

Eden District Council Meeting 25 March 2021.

1. Chairman's Announcements.

Chair Andy Connell: Cases of Covid have stabilised to 10-15 cases per 100,000 in the last few weeks. Public consultation on unitary authority is current, closing date will be 9th of April. AC recommended the second choice. EDC has further widened the eligibility criteria for business grants. 570 firms have been helped and £607,000 been given.

2. Councillor Patterson, chair of Planning, discussed why certain planning applications are brought to the planning committee: controversial applications, objections and other reasons.

3. Councillor Margaret Clark announced that four members of the Independent Group had left the coalition in power. The other councillors in this new group of "true independents" are: David Ryland, Sandy Lancaster and Henry Sawry-Cookson. Councillor Mary Robinson discussed what had been gained by the Independent group joining the others in the coalition: Warm and Green Homes grants, One Eden project and others.

4. Pay and Pensions Policy

Councillor Karen Greenwood presented this. The local authority is required to produce an annual report on this. There have been no material changes over the last year, just minor ones.

5. Proposed Calendar for Future Meetings

Councillor Debra Wicks asked if the representation on various committees would change with the formation of a new group. This would be looked in to.