#### **Mid Devon District Council**

### **Environment Policy Development Group**

Tuesday, 8 March 2022 at 5.30 pm Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting Tuesday, 24 May 2022 at 5.30 pm

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## Membership

Cllr J Wright
Cllr E J Berry
Cllr W Burke
Cllr D R Coren
Cllr Miss J Norton
Cllr R F Radford
Cllr R L Stanley
Cllr L D Taylor
Cllr A Wilce

#### AGENDA

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 notices of appointment of substitute Members (if any).

#### 2 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.

#### 3 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.

#### 4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Group as a correct record.

#### 5 Chairman's Announcements

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

#### 6 Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change

Group to receive an update from the Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change.

#### 7 Climate and Sustainability Update (Pages 11 - 24)

To receive a report from the Climate and Sustainability Specialist which documents progress against the Climate Action Plan.

# 8 Electricity Distribution Network capacity for increased renewable energy (Pages 25 - 34)

To receive an update on the Electricity Distribution Network Capacity for increased renewable energy from the Climate and Sustainability Specialist.

#### 9 Sustainable Procurement - Net Zero Advisory Group

Group to receive an update on the work the Net Zero Advisory Group had completed on Sustainable Procurement.

#### 10 Chairmans Annual Report (Pages 35 - 38)

To receive the Chairmans annual report.

#### 11 **Work Plan** (*Pages 39 - 44*)

To receive the current work plan for the Environment PDG.

Members to agree and discuss additional items that they would like added to the work plan.

Stephen Walford Chief Executive Monday, 28 February 2022

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