

# ROTHER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (RALC)

22 January, 2.30pm at Staplecross Village Hall TN32 5QG

(Refreshments from 2pm)

Agenda Item		Lead	Time Allocated
1	Welcome	David Young	5 mins
2	Apologies for absence		
3	Accuracy of Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October		
4	Matters arising or reports from Members from previous meetings (items on agenda only)		
	a) Member survey- resent 19.12.2024.		
	b) CIL monies being applied to devolved services		
5	Update from RDC	Lorna Ford	
	a) UK Gov Devolution		40 mins
	b) Planning & NPPF update		5 mins
	c) Update key points RDC Budget 2025-26		5 mins
6	Update from Highways	James Kelly	20 mins
7	Update from Sussex Police Rural Crime team	PCSO Stephen Skerman	20 mins
8	RALC Budget – for approval.	Keith Robertson	5 mins
9	Contacts and admin.	David Young	
10	Confirm date of next meeting: 23 April 2025.		
	RALC Priorities <b>Deferred until survey result received.</b>		
	Climate Change. <b>Deferred until April RALC Meeting.</b>		

## Briefing Notes.

The items on the agenda have been re-ordered and some deferred to allow time to open a discussion of the emerging new UK Gov devolution plans, which will impact planning, delivery, and the structure of local government for all of us.

### Item 11 RDC Update

- a) Devolution. We expect to know the outline of the proposals for the new wider local government area by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. LF will update RALC on the current position and open Q&A on the potential impact on Rother & Sussex.

- b) The new NPPF legislation (in addition to item (a)) will change how the planning system works, how members can review applications and of course set targets for development. The RDC local plan may also need to be reviewed subject to item (a). Enforcement and time allowed for public speaking at planning meetings have also been raised recently by some members as items for review. To enable these planning items to be properly addressed we will arrange for a further meeting to address these and emerging issues either at the April RALC meeting or before depending on members views. This agenda item is therefor to quickly gather and understand how members would prefer to proceed.
- c) LF will summarise and update on the RDC 2025-26 budget position.