**Mid Devon District Council** 

## **Scrutiny Committee**

Monday, 9 November 2020 at 2.15 pm Virtual Meeting

Next ordinary meeting Monday, 14 December 2020 at 2.15 pm

**Important** - this meeting will be conducted and recorded by Zoom only. Please do not attend Phoenix House. The attached Protocol for Remote Meetings explains how this will work.

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# Membership

Cllr F W Letch Cllr G Barnell Cllr W Burke Cllr L J Cruwys Cllr Mrs C P Daw Cllr J M Downes Cllr R L Stanley Cllr B G J Warren Cllr E J Berry Cllr Mrs S Griggs Cllr S J Penny Cllr A Wilce

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### AGENDA

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

- APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS
   To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of substitute Members (if any).
- 2 **VIRTUAL MEETING PROTOCOL** (Pages 5 10) Members to note the Virtual Meeting Protocol.

#### 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 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.

#### 5 MEMBER FORUM

An opportunity for non-Cabinet Members to raise issues.

#### 6 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 11 - 18)

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Committee is reminded that only those members of the Committee 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.

#### 7 DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

To consider any decisions made by the Cabinet at its last meeting that have been called-in.

#### 8 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

9 CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY WELLBEING (Pages 19 - 30) To receive an update from the Cabinet Member for Community Well Being on his portfolio.

#### 10 **3RDL - CABINET REPORT OF 29TH OCTOBER**

Members to discuss the 3 Rivers Development report presented to Cabinet on 29th October 2020.

#### 11 FORWARD PLAN

Members are asked to consider any items within the Forward Plan that they may wish to bring forward for discussion at the next meeting.

#### 12 SCRUTINY OFFICER UPDATE

#### 13 **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:

- Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration
- Update on the Customer Experience Working Group Recommendations
- Annual Report of Complaints and Compliments
- RIPA
- Performance and Risk

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

#### 14 ACCESS TO INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 Scrutiny 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.

To consider passing the following resolution so that financial information may be discussed.

**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 3 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

# 15 **VIABILITY OF COUNCIL OWNED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** (Pages 31 - 98)

To receive a briefing from the Group Manager for Property Services and Commercial Assets on the viability of council owned commercial property

#### **Covid-19 and meetings**

The Council will be holding some meetings in the next few weeks, but these will not be in person at Phoenix House until the Covid-19 crisis eases. Instead, the meetings will be held remotely via Zoom and you will be able to join these meetings via the internet. Please see the instructions on each agenda and read the Protocol on Remote Meetings before you join.

If you want to ask a question or speak, email your full name to <u>Committee@middevon.gov.uk</u> by **no later than 4pm on the day before the meeting**. This will ensure that your name is on the list to speak and will help us ensure that you are not missed – as you can imagine, it is easier to see and manage public speaking when everyone is physically present in the same room. Notification in this way will ensure the meeting runs as smoothly as possible.

If you require any further information please contact Carole Oliphant on: E-Mail: sgabriel@middevon.gov.uk