

Agenda Item 26.76

Report to	Findon Parish Council
Meeting Date	22 June 2026
From	Fiona MacLeod, Clerk
Title of Report	Clerk report
Purpose of Report	For information and consideration

1. For information/action

- 1.1 Arun District Council (ADC) recently provided an update on the government's second technical consultation regarding local government reorganisation (LGR) in West Sussex, which formally closed on 15 June 2026. Government has said that all responses and representations received for all consultations will be considered and no final decisions have yet been made, all reorganisation options consulted on for the area remain open for consideration. All West Sussex councils continue to work in close partnership as they navigate this important process. ADC's understanding is that we can expect to have a decision for our area before the summer parliamentary recess which begins on 16 July 2026. The overall timescale for reorganisation remains, with elections to the new shadow unitary authorities expected in 2027 preparing for the new authorities to formally launch in 2028.
- 1.2 ADC now has a new process for reporting abandoned vehicles which can be made via the following link: <https://av.sussex.polarisapps.io/jurisdiction/arun> The FPC website has been updated.
- 1.3 No call for an election was received by ADC following Paula Whitby's resignation and Expression of Interest (EoI) form etc were placed in the Notice Boards and published on the FPC and Community websites. To date, no EoI's have been received for consideration at this meeting.
- 1.4 Government has increased the expenses for relevant business miles from £0.45p to £0.55p per mile backdated to 1 April 2026. I understand that this is the first increase since 2011.
- 1.5 A new Wayleave Agreement consent was required for the UK Power Networks project for the Soldiers Field House development. It was originally proposed to upgrade the substation utilizing the rights in the substation lease with all cables installed in the easement land. However, the existing earthing did not meet current/modern safety standards and it was necessary to install new earthing which did not fall within the easement land. The new Wayleave consent was signed off on 16 June 2026.

2. Issues for consideration/ratification by full Council

- 2.1 None.