

## MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of a **MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 26 February at 6.00 pm

### **Present**

**Councillors:** E J Berry (Chairman)  
Mrs H Bainbridge, M D Binks, Mrs D L Brandon, R J Chesterton, Mrs F J Colthorpe, D R Coren, N V Davey, W J Daw, R M Deed, J M Downes, C J Eginton, R Evans, Mrs S Griggs, P H D Hare-Scott, Mrs C Heal, P J Heal, Mrs L J Holloway, T G Hughes, M R Lee, M A Lucas, E G Luxton, D F Pugsley, R F Radford F J Rosamond, Mrs J Roach, C R Slade, T W Snow, J D Squire, Mrs M E Squires, R L Stanley, Mrs M E Turner, N A Way, K D Wilson, Mrs N Woollatt and R Wright.

### **Apologies**

**Councillors:** Mrs E M Andrews, A V G Griffiths, Mrs B M Hull, D J Knowles, Mrs J R Rendle, F J Rosamond and P F Williams.

## 95 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 December 2013 remained unsigned due to a printing error and would be confirmed at the next meeting.

## 96 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed Members that he had attended a performance by the Junior Operatic Society at the weekend and urged Members to attend.

## 97 **COUNCILLOR WILSON**

Councillor Wilson explained that he would not be voting on any of the business discussed at the meeting.

## 98 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mrs Rowe referring to Item 6 (5) Motion 481 (Councillor C Slade – 17 February 2014) made the following statement: as a resident of Cranmore Ward, she placed very high value on the honesty of the people who were elected and that they should stand as an example. For many years she had been a Probation Officer and had met lots of offenders, she believed in rehabilitation but did not think that public office was the place for rehabilitation if you have broken the rules. She therefore asked Councillor Wilson to do the honourable thing and resign now and force a by-election.

Mr Hannon referring to Item 6 (5) Motion 481 (Councillor C Slade – 17 February 2014) stated that whilst he had sympathy with Mrs Rowe, Councillor Wilson had committed a crime and had been sentenced by a judge who had decided that there were circumstances and mitigating circumstances regarding a tragic situation. No money had been met from the public purse, it had been a poor man's crime and he panicked; Mr Hannon stated that he was not exonerating Councillor Wilson but he was challenging the Council. He asked how much money had been spent on prosecuting Councillor Wilson and the use of a "top silk", the press had mentioned £5k or £70k what was the true figure? He also asked who had given authority for the press release that had been issued.

The Solicitor stated that the case had begun in the Magistrates Court with Council's Solicitor present, however Councillor Wilson had elected for the case to be heard in the Crown Court; the Council's Solicitor had no right of audience in the Crown Court and therefore a QC had been employed for the 3 day trial at a cost of £10k.

The Chief Executive stated that he had authorised the press release as a result of pressure from staff, they were seeking an answer as to why Councillor Wilson had not been dismissed or suspended.

Mrs Daw referring to Item 6 (5) Motion 481 (Councillor C Slade – 17 February 2014) stated that she had come to the meeting to see who was backing Councillor Wilson. People around the town were asking how Councillor Wilson could stand for office but why couldn't ordinary people, who had done things wrong hold office? She stated that she was ashamed that the Council were allowing Councillor Wilson to stand as a Councillor. People who did things wrong should be punished and sacked. She felt that Councillors were put in office to serve the public. She wanted to find out who was not standing up for the truth and asked that Councillor Wilson resign and stand again, he needed to admit that he was wrong and say that he was sorry.

Mrs Harris referring to Item 6 (5) Motion 481 (Councillor C Slade – 17 February 2014) asked why Councillor Wilson had not apologised to his electorate; he should stand down as she felt that what he did was dishonest.

## 99 **PETITIONS**

There were no petitions from members of the public.

## 100 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **(1) Motion No 476 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 6 November 2013)**

The following motion had been referred to the Cabinet for consideration and report:-

"This Council resolves to seek AONB status for the Exe Valley".

In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.6(a) Councillor Mrs J Roach had requested that her Motion be altered to add the following wording: "at no cost to the Council". That was **AGREED**.

The Cabinet had considered the proposal and recommended that it be supported.

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

The Council had before it a question\* submitted by Councillor Mrs J Roach in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.2(1)(a) together with a response of the Cabinet Member for Community Well-Being.

Note: Question and response\* circulated at the meeting, copy attached to signed Minutes.

### **(2) Motion No 477 (Councillor D F Pugsley – 21 November 2013)**

The following motion had been referred to the Planning Committee for consideration and report:-

"That this Council should adopt the Glossary of Planning Terms on the government's web-site (or alternatively the Lawson-Fairbank Glossary of Planning Terms)".

The Planning Committee had considered the proposal and recommended that it be supported.

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

**(3) Motion 479 (Councillor Mrs N Woollatt – 24 January 2014)**

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:-

“1. That this council notes the seriousness of the incident of the collapse of the Harlequin Valet building and that it could have caused severe or fatal injuries. Council acknowledges the anger and upset felt by the people of Cullompton regarding the authority’s dealings with the Harlequin Valet site since its destruction by fire in January 2010.

2. That should the inquiry into the Council’s dealings concerning the Harlequin Valet site establish that there are lessons to be learned from this case that future policy and guidelines are formed to try and prevent any similar case in the future blighting and endangering communities in Mid Devon”.

The **MOTION** was **MOVED** by Councillor Mrs N Woollatt and seconded by Councillor Mrs L J Holloway. In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Chairman of the Council had ruled that the **MOTION** should be debated at this meeting.

Following debate, and upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

Note: Councillor N V Davey requested that his vote against the decision be recorded.

The Chairman indicated at this point that he would be taking (5) Motion 481 (Councillor C Slade – 17 February 2014) as the next item of business.

**(5) Motion 481 (Councillor C R Slade – 17 February 2014)**

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:-

“This Council condemns the actions of Cllr. Kevin Wilson, and following his conviction for benefit fraud, calls for his immediate resignation. He has previously been suspended from the Council for claiming expenses to which he was not entitled and, in addition to the benefit fraud, he has lied to both Council investigating officers and the Court. He has shown he lacks the integrity to remain a Councillor and to represent the people of Mid Devon whom he has defrauded”

The **MOTION** was **MOVED** by Councillor C R Slade and seconded by Councillor M D Binks. In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Chairman of the Council had ruled that the **MOTION** should be debated at this meeting.

Councillor D P Pugsley **MOVED** an **AMENDMENT** seconded by Councillor Mrs J Roach – “Delete: “condemns” Insert: “does not condone”, delete: “and following his conviction for benefit fraud, calls for his immediate resignation” delete the rest of the wording and insert: “but accepts that the trial judge, at the end of the sentencing hearing and after the plea in mitigation, decided to impose a ten-week suspended

sentence expressly so that Councillor Wilson could remain in office, and in this country, under the rule of law, everyone is entitled to rely on a court decision in his favour."

Following debate, Councillor N V Davey **MOVED** in accordance with Procedure Rule 18.4:

"**THAT** the vote in respect of this **AMENDMENT** shall be by Roll Call"

There being more than ten members in favour of the **PROCEDURAL MOTION** that was **AGREED** by the Council

A Roll Call of Members present at the meeting was then taken.

Those voting **FOR** the **AMENDMENT**, Councillors:

Mrs D L Brandon, J M Downes, Mrs L J Holloway, D F Pugsley, Mrs J Roach, T W Snow, Mrs M E Turner, N Way, N Woollatt and R Wright.

Those voting **AGAINST** the **AMENDMENT**, Councillors:

Mrs H Bainbridge, M D Binks, E J Berry, R J Chesterton, Mrs F J Colthorpe, D R Coren, N V Davey, W J Daw, R M Deed, C J Eginton, R Evans, Mrs S Griggs, P H D Hare-Scott, Mrs C Heal, P J Heal, T G Hughes, M A Lucas, E G Luxton, R F Radford, C R Slade, J D Squire, Mrs M E Squires and R L Stanley.

The **AMENDMENT** was declared to have **FAILED**.

Councillor N V Davey **MOVED** In accordance with Procedure Rule 18.4:

"**THAT** the vote in respect of this **MOTION** shall be by Roll Call"

There being more than ten members in favour of the **PROCEDURAL MOTION** that was **AGREED** by the Council

A Roll Call of Members present at the meeting was then taken.

Those voting **FOR** the **MOTION**, Councillors:

Mrs H Bainbridge, M D Binks, E J Berry, R J Chesterton, Mrs F J Colthorpe, D R Coren, N V Davey, W J Daw, R M Deed, C J Eginton, R Evans, Mrs S Griggs, P H D Hare-Scott, Mrs C Heal, P J Heal, T G Hughes, R F Radford, C R Slade, T W Snow, J D Squire, Mrs M R Squires and R L Stanley.

Those voting **AGAINST** the **MOTION**, Councillors:

D F Pugsley, Mrs M E Turner and R Wright.

Those **ABSTAINING** Councillors:

Mrs D L Brandon, J M Downes, Mrs L J Holloway, M A Lucas, E G Luxton, Mrs J Roach, N A Way and Mrs N Woollatt.

The **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

**(4) Motion 480 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 17 February 2014)**

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:-

“This Council resolves to clarify who has the authority to take disciplinary action against Councillors and under what circumstances such action can be taken”.

The **MOTION** was **MOVED** by Councillor Mrs J Roach and seconded by Councillor Mrs Woollatt. In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Chairman of the Council had ruled that the **MOTION** should be debated at this meeting.

Following debate, and upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

**101 CABINET – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2014**

The Leader presented the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 January 2014

**Arising thereon:-**

**(1) Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development Group – 19 November 2013 (Min 93 (d))**

The Leader **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor R L Stanley:-

“**THAT** the recommendation of the Cabinet as set out in Minute 93 (d) be **ADOPTED**”.

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

**102 CABINET – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2014**

The Leader presented the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 6 February 2014

**Arising thereon:-**

**(1) Managing the Environment Policy Development Group – 14 January 2014 (Min 103 (a))**

The Leader **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor C R Slade:-

“**THAT** the recommendation of the Cabinet as set out in Minute 103 (a) be **ADOPTED**”.

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

**(2) Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development Group – 21 January 2014 (Min 103 (b))**

The Leader **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor R L Stanley:-

“**THAT** the recommendation of the Cabinet as set out in Minute 103 (b) be **ADOPTED**”

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

### (3) Budget 2014/15 (Min 105)

The Leader **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor N V Davey:-

“**THAT** the recommendation of the Cabinet as set out in Minute 105 (a) – (g) be **ADOPTED**”

Councillor R L Stanley **MOVED** an **AMENDMENT** to (f) seconded by Councillor R M Deed: that Appendix 4 to the budget be amended by the substitution of Garage Ground Rents from:-

<u>Charge</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Increase %</u>	<u>Previous</u>	
£134.17	£12.20	10%	£121.97	2013/14 to:-
£165.00	£15.00	10%	£150.00	2014/15

Upon a vote being taken, the **AMENDMENT** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

Following debate, the Chairman **MOVED**, in accordance with Procedure Rule 18.4:

“**THAT** the vote in respect of this item shall be by Roll Call”

There being more than ten Members in favour of the **PROCEDURAL MOTION** that was **AGREED** by the Council.

A Roll call of members present at the meeting was then taken.

Those voting **FOR** the **MOTION**, Councillors:

Mrs H Bainbridge, M D Binks, E J Berry, R J Chesterton, Mrs F J Colthorpe, D R Coren, N V Davey, W J Daw, R M Deed, J M Downes, C J Eginton, R Evans, Mrs S Griggs, P H D Hare-Scott, Mrs C Heal, P J Heal, T G Hughes, E G Luxton, D F Pugsley, R F Radford, C R Slade, T W Snow, J D Squire, Mrs M E Squires, R L Stanley, Mrs M E Turner, N A Way, Mrs N Woollatt and R Wright

Those voting **AGAINST** the **MOTION**, Councillors:

Mrs D L Brandon, Mrs L J Holloway and M A Lucas

The **MOTION** as **AMENDED** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

### (4) Capital Programme 2014/2015 – 2017/18 (Min 106)

The Leader **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor N V Davey:-

“**THAT** the recommendation of the Cabinet as set out in Minute 106 be **ADOPTED**”

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

The Council had before it questions\* submitted by Councillor Mrs J Roach in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.2(1) together with responses from the Cabinet Member for the Environment and the Cabinet Member for Community Well-Being.

Note: \* Questions and responses previously circulated, copy attached to signed minutes.

103 **SPECIAL MEETING OF CABINET – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2014**

**(1) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), (Min 113)**

The Leader **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor R J Chesterton:-

“**THAT** the recommendation of the Cabinet as set out in Minute 113 be **ADOPTED**”.

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

104 **COUNCIL TAX 2014/15**

The Leader **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor N V Davey:

“**THAT** the Council Tax for 2014/15 be frozen at the 2013/14 level being £182.15 per Band D property”

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

The Council had before it the draft Council Tax resolution in respect of the year 2014/15.

The Chairman **MOVED** the resolutions to confirm the requirement from the Collection Account for the year 2014/15.

The **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED** and it was accordingly:-

**RESOLVED** that

1. It be noted that on 9 January 2014 the Cabinet calculated the Council Tax Base 2014/15

a) for the whole Council area as 26,996.05 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the “Act”)); and

b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates as detailed in 1.1 below.

1.1 Tax base for Councils area adjusted from overall Council Tax Base of 27,546.99 reduced to 98% (26,996.05), to allow for less than full collection (subject to rounding)







Bampton	734.21
Bickleigh	101.89
Bow	412.77
Bradninch	700.56
Brushford	23.67
Burlescombe	305.41
Butterleigh	52.25
Cadbury	63.98
Cadeleigh	86.19
Chawleigh	237.64
Cheriton Bishop	269.75
Cheriton Fitzpaine	322.10
Clannaborough	24.61
Clayhanger (B Gate)	56.52
Clayhidon	220.02
Coldridge	150.10
Colebrooke	172.26
Copplestone	416.97
Crediton	2,484.02
Crediton Hamlets	512.46
Cruwys Morchard	199.58
Cullompton	2,980.69
Culmstock	343.02
Down St Mary	148.01
Eggesford	30.19
Halberton	600.36
Hemyock	810.49
Hittisleigh	57.89
Hockworthy (B Gate)	82.32
Holcombe Rogus	206.41
Huntsham (B Gate)	66.14

Kennerleigh	37.51
Kentisbeare	366.71
Lapford	354.26
Loxbeare	75.42
Morchard Bishop	402.83
Morebath	145.76
Newton St Cyres	351.62
Nymet Rowland	49.28
Oakford	172.06
Poughill	76.41
Puddington	84.04
Sampford Peverell	481.84
Sandford	467.23
Shobrooke	196.72
Silverton	755.77
Stockleigh English	27.15
Stockleigh Pomeroy	59.54
Stoodleigh	144.50
Templeton	58.71
Thelbridge	131.85
Thorverton	365.70
Tiverton	6,499.61
Uffculme	1,007.63
Uplowman	147.83
Upton Hellions	31.57
Washfield	154.14
Washford Pyne	40.55
Wembworthy	99.28
Willand	1,119.21
Woolfardisworthy	65.45
Zeal Monachorum	153.40

**Total Tax Base**      **26,996.05**

2.0 As a preliminary step, calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish precepts) is £4,917,330. (subject to rounding to nearest £10)

3.0 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 30 and 31A to 36 of the Act:

- (a) £ 53,166,598 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) £ 47,228,004 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £ 5,938,594 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) £ 219.98 being the amount at 3(c) above (item R), all divided by Item T (1.0 (a) above), calculated by the council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £ 1,021,264 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act as detailed in column 4 of table in 3.1 below.  
This figure is the gross Parish Precept less the new government grant of £98,000 detailed in columns 2 & 3 of table 3.1 below.
- (f) £ 182.15 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1.0(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
- (g) See text across The amounts stated in valuation Band D in table at 3(h) below given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the council area specified in column 5 of table in 3.1 divided in each case by the amount in 1(a) above (result in column 5 of table in 3.1 below), calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its are set out in column 1 of

table in 1.1 to which one or more special items relate.

e.g. Silverton - table 3h column 5 = £215.09 this is made up 3f = £182.15 + £32.94 in table 3.1 column 5.  
The £32.94 is calculated by taking the Parish Precept in Column 4 of table 3.1 and dividing by the relevant taxbase figure detailed in column 2 of the table in 1.1 above (in this example  $\text{£}24,897.07 / 755.77 = \text{£}32.94$ ).

3.1 This table shows the full precept for each parish and the band D equivalent charge which is determined by dividing the revised total precept in column 4 by the relevant parishes taxbase detailed in column 2 table 1.1 above.

	Total Precept £	Share of DCLG Grant	Revised Total Precept £	Band D Equivalent £
Bampton	36,192.00	2,583.60	33,608.40	45.78
Bickleigh	3,000.00	327.12	2,672.88	26.23
Bow	8,500.00	1,917.06	6,582.94	15.95
Bradninch	27,000.00	3,094.49	23,905.51	34.12
Brushford	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burlescombe	9,000.00	951.85	8,048.15	26.35
Butterleigh	100.00	84.33	15.67	0.30
Cadbury	510.00	91.71	418.29	6.54
Cadeleigh	1,625.00	31.62	1,593.38	18.49
Chawleigh	11,950.00	767.74	11,182.26	47.06
Cheriton Bishop	7,600.00	777.22	6,822.78	25.29
Cheriton Fitzpaine	11,000.00	737.17	10,262.83	31.86
Clannaborough	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clayhanger (B Gate)	900.00	57.27	842.73	14.91
Clayhidon	7,000.00	349.26	6,650.74	30.23
Coldridge	4,000.00	331.34	3,668.66	24.44
Colebrooke	6,000.00	291.28	5,708.72	33.14
Copplestone	7,260.00	1,524.23	5,735.77	13.76
Crediton	140,973.98	10,761.66	130,212.32	52.42
Crediton Hamlets	4,869.00	1,004.21	3,864.79	7.54
Cruwys Morchard	2,500.00	303.93	2,196.07	11.00
Cullompton	250,000.00	11,113.37	238,886.63	80.14
Culmstock	11,980.00	739.98	11,240.02	32.77
Down St Mary	2,500.00	271.61	2,228.39	15.06
Eggesford	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Halberton	11,811.00	1,369.63	10,441.37	17.39
Hemyock	58,500.00	1,696.40	56,803.60	70.09
Hittisleigh	1,600.00	127.19	1,472.81	25.44

Hockworthy (B Gate)	900.00	118.76	781.24	9.49
Holcombe Rogus	6,000.00	445.88	5,554.12	26.91
Huntsham (B Gate)	900.00	81.87	818.13	12.37
Kennerleigh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kentisbeare	14,715.00	533.02	14,181.98	38.67
Lapford	7,497.00	2,132.80	5,364.20	15.14
Loxbeare	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Morchard Bishop	7,140.00	1,097.32	6,042.68	15.00
Morebath	6,155.00	283.20	5,871.80	40.29
Newton St Cyres	9,995.00	1,097.32	8,897.68	25.30
Nymet Rowland	600.00	117.71	482.29	9.79
Oakford	3,250.00	403.72	2,846.28	16.54
Poughill	2,000.00	168.30	1,831.70	23.97
Puddington	850.00	189.74	660.26	7.86
Sampford Peverell	7,900.00	901.61	6,998.39	14.52
Sandford	10,656.00	1,216.78	9,439.22	20.20
Shobrooke	5,000.00	729.79	4,270.21	21.71
Silverton	27,000.00	2,102.93	24,897.07	32.94
Stockleigh English	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stockleigh Pomeroy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stoodleigh	4,000.00	168.66	3,831.34	26.51
Templeton	1,262.00	105.41	1,156.59	19.70
Thelbridge	700.00	159.87	540.13	4.10
Thorverton	13,770.00	863.31	12,906.69	35.29
Tiverton	247,100.00	34,317.97	212,782.03	32.74
Uffculme	70,000.00	4,530.87	65,469.13	64.97
Uplowman	2,500.00	171.12	2,328.88	15.75
Upton Hellions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Washfield	1,650.00	255.44	1,394.56	9.05
Washford Pyne	500.00	69.57	430.43	10.61

Wembworthy	3,000.00	294.45	2,705.55	27.25
Willand	33,953.00	3,623.29	30,329.71	27.10
Woolfardisworthy	500.00	208.36	291.64	4.46
Zeal Monachorum	3,400.00	305.69	3,094.31	20.17

Total Parish Precepts	1,119,263.98	98,000.00	1,021,263.98
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- h) The amounts set out in table below given by multiplying the amounts at 3g above by the number which, in the proportion set out in section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that particular proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Bampton	151.95	177.28	202.60	227.93	278.58	329.24	379.88	455.86
Bickleigh	138.92	162.07	185.23	208.38	254.69	301.00	347.30	416.76
Bow	132.06	154.08	176.09	198.10	242.12	286.15	330.16	396.20
Bradninch	144.18	168.21	192.24	216.27	264.33	312.39	360.45	432.54
Brushford	121.43	141.67	161.91	182.15	222.63	263.11	303.58	364.30
Burlescombe	139.00	162.16	185.33	208.50	254.84	301.17	347.50	417.00
Butterleigh	121.63	141.90	162.18	182.45	223.00	263.54	304.08	364.90
Cadbury	125.79	146.76	167.72	188.69	230.62	272.56	314.48	377.38
Cadeleigh	133.76	156.05	178.35	200.64	245.23	289.82	334.40	401.28
Chawleigh	152.80	178.27	203.74	229.21	280.15	331.09	382.01	458.42
Cheriton Bishop	138.29	161.34	184.39	207.44	253.54	299.64	345.73	414.88
Cheriton Fitzpaine	142.67	166.45	190.23	214.01	261.57	309.13	356.68	428.02
Clannaborough	121.43	141.67	161.91	182.15	222.63	263.11	303.58	364.30

Clayhanger(B Gate)	131.37	153.27	175.16	197.06	240.85	284.65	328.43	394.12
Clayhidon	141.58	165.18	188.78	212.38	259.58	306.78	353.96	424.76
Coldridge	137.72	160.68	183.63	206.59	252.50	298.41	344.31	413.18
Colebrooke	143.52	167.45	191.37	215.29	263.13	310.98	358.81	430.58
Copplestone	130.60	152.37	174.14	195.91	239.45	282.99	326.51	391.82
Crediton	156.38	182.44	208.51	234.57	286.70	338.83	390.95	469.14
Crediton Hamlets	126.46	147.53	168.61	189.69	231.85	274.00	316.15	379.38
Cruwys Morchard	128.76	150.23	171.69	193.15	236.07	279.00	321.91	386.30
Cullompton	174.86	204.00	233.15	262.29	320.58	378.87	437.15	524.58
Culmstock	143.28	167.16	191.04	214.92	262.68	310.44	358.20	429.84
Down St Mary	131.47	153.38	175.30	197.21	241.04	284.86	328.68	394.42
Eggesford	121.43	141.67	161.91	182.15	222.63	263.11	303.58	364.30
Halberton	133.02	155.20	177.37	199.54	243.88	288.23	332.56	399.08
Hemyock	168.16	196.18	224.21	252.24	308.30	364.35	420.40	504.48
Hittesleigh	138.39	161.46	184.52	207.59	253.72	299.86	345.98	415.18
Hockworthy(B Gate)	127.76	149.05	170.35	191.64	234.23	276.82	319.40	383.28
Holcombe Rogus	139.37	162.60	185.83	209.06	255.52	301.98	348.43	418.12
Huntsham(B Gate)	129.68	151.29	172.91	194.52	237.75	280.98	324.20	389.04
Kennerleigh	121.43	141.67	161.91	182.15	222.63	263.11	303.58	364.30
Kentisbeare	147.21	171.75	196.28	220.82	269.89	318.97	368.03	441.64
Lapford	131.52	153.45	175.37	197.29	241.13	284.98	328.81	394.58
Loxbeare	121.43	141.67	161.91	182.15	222.63	263.11	303.58	364.30
Morchard Bishop	131.43	153.34	175.24	197.15	240.96	284.78	328.58	394.30
Morebath	148.29	173.01	197.72	222.44	271.87	321.31	370.73	444.88
Newton St Cyres	138.30	161.35	184.40	207.45	253.55	299.65	345.75	414.90
Nymet Rowland	127.96	149.28	170.61	191.94	234.60	277.25	319.90	383.88
Oakford	132.46	154.53	176.61	198.69	242.85	287.00	331.15	397.38
Poughill	137.41	160.31	183.22	206.12	251.93	297.73	343.53	412.24
Puddington	126.67	147.78	168.90	190.01	232.24	274.46	316.68	380.02
Sampford Peverell	131.11	152.96	174.82	196.67	240.38	284.08	327.78	393.34
Sandford	134.90	157.38	179.87	202.35	247.32	292.29	337.25	404.70
Shobrooke	135.90	158.56	181.21	203.86	249.16	294.47	339.76	407.72
Silverton	143.39	167.29	191.19	215.09	262.89	310.69	358.48	430.18



Stockleigh English	121.43	141.67	161.91	182.15	222.63	263.11	303.58	364.30
Stockleigh Pomeroy	121.43	141.67	161.91	182.15	222.63	263.11	303.58	364.30
Stoodleigh	139.10	162.29	185.47	208.66	255.03	301.40	347.76	417.32
Templeton	134.56	156.99	179.42	201.85	246.71	291.57	336.41	403.70
Thelbridge	124.16	144.86	165.55	186.25	227.64	269.03	310.41	372.50
Thorverton	144.96	169.12	193.28	217.44	265.76	314.08	362.40	434.88
Tiverton	143.26	167.13	191.01	214.89	262.65	310.40	358.15	429.78
Uffculme	164.74	192.20	219.66	247.12	302.04	356.96	411.86	494.24
Uplowman	131.93	153.92	175.91	197.90	241.88	285.86	329.83	395.80
Upton Hellions	121.43	141.67	161.91	182.15	222.63	263.11	303.58	364.30
Washfield	127.46	148.71	169.95	191.20	233.69	276.18	318.66	382.40
Washford Pyne	128.50	149.92	171.34	192.76	235.60	278.44	321.26	385.52
Wembworthy	139.60	162.86	186.13	209.40	255.94	302.47	349.00	418.80
Willand	139.50	162.75	186.00	209.25	255.75	302.25	348.75	418.50
Woolfardisworthy	124.40	145.14	165.87	186.61	228.08	269.55	311.01	373.22
Zeal Monachorum	134.88	157.36	179.84	202.32	247.28	292.24	337.20	404.64

- 3(i) This table shows the proportions payable for the MDDC element of Council Tax and would be the amount payable for those Parishes who's Precept has been set at zero.

Valuation Bands £

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
All other parts of the Council's area	121.43	141.67	161.91	182.15	222.63	263.11	303.58	364.3

- 4.0 That it be noted that for the year 2014/15 the Devon County Council, Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner and the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the District Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands £

Precepting Authority	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Devon County Council	759.06	885.57	1,012.08	1,138.59	1,391.61	1,644.63	1,897.65	2,277.18
Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner	110.77	129.24	147.70	166.16	203.08	240.01	276.93	332.32
Devon & Somerset Fire Authority	51.26	59.80	68.35	76.89	93.98	111.06	128.15	153.78

- 5.0 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3h and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands £

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Bampton	1,073.04	1,251.89	1,430.73	1,609.57	1,967.25	2,324.94	2,682.61	3,219.14
Bickleigh	1,060.01	1,236.68	1,413.36	1,590.02	1,943.36	2,296.70	2,650.03	3,180.04
Bow	1,053.15	1,228.69	1,404.22	1,579.74	1,930.79	2,281.85	2,632.89	3,159.48
Bradninch	1,065.27	1,242.82	1,420.37	1,597.91	1,953.00	2,308.09	2,663.18	3,195.82
Brushford	1,042.52	1,216.28	1,390.04	1,563.79	1,911.30	2,258.81	2,606.31	3,127.58
Burlescombe	1,060.09	1,236.77	1,413.46	1,590.14	1,943.51	2,296.87	2,650.23	3,180.28

Butterleigh	1,042.72	1,216.51	1,390.31	1,564.09	1,911.67	2,259.24	2,606.81	3,128.18
Cadbury	1,046.88	1,221.37	1,395.85	1,570.33	1,919.29	2,268.26	2,617.21	3,140.66
Cadeleigh	1,054.85	1,230.66	1,406.48	1,582.28	1,933.90	2,285.52	2,637.13	3,164.56
Chawleigh	1,073.89	1,252.88	1,431.87	1,610.85	1,968.82	2,326.79	2,684.74	3,221.70
Cheriton Bishop	1,059.38	1,235.95	1,412.52	1,589.08	1,942.21	2,295.34	2,648.46	3,178.16
Cheriton Fitzpaine	1,063.76	1,241.06	1,418.36	1,595.65	1,950.24	2,304.83	2,659.41	3,191.30
Clannaborough	1,042.52	1,216.28	1,390.04	1,563.79	1,911.30	2,258.81	2,606.31	3,127.58
Clayhanger(B Gate)	1,052.46	1,227.88	1,403.29	1,578.70	1,929.52	2,280.35	2,631.16	3,157.40
Clayhidon	1,062.67	1,239.79	1,416.91	1,594.02	1,948.25	2,302.48	2,656.69	3,188.04
Coldridge	1,058.81	1,235.29	1,411.76	1,588.23	1,941.17	2,294.11	2,647.04	3,176.46
Colebrooke	1,064.61	1,242.06	1,419.50	1,596.93	1,951.80	2,306.68	2,661.54	3,193.86
Copplestone	1,051.69	1,226.98	1,402.27	1,577.55	1,928.12	2,278.69	2,629.24	3,155.10
Crediton	1,077.47	1,257.05	1,436.64	1,616.21	1,975.37	2,334.53	2,693.68	3,232.42
Crediton Hamlets	1,047.55	1,222.14	1,396.74	1,571.33	1,920.52	2,269.70	2,618.88	3,142.66
Cruwys Morchard	1,049.85	1,224.84	1,399.82	1,574.79	1,924.74	2,274.70	2,624.64	3,149.58
Cullompton	1,095.95	1,278.61	1,461.28	1,643.93	2,009.25	2,374.57	2,739.88	3,287.86
Culmstock	1,064.37	1,241.77	1,419.17	1,596.56	1,951.35	2,306.14	2,660.93	3,193.12
Down St Mary	1,052.56	1,227.99	1,403.43	1,578.85	1,929.71	2,280.56	2,631.41	3,157.70
Eggesford	1,042.52	1,216.28	1,390.04	1,563.79	1,911.30	2,258.81	2,606.31	3,127.58
Halberton	1,054.11	1,229.81	1,405.50	1,581.18	1,932.55	2,283.93	2,635.29	3,162.36
Hemyock	1,089.25	1,270.79	1,452.34	1,633.88	1,996.97	2,360.05	2,723.13	3,267.76
Hittesleigh	1,059.48	1,236.07	1,412.65	1,589.23	1,942.39	2,295.56	2,648.71	3,178.46
Hockworthy(B Gate)	1,048.85	1,223.66	1,398.48	1,573.28	1,922.90	2,272.52	2,622.13	3,146.56
Holcombe Rogus	1,060.46	1,237.21	1,413.96	1,590.70	1,944.19	2,297.68	2,651.16	3,181.40
Huntsham(B Gate)	1,050.77	1,225.90	1,401.04	1,576.16	1,926.42	2,276.68	2,626.93	3,152.32
Kennerleigh	1,042.52	1,216.28	1,390.04	1,563.79	1,911.30	2,258.81	2,606.31	3,127.58
Kentisbeare	1,068.30	1,246.36	1,424.41	1,602.46	1,958.56	2,314.67	2,670.76	3,204.92
Lapford	1,052.61	1,228.06	1,403.50	1,578.93	1,929.80	2,280.68	2,631.54	3,157.86
Loxbeare	1,042.52	1,216.28	1,390.04	1,563.79	1,911.30	2,258.81	2,606.31	3,127.58
Morchard Bishop	1,052.52	1,227.95	1,403.37	1,578.79	1,929.63	2,280.48	2,631.31	3,157.58
Morebath	1,069.38	1,247.62	1,425.85	1,604.08	1,960.54	2,317.01	2,673.46	3,208.16
Newton St Cyres	1,059.39	1,235.96	1,412.53	1,589.09	1,942.22	2,295.35	2,648.48	3,178.18

Nymet Rowland	1,049.05	1,223.89	1,398.74	1,573.58	1,923.27	2,272.95	2,622.63	3,147.16
Oakford	1,053.55	1,229.14	1,404.74	1,580.33	1,931.52	2,282.70	2,633.88	3,160.66
Poughill	1,058.50	1,234.92	1,411.35	1,587.76	1,940.60	2,293.43	2,646.26	3,175.52
Puddington	1,047.76	1,222.39	1,397.03	1,571.65	1,920.91	2,270.16	2,619.41	3,143.30
Sampfords Peverell	1,052.20	1,227.57	1,402.95	1,578.31	1,929.05	2,279.78	2,630.51	3,156.62
Sandford	1,055.99	1,231.99	1,408.00	1,583.99	1,935.99	2,287.99	2,639.98	3,167.98
Shobrooke	1,056.99	1,233.17	1,409.34	1,585.50	1,937.83	2,290.17	2,642.49	3,171.00
Silverton	1,064.48	1,241.90	1,419.32	1,596.73	1,951.56	2,306.39	2,661.21	3,193.46
Stockleigh English	1,042.52	1,216.28	1,390.04	1,563.79	1,911.30	2,258.81	2,606.31	3,127.58
Stockleigh Pomeroy	1,042.52	1,216.28	1,390.04	1,563.79	1,911.30	2,258.81	2,606.31	3,127.58
Stoodleigh	1,060.19	1,236.90	1,413.60	1,590.30	1,943.70	2,297.10	2,650.49	3,180.60
Templeton	1,055.65	1,231.60	1,407.55	1,583.49	1,935.38	2,287.27	2,639.14	3,166.98
Thelbridge	1,045.25	1,219.47	1,393.68	1,567.89	1,916.31	2,264.73	2,613.14	3,135.78
Thorverton	1,066.05	1,243.73	1,421.41	1,599.08	1,954.43	2,309.78	2,665.13	3,198.16
Tiverton	1,064.35	1,241.74	1,419.14	1,596.53	1,951.32	2,306.10	2,660.88	3,193.06
Uffculme	1,085.83	1,266.81	1,447.79	1,628.76	1,990.71	2,352.66	2,714.59	3,257.52
Uplowman	1,053.02	1,228.53	1,404.04	1,579.54	1,930.55	2,281.56	2,632.56	3,159.08
Upton Hellions	1,042.52	1,216.28	1,390.04	1,563.79	1,911.30	2,258.81	2,606.31	3,127.58
Washfield	1,048.55	1,223.32	1,398.08	1,572.84	1,922.36	2,271.88	2,621.39	3,145.68
Washford Pyne	1,049.59	1,224.53	1,399.47	1,574.40	1,924.27	2,274.14	2,623.99	3,148.80
Wembworthy	1,060.69	1,237.47	1,414.26	1,591.04	1,944.61	2,298.17	2,651.73	3,182.08
Willand	1,060.59	1,237.36	1,414.13	1,590.89	1,944.42	2,297.95	2,651.48	3,181.78
Woolfardisworthy	1,045.49	1,219.75	1,394.00	1,568.25	1,916.75	2,265.25	2,613.74	3,136.50
Zeal Monachorum	1,055.97	1,231.97	1,407.97	1,583.96	1,935.95	2,287.94	2,639.93	3,167.92

6.0 The Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

As the billing authority has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is excessive and therefore that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.



105 **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2014**

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee presented the report of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 January 2014

(1) **Cabinet Decision** (Min 109)

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee explained that following consultation with the Monitoring Officer she had called in the decision made by the Cabinet on 9 January 2014 in relation to proposed changes to the waste collection scheme. She had argued that the decision had not been taken in accordance with the principles as set out in Article 13 of the Constitution. These specifically included Article 13.02 (b) and (f), namely, 'due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers' and 'compliance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 by explaining in relation to key decision what options were considered and the reasons for the decision'.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment stated that all the issues within the Cabinet Minute 109 including all appropriate costs would form part of a report to be put before a Special Meeting of the Managing the Environment Policy Development Group on 23 April 2014.

Following debate, the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor C J Eginton that the original recommendation be **IMPLEMENTED**.

The Council had before it a questions\* submitted by Councillor Mrs J Roach in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.2(1) together with a response of the Cabinet Member for the Environment.

Note: \* Questions and responses previously circulated, copy attached to signed minutes.

(2) **Communications Working Group Report** (Min 114)

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor Mrs M E Turner:-

**"THAT** the recommendation of the Scrutiny Committee as set out in Minute 114 be **ADOPTED**"

Councillor Mrs N Woollatt **MOVED** an **AMENDMENT** seconded by Councillor Mrs J Holloway that recommendation 2 (d) Minute 114 be amended: removing the word 'acquiring' after the "possibility of..." to be substituted by the word 'using' (as this is not something which is acquired – it is a tool on the internet available for use for free).

Following debate and upon a vote being taken the **AMENDMENT** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

Councillor Mrs N Woollatt **MOVED** a **FURTHER AMENDMENT** seconded by Councillor Mrs L J Holloway that Minute 114 be amended: by the addition of 3(g) to state "that the Council must acknowledge and/or answer all comments and questions posted on its Facebook page".

Following debate and upon a vote being taken the **AMENDMENT** was declared to have **FAILED**.

Councillor Mrs D L Brandon **MOVED** a **FURTHER AMENDMENT** seconded by Mrs L J Holloway that recommendations within the report be approved, subject to the addition in section 3 of (g), "that responses from parish councils to planning applications be reported in full, as per the Planning Charter for Town and Parish councils, unless there are valid reasons for some parts to be redacted, and that these reasons be explained", and that a further update be provided to the scrutiny committee in three months' time.

Following debate and upon a vote being taken the **AMENDMENT** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

The **MOTION** as **AMENDED** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

106 **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2014**

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee presented the report of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 February 2014.

107 **AUDIT COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2014**

The Chairman of the Audit Committee presented the report of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 January 2014.

108 **MANAGING THE ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2014**

The Chairman of the Managing the Environment Policy Development Group presented the report of the meeting of the Group held on 14 January 2014.

109 **DECENT AND AFFORDABLE HOMES POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2014**

The Chairman of the Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development Group presented the report of the meeting of the Group held on 21 January 2014.

110 **COMMUNITY WELL BEING POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2014**

The Chairman of the Community Well Being Policy Development Group presented the report of the meeting of the Group held on 28 January 2014.

111 **PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2014**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the report of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 January 2014.

112 **PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2014**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the report of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 February 2014.

113 **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 12 February 2014**

The Chairman of the Standards Committee presented the report of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 February 2014

**(1) Changes to the Constitution – Delegation to the Head of Housing and Property Services**



The Chairman of the Standards Committee **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor T G Hughes:

“**THAT** the recommendation of the Standards Committee as set out in Minute 15 be **ADOPTED**”

Councillor Mrs N Woollatt **MOVED** an **AMENDMENT** seconded by Councillor D F Pugsley that Minute 15 be amended: to insert the words 'and Section 151 Officer' after 'Cabinet Member' and to replace the words 'available budgets' with 'a specified budget.'

Following debate and upon a vote being taken the **AMENDMENT** was declared to have **FAILED**.

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

114 **QUESTIONS**

Questions submitted under Procedure Rule 12.2 had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

115 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND OTHER INTERNAL BODIES**

Following Councillors M D Binks and K D Wilson having left the Liberal Democrat Group, the Council reviewed the allocation of seats on Committee, Sub Committees, Working Groups and other internal bodies.

The Chairman **MOVED** seconded by the Councillor N V Davey.:-

“**THAT** the tables be approved with regard to allocation of seats on Committees, Sub Committees, Working Groups and other internal bodies”.

Upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED** and the following tables **APPROVED** including the appointments: Councillor J D Squire to the Planning Working Group, and Councillor R Wright to the Standards Committee; the seats on the Licensing and Regulatory Committees to remain vacant.

	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Independent Non-Aligned Group (ING) 6</b>	<b>Conservatives (Con) 24</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats (LD) 3</b>	<b>Westex Independent Group 2</b>	<b>Ungrouped 7</b>
% Based on current membership of 42	100	14.29	57.14	7.14	4.76	16.67
Committee Seats	90	13	51	7	4	15
Other Bodies	22	3	13	1	1	4

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>No on Committee</b>	<b>ING 13</b>	<b>Con 51</b>	<b>LD 7</b>	<b>WIG 4</b>	<b>Ungrouped 15</b>
Scrutiny	10	1.43 1	5.71 6	0.71 1	0.48 1	1.67 1
Audit	5	0.71 1	2.86 3	0.36 0	0.24 0	0.83 1
Managing the Environ PDG	7	1.00 1	4.00 4	0.50 1	0.33 0	1.17 1
Dec/Aff Homes PDG	7	1.00 1	4.00 4	0.50 1	0.33 0	1.17 1
Comm Well Being PDG	7	1.00 1	4.00 4	0.50 1	0.33 0	1.17 1
Planning	15	2.14 2	8.57 9	1.07 1	0.71 1	2.50 2
Licensing	15	2.14 2	8.57 8	1.07 1	0.71 1	2.50 3
Regulatory	15	2.14 2	8.57 8	1.07 1	0.71 1	2.50 3
Standards Committee	9	1.29 1	5.14 5	0.64 1	0.43 0	1.50 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Other Bodies</b>	<b>No on Group</b>	<b>ING 3</b>	<b>Con 13</b>	<b>LD 1</b>	<b>WIG 1</b>	<b>Ungrouped 4</b>
Planning Policy Advisory Group	9	1.29 1	5.14 5	0.64 1	0.43 1	1.50 1
PWG	8	1.14 1	4.57 5	0.57 0	0.38 0	1.33 2
Appointments Panel	5	0.71 1	2.86 3	0.36 0	0.24 0	0.83 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

Notes: (i) The Independent Non-Aligned Group and the Liberal Democrat Group had agreed that one seat on the Community Well - Being PDG would be gifted to the Liberal Democrat Group to allow the continuation of a Liberal Democrat seat on each Policy Development Group.

(ii) Councillor D F Pugsley requested that his vote against the decision be recorded as he did not agree with the calculations within the allocation.

## 116 QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

Councillor J M Downes asked the Cabinet Member for Finance if that by accepting the Council Tax Freeze offered by the Government would this add 1% to the baseline grant for the following year?

The Cabinet Member for Finance stated that by accepting the Council Tax Freeze Grant it would add to the baseline for the subsequent year, therefore the grant would be a little higher than if the grant had been rejected.

Councillor M A Lucas asked the Cabinet Member for Finance if the Head of Finance would be available to explain the Council Tax Freeze Grant to the Policy Development Groups at their meetings in March.

The Cabinet Member stated that this would be possible.

Councillor N Way directed a question at Cabinet Member for Finance stating that he was in receipt of a letter from a constituent regarding the “bedroom tax” and asked whether letters sent from the Council were standard or individual letters.

The Cabinet Member for Finance stated that he could not give a specific answer to this, however if supplied with the relevant details he would look into the matter.

Councillor Mrs N Woollatt asked the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration the following questions:

1. At the Planning Committee on 20 November 2013, the Committee had agreed to take enforcement on 2 properties in Cullompton with regard to breaches to the Article 4 Direction; however it had taken 12 weeks for the notices to be received by the residents, was there a service agreement between the Planning Department and the Legal Services Team?

2. At the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 20 January 2014, the Cabinet Member had stated that every attempt was made to resolve issues where possible before enforcement action was taken; this had not been the case for the Cullompton residents with regard to the Article 4 Direction.

The Cabinet Member stated that he would find out the details and provide a written response to Councillor Mrs Woollatt and other Councillors.

#### 117 **MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Councillor Mrs L J Holloway voiced her concern with regard to Devon County Council's budget cuts to the funding of its Youth Service and the fact that some youth clubs would be closed, she identified the John Tallack Centre in Cullompton and the good work that had taken place there.

Councillor M A Lucas highlighted an award ceremony hosted by Devon County Council where the Mid Devon Recycling Team had recently been awarded runners-up in Devon's recycling thank you presentations. Members recorded their congratulations to the recycling team for all their hard work.

Councillor R M Deed also voiced concern regarding the cuts in the youth service and stated that he had asked the Leisure Services Manager to look into the possibility of accommodating some of the youth services within the Leisure Centres.

Councillor J M Downes stated that the funding cuts proposed by Devon County Council would also affect the elderly.

Councillor R Evans outlined the importance of the Youth Service and the good work that the youth officers provide especially to with regard to some vulnerable people.

(The meeting ended at 9.30pm)

**CHAIRMAN**