

Catsfied PC Thursday 21 May 26 – RDC report

1. By-election 7/5 Rye and Winchelsea Ward – Cllr Daniel Bradley was elected.
2. Cabinet 11/5 - members were given an update on the council's Community Grants Scheme following the awarding of grants from the 2025/26 programme. The Community Grants Scheme received 52 applications from Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) groups, parishes and VCSE/Parish partnerships in the latest round of grants and was able to allocate £98,913 to support 15 projects.
3. Cabinet 11/5 - members gave their backing to changes to the council's Temporary Accommodation Capital Programme to reflect an additional £566,000 in grants from the latest round of the Homes England Local Authority Housing Fund. By acquiring its own temporary accommodation, the council was not only saving money by lessening the use of Bed and Breakfasts and other more expensive accommodation but was also driving up standards of housing by not relying on the private sector where standards can often be variable.
4. Annual meeting 19/5 – Cllr Mark Legg elected as Chair and Cllr Jimmy Stanger elected as Vice Chair. Full details of the meeting agenda [Agenda for Council on Monday 18th May 2026, 6.30 pm - Rother District Council](#)
5. Local plan – responses to the recent consultation are being analysed and summarised. Final plan including development management policies has to be submitted by end of year so aim is to bring it to Full Cabinet in September.