

Date: 01 February 2024

Title: Report Item 9 – Wealden District Parish Conference

By: S Adeniji (Clerk)

Purpose: Consider an invitation to attend the Wealden District Parish Conference

Recommendations: To consider nominating up to 2 delegates to attend the Wealden District Parish Conference on Thursday 14 March 2024 at the Hailsham Community Civic Hall on Vicarage Lane, Hailsham BN27 2AX

Introduction:

1. Wealden District Council will be consulting on a new local plan for the district in the spring. Whilst the local planning team have been working with town and parish councils during the preparation of the plan, WDC feels appropriate to run this year's conference around the forthcoming public consultation on its local plan.
2. In addition to the local plan, the conference will also provide town and parish councils the opportunity to feed into upcoming work to review the district councils' work on climate change and hear about the Local Government Association's campaign 'Civility in Public Life'.
3. WDC will be running the Parish Conference on Thursday 14 March 2024 at the Hailsham Community Civic Hall on Vicarage Lane, Hailsham BN27 2AX. This will be during the local plan consultation period and the conference will allow town and parish council representatives to hear from, and ask questions of, the local plan team.
4. The conference will open at 9.30am with tea and coffee with a prompt start at 10am. The expected end of the day will be 3pm. An official invite and agenda will follow nearer the time of the meeting.
5. Places for the conference are limited to two representatives per town/parish council. As with previous years to cover the provided lunch there will be a small charge of £30 per delegate.