

Mid Devon District Council

Economy Policy Development Group

Thursday, 8 August 2019 at 5.30 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next meeting
Thursday, 26 September 2019 at 5.30 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr J M Downes (Chairman)
Cllr N V Davey
Cllr R J Dolley
Cllr Mrs S Griggs
Cllr T G Hughes
Cllr D F Pugsley
Cllr R F Radford
Cllr J Wright
Cllr A Wyer

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 13 June 2019.

5 **Chairman's Announcements**

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

6 **Car Parking Working Group Report (30 minutes) (Pages 13 - 34)**

To receive a report from the Car Parking Working Group and to consider making recommendations to the Cabinet regarding proposed Pay & Display charges.

7 **Motion 555 (Cllr F W Letch - 8 April 2019) (10 minutes)**

The following Motion had been referred by Council to the Economy Policy Development Group for discussion at its meeting on 13 June 2019:

“Mel Stride MP recently said: “Central Devon has market towns with a wonderful variety of high street shops selling high-quality local produce and offering a range of services. Many are doing very well, but others face stiff competition from out of town and online retailers. I know that the margin between success and failure can be very small and even a small increase in the number of people who make it a priority to shop locally more often can make a big difference.”

High Street Saturday was on 16th March. I propose that:- In order to encourage the high street shops in Mid Devon’s 3 main towns, this council will not charge for Saturday parking in the long stay car parks of Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton.”

The PDG considered this Motion at its meeting on 13 June 2019 and agreed to postpone a decision as to whether or not to support or reject the Motion pending a report from the re-established Car Parking Working Group. The Working Group met on 12th July 2019 and a number of recommendations were made in the previous agenda item.

Having considered the report of the Working Group and re-considered the Motion further, the Policy Development Group are asked to consider whether this Motion should either be supported or rejected. This decision will be referred back to full Council on 11 September 2019.

8 **Performance and Risk first quarter 2019/20 (10 minutes) (Pages 35 - 44)**

To receive a report from the Head of Planning & Economic Regeneration 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.

9 **Economic Development Projects Update (20 Minutes) (Pages 45 - 50)**

To receive a report from the Head of Planning, Economy and Regeneration updating Members on progress with Economic Development Service activities.

10 **Report on the Heart of the South West Local Industrial Strategy (15 minutes)** *(Pages 51 - 54)*

To receive a report from the Head of Planning, Economy and Regeneration informing Members about the Local Industrial Strategy being developed by the Heart of the South West LEP and how it relates to Mid Devon focused activities.

11 **Connecting the Culm Project update (15 minutes)** *(Pages 55 - 62)*

To receive a report from the Head of Planning and Regeneration informing Members of progress with the Connecting the Culm Project.

12 **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
- Economic Projects update
- Market update
- Market Rights Policy
- Management options
- Review of Market Policy
- Destination website demonstration
- Lords Report on rural economy
- Commercialisation
- Incubator Space

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Wednesday, 31 July 2019

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