#### **Mid Devon District Council**

## **Economy Policy Development Group**

Thursday, 28 November 2019 at 5.30 pm Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting Thursday, 23 January 2020 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

#### AGENDA

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 Public Question Time

To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

#### 3 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.

### 4 **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 12)

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 26 September 2019.

#### 5 Chairman's Announcements

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

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### 6 Performance and Risk (10 minutes) (Pages 13 - 22)

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.

# Financial update for the six months to 30 September 2019 (10 minutes) (Pages 23 - 44)

To receive and note a financial update report that was presented to the Cabinet on 21 November 2019. This report provides a financial update in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.

# 8 Draft 2020/21 General Fund and Capital Budgets (30 minutes) (Pages 45 - 72)

To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) considering the initial draft 2020/21 budget and options available in order for the Council to set a balanced budget and agree a future strategy for further budget reductions for 2021/22 onwards.

### 9 **Draft Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024 (30 minutes)** (Pages 73 - 78)

To receive a report from the Chief Executive considering the first draft text of a new Corporate Plan for the council, which will replace the current plan (expiring in March 2020).

# 10 'Future High Street Fund' - more information on the unsuccessful bid (10 minutes)

To receive more information regarding the unsuccessful bid to the 'Future High Street Fund'.

This will be a verbal update.

# 11 Economic Development Service Update (10 minutes) (Pages 79 - 82)

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

#### 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
- Revised draft budget for 2020/2021
- Presentation from Mr John Sheaves 'Taste of the West' (to be confirmed)
- Economy Strategy annual review
- Brexit update

Economic Development Projects update

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

> Stephen Walford Chief Executive Wednesday, 20 November 2019

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