

Mid Devon District Council

Standards Committee

Wednesday, 10 June 2020 at 6.00 pm
Remote meeting

Next ordinary meeting
Wednesday, 14 October 2020 at 6.00 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 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 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
To elect a Chairman for the municipal year 2020-21.
- 2 **PROTOCOL FOR REMOTE MEETINGS** *(Pages 5 - 10)*
To note the protocol for remote meetings.
- 3 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
To elect a Vice Chairman for the municipal Year 2020/21.
- 4 **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**
To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of Substitute Members (if any).
- 5 **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.
- 6 **MINUTES** *(Pages 11 - 14)*
Members to consider whether to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive any announcements the Chairman of the Committee may wish to make.
- 9 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER** *(Pages 15 - 20)*
To receive the Monitoring Officer's annual report to committee.
- 10 **NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT - CONSULTATION** *(Pages 21 - 34)*
The Local Government Association has informally released a draft model Code of Conduct to monitoring officers, but this is not yet out to formal consultation. The timing of that consultation is not yet known, but it may take place over the summer or in advance of the next schedule meeting. The Committee is invited to consider how it wishes the Council's response to the consultation to be prepared in due course.

11 **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

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

Members are asked to suggest items for the next meeting of the Committee.

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Tuesday, 2 June 2020

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 Committee@middevon.gov.uk 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 Sally Gabriel on:
E-Mail: sgabriel@middevon.gov.uk