

Mid Devon District Council

Environment Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 26 November 2019 at 5.30 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Tuesday, 14 January 2020 at 5.30 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr B G J Warren
Cllr E J Berry
Cllr W Burke
Cllr D R Coren
Cllr B Holdman
Cllr R F Radford
Cllr R L Stanley
Cllr Ms E J Wainwright
Cllr J Wright

A G E N D A

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

- 1 **Apologies and substitute Members**
To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of substitute Members (if any).
- 2 **Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct**
Councillors are reminded of the requirement to declare any interest, including the type of interest, and reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)**
Members to consider whether to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Group held on the 24th September 2019 as a correct record.

The Group is reminded that only those members of the Group 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.

5 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.

6 **Motion 559 (Councillor R B Evans - 22 October 2019)**

To consider the motion passed to the PDG from the Council (originally proposed by Cllr R B Evans).

It is well known that the planting of trees has an extremely positive effect in the fight against reducing carbon within the atmosphere, each trees sequestration process is known to benefit carbon reduction as each individual tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and can sequester 1 ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old. Given the above and the climate crisis declared by this council and its stated ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030 I ask that the following motion be supported by all members.

This council agrees to use any and all land within the ownership of the authority that is not suitable for development, for the planting of native British trees.

This council agrees to undertake an area wide audit with the assistance of members and land owners to identify suitable sites both within MDCC ownership and private ownership to maximise opportunities for such activity, to be completed within no more than twelve months from the date of this motion , if approved.

This council agrees to work alongside community groups and schools whenever possible to encourage community ownership and sense of place and wellbeing within our communities.

This council agrees that any and all opportunities should be sought to obtain trees from organisations such as government agencies and relevant charitable organisations. (Woodland Trust, Plant Life, DEFRA / Forestry Commission seeking any funding that may be available).

Please note: Having considered the above Motion the Policy Development Group are asked to consider whether this Motion should either be supported or rejected. This decision will be referred back to Council on 8th January 2020.

7 **Corporate Plan (Pages 11 - 16)**

To receive and consider the draft Corporate Plan.

8 **Net Zero Working Group Update (Pages 17 - 20)**

The Chairman of the Net Zero Working Group to provide an update on action to date and future plans and the Group to agree that Cllr E J

Berry be a full member of the Working Group.

9 **Government Scheme for funding on street electric vehicle charging points** (Pages 21 - 28)

To receive a response to a public question regarding if the Council is going to sign up to the Office for Low Emission Vehicles Government funding for electric car charging points on the road.

10 **Climate Change Footprint Baseline Calculation** (Pages 29 - 34)

To provide Members with an update on progress made with establishing a Carbon Footprint for the Council's operational activities.

11 **Single Use Plastics** (Pages 35 - 46)

To receive an update on the progress of Motion 549, adopted on 29th August 2019, on the reduction in use of single use plastics.

12 **Environment Educational and Enforcement Team Update** (Pages 47 - 50)

To provide an update on the performance of the Street Scene Education and Enforcement Team and agree the priorities of the team going forward.

13 **Financial Monitoring** (Pages 51 - 72)

To consider a report from the Group Manager for Finance presenting the financial monitoring information for the income and expenditure to date.

14 **Draft Budget** (Pages 73 - 100)

To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) considering the options available in order for the Council to set a balanced budget for 2020/2021 and agree a future strategy for further budget reductions for 2021/2022 onwards.

15 **Performance and Risk** (Pages 101 - 108)

To provide Members with an update on performance against the corporate plan and local service targets for 2019-2020 as well as providing an update on the key business risks.

16 **Identification of Items for Future Meetings**

Note: This item is limited to 10 minutes. There should be no discussion on the items raised.

Group to note that the following items are due at the next meeting:

- Environment Educational Enforcement Policy
- Climate Strategy and Action Plan
- Bereavement Services Fees and Charges
- Financial Monitoring
- Budget

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 18 November 2019

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