MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 11 September 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, 6 November 2019 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD
Chief Executive

3 September 2019

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

Reverend David Lyddon (Associate Priest of St Pauls and St Georges Chuches, Tiverton) 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 - 16)*

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 24 July 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 555 (Councillor F W Letch – 8 April 2019)

The following Motion had been referred to the Economy Policy Development Group for consideration and report:

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 of 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 Economy Policy Development Group at its meeting on 1 August considered the Motion and recommended that it NOT be supported.

(2) Motion 558 (Councillor J M Downes – 29 July 2019)

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

That this council should lobby government to bring forward a revised council tax scheme that seeks to encourage a system linked to emissions. The scheme should be able to vary council tax to overtly incentivise the construction of properties that can demonstrate high levels of sustainability and energy efficiency, while acting as a penalty for those that don't. Methods to encourage investment in retrofitting to existing properties should also be explored, given the largest proportion of housing emissions will come from existing housing stock rather than new build.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Cabinet.

8 **Reports** *(Pages 17 - 190)*

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

(1) Cabinet

- 25 July 2019
- 22 August 2019

2) Scrutiny Committee

- 5 August 2019
- 2 September 2019 - (to follow)

(3) Audit Committee

- 27 August 2019

(4) Environment Policy Development Group

- 6 August 2019

(5) Homes Policy Development Group

- 13 August 2019

(6) Economy Policy Development Group

- 8 August 2019

(7) Community Policy Development Group

- 20 August 2019

(8) Planning Committee

- 31 July 2019
- 28 August 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 **Special Urgency Decisions**

Decisions taken under Rule 16 (of the Constitution) Special Urgency – April - July 2019.

There have been no such decisions in this period.

11 **GESP Member Reference Forum**

To consider the appointment of 5 additional Members (which cannot be Cabinet Members) to the GESP Member Reference Forum.

We will be seeking:

2 additional Conservative Members
1 additional Liberal Democrat Member
1 additional Independent Member
1 Green Party Member

12 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their Portfolios.

13 **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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