment and resources for Local Authority Building Control teams, enabling them to carry out thorough, independent inspections and enforce compliance effectively;

(c) End Developer-Selected Inspections, ensuring that inspection processes are impartial, transparent, and free from financial conflicts of interest; and

(d) Refer the motion to the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for recommendation of the Council’s policy position on this matter.

Vote For: 50, Against: 3 (1 Abstention)