

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be remotely on Wednesday, 1 July 2020 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, 26 August 2020 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD

Chief Executive

23 June 2020

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

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 **Protocol for Remote meetings** (*Pages 7 - 12*)
To note the procedures for the meeting.
- 3 **Public Question Time**
To receive any questions relating to items on the agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

4 **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.

5 **Minutes** (*Pages 13 - 24*)

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 26 February 2020.

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.

6 **Chairman's Announcements**

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

7 **Petitions**

To receive any petitions from members of the public.

8 **Notices of Motions**

(1) Motion 563 (Councillors: B Holdman and L D Taylor – 19 May 2020)

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

That:

a) This Council resolves to hold all member briefings and working/advisory groups (where practicable) remotely in the future which will aid the reduction of carbon emissions and provide significant savings on Members travel expenses.

b) This Council agrees to lobby central Government requesting that Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 be extended past May 2021 and be formed into new legislation allowing Members to have the option to attend any meeting of the Council either in person or remotely.

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.

9 **Reports** (*Pages 25 - 160*)

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

- (1) Cabinet
 - 23 April 2020
 - 7 May 2020
 - 11 June 2020
- 2) Scrutiny Committee
 - 18 May 2020
 - 1 June 2020
 - 22 June 2020 (to follow)
- (3) Audit Committee
 - 2 June 2020
 - 23 June 2020 (to follow)
- (4) Environment Policy Development Group
 - 10 March 2020
- (5) Homes Policy Development Group
 - 17 March 2020
- (6) Economy Policy Development Group
 - 12 March 2020
 - 4 June 2020
- (7) Planning Committee
 - 11 March 2020
 - 20 May 2020
 - 17 June 2020
- (8) Standards Committee
 - 10 June 2020
- (9) Licensing Committee
 - 19 June 2020
- (10) Regulatory Committee
 - 19 June 2020

10 **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.

11 **Political Allocation** (*Pages 161 - 162*)
The attached draft political allocation reflects the current membership of the Council. The line shown highlighted in yellow (Committee :Total) indicates that both the Liberal Democrat Group and the Independent Group need to lose a committee/PDG seat each. The Green Group needs to gain 2 seats. Previously, the Council agreed a balance which saw the Green Group have a seat on the Environment PDG – the Council may want this to continue. The draft allocation has previously been circulated to Group Leaders and they wish to agree a proposal to bring forward to the meeting.

12 **Special Urgency Decisions**
Decisions taken under Rule 16 (of the Constitution) Special Urgency – between January – June 2020..

There have been no such decisions in this period.

13 **Annual Reports of Audit Committee, Scrutiny Committee and the Policy Development Groups** (*Pages 163 - 180*)
To receive the annual reports from the Chairmen of the Audit Committee, Scrutiny Committee and the Policy Development Groups.

14 **Questions to Cabinet Members**
Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their Portfolios.

15 **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.

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, or

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