Local Government Reorganisation

Trevor Leggo (Chief Exec of ESALC) made a comment during the meeting that he was aware of several councillors that were not aware that the arrangements of local government were being changed! He urged all present to ensure that their fellow councillors were aware of proceedings.

Where RDC fits into the East Sussex submission to Government (Sue Prochak / Launer Ford)

90% of district councillors will be going; decision processes will be moving upwards with the loss of so many councillors with local knowledge; this cannot be good?

Feedback being received is:

- Local loss of identity
- Loss of protection of local areas
- Lack of representation
- Loss of neighbourhood
- If the new setup ignores local parish / town councils it will fail.

Launer Ford gave a presentation of the process taken by RDC and other district councils in forming their responses'. I have asked for a copy of the slides used?

A recommendation was made that the ONE EAST SUSSEX report be read; a link was given by Paul Redstone in his latest report.

Devolution of Assets (Joe Powel)

A large part of this presentation revolved around the delivery of services. Physical assets that cannot be devolved are those that generate income and those that have potential for hight monetary value. (The slide giving this value was crowded and in small print, which I could not read!)

At the Chairman forum I attended at the beginning of the month, it was suggested that RDC would require payment for assets; however, there was no suggestion of this during the presentation.

I hope to receive a copy of these slides.

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