

PRE-ELECTION EVENT

Tuesday 24 November 2026, 6:00pm

(online on MS Teams only)

PROGRAMME

6:00pm Welcome and Introductions – Lorna Ford, Chief Executive and Returning Officer

An overview of Rother District Council, what the Council does and how decisions are made

6:20pm Members

Current serving councillors to share their experiences, including specific formal roles and work in their local areas (approximately five minutes each)

Councillor Doug Oliver (Leader of the Council), representing Bexhill – Collington Ward, elected in June 2014, serves on Cabinet (Chair), Human Resources Committee (Chair) and Member Development Task Group.

Councillor Christine Bayliss, representing Bexhill – Central Ward, elected in May 2019 (also a Councillor from 1989 to 1996), serves on Cabinet, the Member Development Task Group and is a substitute Member on Licensing and General Purposes Committee and Standards Committee.

Councillor Nicola McLaren, representing Catsfield and Crowhurst Ward, elected in June 2025, serves on Cabinet, Climate Change Steering Group (Chair), Joint Waste and Recycling Committee and Member Development Task Group.

Councillor Paul Osborne, representing Eastern Rother Ward, elected in May 1999, serves on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair), Climate Change Steering Group and Member Development Task Group.

Councillor Arren Rathbone Ariel, representing Bexhill – St Stephens Ward, elected in May 2023, serves on Cabinet and is a substitute Member on Licensing and General Purposes Committee.

6:50pm Member Training & Development – Lisa Cooper, Democratic Services Manager

A brief overview of the support that is available to newly elected Members

- 7:00pm** **Question and Answer Session**
(To be chaired by the Chief Executive / Leader of the Council)
Attendees are encouraged to engage and ask questions in order to learn more about Rother District Council and what it is like to be an elected representative
- 7:30pm** **CLOSE OF SESSION**