

Prior to the meeting, at 5.15pm, the Chairman will make presentations to Mrs Sarah Coffey, Planning Admin Support, Mrs Christine Manley, Fitness Instructor (Special Populations) and Mrs Heather Rowcliffe, Business Support Administrator in Property Services who have completed 25 years service with the District Council

**MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT AMENDMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE BY NO LATER THAN 9.30AM ON TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2013**

## **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

A **MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Tiverton on Wednesday 24 April 2013 at 6.00 pm.

**ALL MEMBERS** of the **COUNCIL** are summoned to attend for the purposes of transacting the business specified in the Agenda which is set out below.

**[The next meeting is the Annual Council Meeting on 8 May 2013 at 7.00pm]**

**[The next ordinary meeting is scheduled to be held in Tiverton on 3 July 2013 at 6.00 pm]**

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**KEVIN FINAN**  
Chief Executive

16 April 2013

**Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place**

A local vicar or minister will lead the Council in prayer.

## **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes** - To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27 February 2013 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3 April 2013.

The Council is reminded that only those Members present at the previous meeting should vote and, in doing so, should be influenced only by seeking to ensure that the minutes are an accurate record.

3. **Chairman's Announcements** - To receive any announcements which the Chairman of the Council may wish to make.
4. **Public Question Time** - To receive any questions relating to items on the agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item.

5. **Petitions** – Notification has been received of a petition being presented by Mrs M Cheatle concerning car parking charges.
6. **Notices of motion** –

(1) **Motion No. 469 (Councillor D F Pugsley – 1 March 2013)**

To consider the following Motion of which Notice has been given pursuant to Procedure Rule 13.1:-

"The Council recognises that the actual decision is entirely a matter for the Chief Executive but thinks that it would be better if there were a lawyer on the Management Team."

In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Chairman of the Council has decided to allow this Motion (if Moved and Seconded) to be dealt with at this meeting

(2) **Motion No. 470 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 6 March 2013)**

To consider the following Motion of which Notice has been given pursuant to Procedure Rule 13.1:-

"This Council resolves to

- a) Include a provision for a shadow cabinet in the new constitution; or
- b) Include a provision for members of the opposition to appoint lead members."

In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Motion (if Moved and Seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Audit Committee.

(3) **Motion No. 471 (Councillor D F Pugsley – 24 March 2013)**

To consider the following Motion of which Notice has been given pursuant to Procedure Rule 13.1:-

"That, since there is no authoritative definition of the word *isolated* in NPP para. 55, the Council and Planning Committee should bring its policy and practice into conformity with the judicial guidance from the High Court and the Court of Appeal for the interpretation of that paragraph."

In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Motion (if Moved and Seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Cabinet via the Planning Policy Advisory Group.

(4) **Motion No. 472 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 9 April 2013)**

To consider the following Motion of which Notice has been given pursuant to Procedure Rule 13.1:-

This Council supports the National Pensioners Convention (NPC) Dignity Code and agrees to become a signatory.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Motion (if Moved and Seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Community Well-Being Policy Development Group.

7. **Committee Reports** (attached) - To receive and consider the reports, Minutes and recommendations of Committees as follows: -

(1) Cabinet

- 28 February 2013
- 28 March 2013

(2) Scrutiny Committee

- 11 March 2013
- 15 April 2013 (to follow)

(3) Audit Committee

- 19 March 2013
- 9 April 2013

(4) Managing the Environment Policy Development Group

- 12 March 2013

(5) Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development Group

- 19 March 2013

(6) Community Well Being Policy Development Group

- 26 March 2013

(7) Planning Committee

- 20 March 2013
- 27 March 2013
- 17 April 2013 (to follow)

8. **Questions** - To deal with any questions raised pursuant to Procedure Rule 12 not already dealt with during the relevant Committee report.
9. **Annual Reports of Audit Committee, Scrutiny Committee and the Policy Development Groups** – To receive the Annual Reports (attached) of the Audit Committee, Scrutiny Committee and the three Policy Development Groups.
10. **Questions to Cabinet Members** – Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their Portfolios.
11. **Six Monthly Briefing from the Leader** – The Leader, Councillor P H D Hare-Scott, will address the Council.
12. **Members' business** - To receive any statements made and Notice of future questions by Members.

Note: the time allowed for this item is limited to 15 minutes.



Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and listen to discussion. Lift access to the Council Chamber on the first floor of the building is available from the main ground floor entrance. Toilet facilities, with wheelchair access, are also available. There is time set aside at the beginning of the meeting to allow the public to ask questions



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