

Mid Devon District Council

Homes Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 21 January 2020 at 2.15 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Tuesday, 17 March 2020 at 2.15 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr Mrs E M Andrews
Cllr R J Dolley
Cllr J Cairney
Cllr D R Coren
Cllr L J Cruwys
Cllr C J Eginton
Cllr F W Letch
Cllr S J Penny

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 notice of appointment of substitutes.
- 2 **Declaration of Interests 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.
- 4 **Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)**
Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 3 December 2019.

- 5 **Chairman's Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.
- 6 **Performance and Risk Report** (*Pages 13 - 20*)
To receive a report from the Director of Operations providing Members with an update on performance against the Corporate Plan and local service targets for 2019/20 as well as providing an update on the key business risks.
- 7 **Financial Monitoring**
To receive a verbal update from the Principal Accountant presenting a financial update in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.
- 8 **General Fund Budget update for 2020/21** (*Pages 21 - 44*)
To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) reviewing the revised draft General Fund budget changes identified and discuss any further changes required in order for the Council to move towards a balanced budget for 2020/21.
- This report will be considered by the Cabinet on 16 January 2020. The Homes Policy Development Group are asked to feed back any comments they may have to the Cabinet for their meeting on 13 February before the budget is finally agreed by Council on 26 February 2020.
- 9 **Draft 2020/21 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget** (*Pages 45 - 58*)
To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) providing an estimate of the budget required for the operation of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) in 2020/21. It includes a proposal on the rent increase and a schedule of other fees and charges.
- 10 **HRA Medium Term Financial Plan** (*Pages 59 - 64*)
To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) providing an estimate of the budget required for the operation of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) from 2020/21 – 2023/24.
- 11 **Tenant Compensation Policy** (*Pages 65 - 88*)
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Building Services advising Members of the revised improvements to the Tenant Compensation Policy.
- 12 **Improvements to Council Properties Policy** (*Pages 89 - 104*)
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Building Services presenting the revised Improvements to Council Properties Policy.
- 13 **Income Management Policy** (*Pages 105 - 126*)
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Housing reviewing the Housing Service Income Management Policy by virtue of a time bar.

14 **Housing Sector Update** (*Pages 127 - 136*)
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Housing Services informing the Group about recent news items relating to social housing.

15 **Identification of items for the next meeting**
Members are asked to note that the following items are already identified in the work programme for the next meeting:

- Performance and Risk
- Financial Monitoring
- Allocations Policy
- Garage Management Policy
- Car Parking Management Policy (amenity, residential etc.)
- Housing Sector update
- Housing Revenue Account Asset Management Strategy (to be confirmed)
- Chairman's Annual report for 2019/20

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 13 January 2020

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