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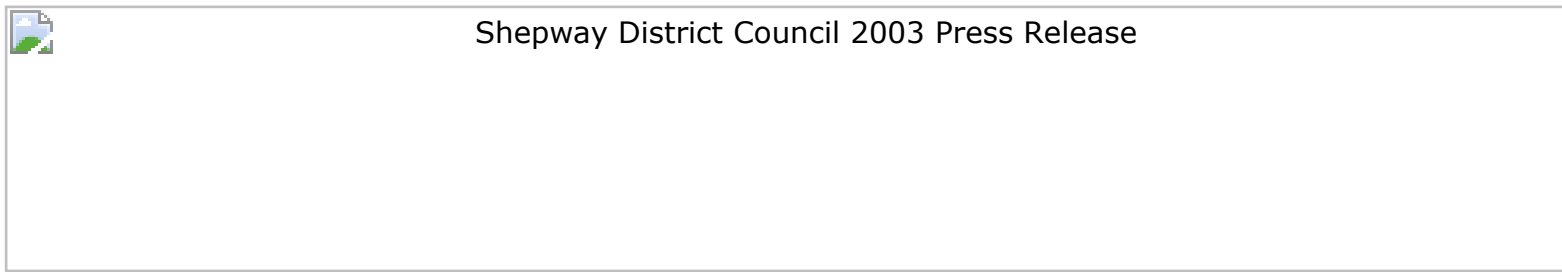
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NEW LEADER FOR SHEPWAY COUNCIL

Shepway Council has elected a new Leader.

Conservative Councillor Robert Bliss will now lead the authority, following the resignation of Cllr Linda Cufley. Neither the Liberal Democrat Group, led by Cllr David Dickinson, or the newly-formed Independent Liberal Democrat Group, led by Cllr Linda Cufley, put forward a nomination for the Leadership at a meeting of the Council last night (Thursday).

The voting was 18 for and 12 against. There were 13 abstentions.

Cllr Bliss, who represents Folkestone Sandgate Ward, will now form an Executive (Cabinet).

One of the first jobs for the new Cabinet will be to bring council spending in line with the revised Council Tax level.

Shepway Council has been 'capped' by the Government and that means that the Council must find a further £600,000 in savings.

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