

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 24 July 2019 at 6.00 pm

ALL MEMBERS of the **COUNCIL** are summoned to attend for the purposes of transacting the business specified in the Agenda which is set out below:

[The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Tiverton on Wednesday, 11 September 2019 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD

Chief Executive

16 July 2019

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

Reverend Ian Johnson (Retired) will lead the Council in prayer.

AGENDA

1 Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Public Question Time

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

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 the reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.

4 Minutes (Pages 7 - 28)

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 22 May 2019.

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

The Council is reminded that only those Members 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 which the Chairman of the Council may wish to make.

6 Petitions

To receive any petitions from members of the public.

7 Notices of Motions

(1) Motion 554 (Councillor R J Chesterton – 20 March 2019)

The following Motion had been referred to the Community Policy Development Committee for consideration and report:

In light of recent press articles on the subject, this Council believes that

- (i) Parish and town councils should, in reply to any street naming proposal from a developer, be allowed to recommend to this Council that a street be named after an individual, including the living.

The Community Policy Development Group at its meeting on 25 June 2019 considered the Motion and recommended that it be supported.

The Policy Development Group also recommended that the following wording be placed in the Council's procedure:

In exceptional circumstances should a proposal be made to name a Street after a living individual, on the grounds of them having made an outstanding contribution to the locality and/or its people, these will be permitted if both approval by the individual and unanimous agreement between the Cabinet Member with delegated authority for the service and appropriate Ward members is received.

(2) Motion 556 (Councillor N A Way – 8 April 2019)

The following Motion had been referred to the Environment Policy Development Committee for consideration and report:

Mid Devon District Council has a record of environmental protection and protecting wildlife.

Council is greatly concerned by the growing trend across the country of developers using netting over hedgerows and trees at development sites to stop birds nesting and other wildlife using the hedges and trees.

This is wrong and runs against the best interests of supporting and enhancing local wildlife.

We call on all developers not to use netting in Mid Devon. Additionally, we call on Government to ban the use of netting at all sites with planning consent, those sites identified in the Local Plan and the emerging Greater Exeter Strategic Plan.

The Environment Policy Development Group at its meeting on 11 June 2019 considered the Motion and recommended that it be supported.

(3) Motion 557 (Councillor J Downes – 9 July 2019)

The Council has before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:

'That this council instructs the Head of Planning, Economy and Regeneration to take the earliest available opportunity in planning policy terms to embed a zero-carbon requirement on all future development taking place in Mid Devon in order to respond to the climate emergency.'

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided to allow this motion (if moved and seconded) to be dealt with at this meeting.

8 Reports (Pages 29 - 206)

To receive and consider the reports, minutes and recommendations of the recent meetings as follows:

(1) Cabinet

- 30 May 2019
- 27 June 2019

(2) Scrutiny Committee

- 10 June 2019
- 8 July 2019

(3) Audit Committee

- 25 June 2019
- 15 July – to follow

(4) Environment Policy Development Group

- 11 June 2019
- (5) Homes Policy Development Group
- 18 June 2019
- (6) Economy Policy Development Group
- 13 June 2019
- (7) Community Policy Development Group
- 25 June 2019
- (8) Planning Committee
- 5 June 2019
- 3 July 2019
- (9) Standards Committee
- 19 June 2019
- (10) Licensing Committee
- 4 July 2019
- (11) Regulatory Committee
- 4 July 2019

9 Questions in accordance with Procedure Rule 13

To deal with any questions raised pursuant to Procedure Rule 13 not already dealt with during the relevant Committee reports.

10 Outside Body Appointments

To seek nominations and appoint one Member of the Council to the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership Joint Scrutiny Committee (the Terms of Reference state that this must not be a Cabinet member or a County Councillor). The Joint Scrutiny Committee will provide a strategic overview and scrutiny of the activities of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

To seek nominations and appoint two Members of the Council to the Mid Devon Locality Committee

11 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their Portfolios.

12 **Members Business**

To receive any statements made and notice of future questions by Members.

Note: the time allowed for this item is limited to 15 minutes.

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