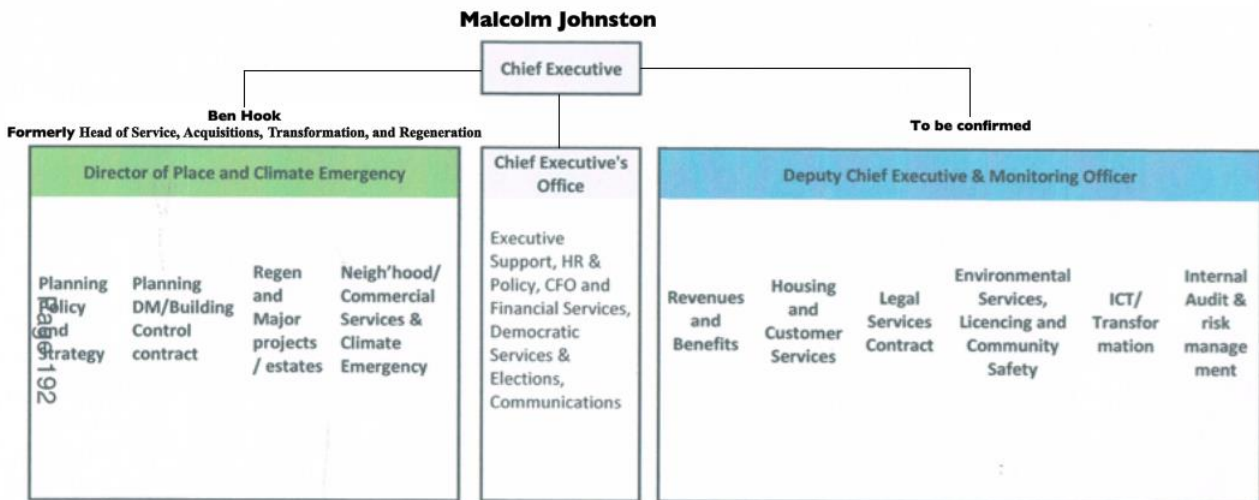


- 1.0 Thomas Peacocke site. Plutus Developments RR/2017/1778/P**  
Full conditional approval was granted on 23 December 2020.  
No further progress
- 2.0 Bridge Point Studios. Martello Developments RR/2019/789/P**  
Consent granted.  
Works on site did not commence in April as local residents were advised.  
No response to date on RCS concerns regarding use of Bridge Point Studios for commercial film work.
- 3.00 Rye College. New all-weather illuminated pitch RR/2019/785/P**  
No change  
Decision still awaited
- 4.00 Old NatWest Bank RR/2019/2577/L**  
Covers change of use. Undecided  
We remain concerned at the stripped woodwork being exposed to the weather.  
It is presumed that this awaits evidence of unsuccessful marketing over 18 months as required by RNP or just the standard Rother planning delay.
- 5.00 48 Ferry Road Approval RR/2018/1828/P**  
Internal and external works underway.
- 6.00 George Hotel RR/573/P**  
No response from Rother as Tim Hickling has now been made redundant as part of the new corporate structure at Rother. ( See 11.00 below)  
Applications now submitted for advertising and external lighting. In my view these external changes together with the revised colour scheme need to be considered as one and I will write to Ben Hook, Head of Place & Climate Change setting out our concerns again.
- 7.00 Land adjacent The Globe Military Road RR/2020/493/P**  
Ex Committee did not object although there was differing opinions on the finish to the boarding.
- 8.00 Flood Works East Bank Rother RR/2020/1572/P**  
Wall to protect King's Avenue housing and relocation of flood bank opposite Fish Quay.  
Discussions are ongoing between EA and Natural England on Habitat Assessment.  
DoE have accepted submission. Although consent still awaited.
- 9.00 Mill Lane/Ferry Road RR/2019/840/P Mill Lane/Ferry Road**  
**Outline: Development of 6 dwellings**  
Appeal against refusal lodged.
- 10.00 Replacement street lamps**  
Alternative street lamp sample awaited. Tape on existing lamp not successful.
- 11.00 Revised corporate structure in Rother and results of Planning Department review.**  
Rother have recently carried out a major revision to their corporate structure which has resulted in the redundancy of Tim Hickling. Planning now comes under the control of Ben Hook Head of Place & Climate Change.



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Whether there will be heads of the four departments under his control is not known. Rother are employing the planning service of Capita to assist the Planning department in dealing with the backlog and verification of new applications. The following are taken from the September cabinet minutes which also include a resume of actions taken to date Appendix D (Pages 57-68) arising from the Planning Department review.

**Headline Recommendations**

4. The review made the following headline recommendations that the Council should:
  - a) Consider the level of Transformation the organisation is prepared to invest in.
  - b) Create a project plan, identify roles and a timeline to deliver based on your priorities.
  - c) Categorise your approach across three key areas, people, processes and systems.
5. The three key areas are expanded into work themes at Appendix A together with an action plan.

**Planning Re-imagined**

6. Part of the work undertaken by IESE with officers and Members was to examine the current Planning Service to develop a new vision and mission that encapsulated both Members' and officers' aspirations.
7. The collective vision for Planning re-imagined is described as: 'An innovative, inclusive and dynamic service working collaboratively to meet the social, economic and environmental aspirations of our District.'
8. To underpin this vision the agreed planning mission is to shape the future direction of the District by:
  - Preserving and protecting AONB and the historical aspects of the District.
  - Reducing carbon emissions and environmental impact.
  - Stimulating economic growth, inwards investment and housing development to attract and support residents and businesses.
  - Protecting, enhancing and upholding built and natural environmental standards for the District.

## **Communications**

13. A communications plan is being developed that will cover both internal and external communications.
14. Internal Communications – this will cover both officers and Members and will include regular progress updates. An important part will be proactively engaging officers and Members to develop and implement the agreed changes.
15. External Communications – this will cover key stakeholders including customers of the planning service and strategic partners.

## **Appendix A**

### **Suggested Work Themes**

#### **People**

- Review lines of definition between roles
- Reduce spans of control (no. of employees under one manager)
- Consider career grading
- Invest in learning and development
- Develop values and behaviours essential for high performance

#### **Processes**

- Review 'as-is' analysis and invest in 'to-be' redesign for key processes
- Implement quick wins
- Design from a customer perspective

#### **Systems**

- Develop a business case, technical specification for a new Planning system
- Review of the website – design from a customer perspective

This 'revolution' is going to take time and depends on the degree of investment that Rother are willing to commit.

On a more prosaic note we are still without a Conservation Officer and a couple of the more senior planners have left for Wealdon.

12.00 Tide View. New England Lane

Letter of Objection sent on grounds of lack of sufficient information as to stability of cliff resulting from development.