

Mid Devon District Council

**Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development
Group**

**Tuesday, 25 November 2014 at 2.15 pm
Phoenix House, Tiverton**

**Next ordinary meeting
Tuesday, 20 January 2015 at 2.15 pm**

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr Mrs E M Andrews
Cllr W J Daw
Cllr P J Heal
Cllr D J Knowles
Cllr R F Radford
Cllr Mrs J Rendle
Cllr R Wright

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 **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**
To receive any apologies for absence and notice of appointment substitutes.
- 2 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.
- 3 **MINUTES**
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2014 (circulated with the Council Summons for 29 October 2014).
- 4 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.
- 5 **DRAFT GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2015/16 (00-01-56) (Pages 5 - 20)**
To receive a report of the Head of Finance outlining the options available in order for the Council to set a balanced budget for 2015/16

and to agree a future strategy for further budget reductions for 2016/17 onwards.

- 6 **HRA BUDGET 2015/16 (00-22-00)** *(Pages 21 - 48)*
To receive a report of the Head of Finance providing an estimate of the budget required for the operation of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) in 2015/16.
- 7 **FINANCIAL MONITORING (00-39-33)** *(Pages 49 - 64)*
To receive a report from the Head of Finance detailing the financial monitoring for the 6 month to 30 September 2014 in respect of the services within this PDG's remit.
- 8 **HRA MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (00-46-56)** *(Pages 65 - 68)*
To receive a report from the Head of Finance providing an estimate of the budget required for the operation of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) from 2015/16 – 2018/19.
- 9 **PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2014-15 (00-57-48)** *(Pages 69 - 74)*
To receive a report from the Head of Communities and Governance providing Members with an update on performance against the corporate plan and local service targets for 2014/15 as well as providing an update on the key business risks.
- 10 **DEVON HOME CHOICE WORKING GROUP (01-05-43)** *(Pages 75 - 80)*
To receive a report from the Working Group including their conclusions and recommendations regarding Band E.
- 11 **ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT ON COUNCIL HOUSES (01-27-02)** *(Pages 81 - 88)*
To receive a report from the Head of Housing and Property Services providing Members with an update on the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigation into the alleged Asbestos Insulating Board (AIB) asbestos soffit removal by an unlicensed contractor at Brays Close, Crediton.
- 12 **EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY (01-38-50)**
To receive a verbal update from the Private Sector Housing (Lead Officer) and the Public Health and Professional Services Manager regarding the Empty Homes Strategy and Delivery and the intention of an overall review of the service/policy within Private Sector Housing.
- 13 **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING - 20 JANUARY 2015**
Members are asked to note that the following items are already identified in the work programme for the next meeting:

- Financial Monitoring

- Performance and Risk
- ASB Policy
- Housing Strategy

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

Kevin Finan
Chief Executive
Date Not Specified

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