

# Mid Devon District Council

## Standards Committee

Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 6.00 pm  
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting  
Wednesday, 10 June 2020 at 6.00 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

## Membership

Cllr Mrs F J Colthorpe  
Cllr C J Eginton  
Cllr C R Slade  
Cllr Mrs M E Squires  
Cllr L D Taylor  
Cllr A White  
Cllr A Wilce  
Cllr Mrs N Woollatt  
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 notices of appointment of Substitute Members (if any).
  
- 2        **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.
  
- 3        **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.
  
- 4        **MINUTES** (*Pages 5 - 8*)  
Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 9 October 2019.

5 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements the Chairman of the Committee may wish to make.

6 **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS** *(Pages 9 - 36)*

To consider the following recommendation from the Cabinet:

The Standards Committee be asked to recommend to Council that the changes to the current arrangements set out in part 3 of this report be agreed and the Constitution amended accordingly and the Monitoring Officer be asked to draft the changes to the Constitution required to implement those changes for consideration by the Standards Committee. *(Original report to Cabinet attached)*

7 **STANDARDS WORKING GROUP** *(Pages 37 - 38)*

To consider the notes from the Standards Working Group meeting held on 21 January 2020.

8 **COMPLAINTS**

To receive an update from the Monitoring Officer with regard to any on-going complaints being dealt with. During the discussion it may be necessary to consider passing the following resolution to protect the Members of District, Town and Parish Council's being discussed.

During discussion of this item it may be necessary to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Article 12 12.02(d) (a presumption in favour of openness) of the Constitution. This decision may be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Committee will need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RECOMMENDED that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to an individual

9 **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Members to consider items for the next meeting.

**Stephen Walford**  
Chief Executive  
Tuesday, 28 January 2020

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