# **Mid Devon District Council**

# **Scrutiny Committee**

Monday, 17 January 2022 at 2.15 pm Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting Monday, 14 February 2022 at 2.15 pm

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# Membership

Clir B G J Warren
Clir G Barnell
Clir E J Berry
Clir Mrs F J Colthorpe
Clir L J Cruwys
Clir Mrs S Griggs
Clir P J Heal
Clir F W Letch

Cllr S Pugh
Cllr R F Radford
Cllr Mrs E J Lloyd
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 - 8)

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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.

#### 5 **DECISIONS OF THE CABINET**

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

# 6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### 7 **DIRECTOR OF PLACE**

Committee to receive an overview and presentation from the Director of Place on his service area and responsibilities.

#### 8 WHISTLEBLOWING 6 MONTH UPDATE

Committee to **NOTE** that there have been no whistleblowing instances in the previous 6 months.

# 9 **BUDGET UPDATE 2022/2023** (Pages 9 - 30)

To receive a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) reviewing the revised draft budget changes identified and discussing further changes required in order for the Council to move towards a balanced budget for 2022/23. This report was presented to the Cabinet on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

# 10 **FORWARD PLAN** (*Pages 31 - 42*)

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

# 11 SCRUTINY OFFICER UPDATE

To receive an update from the Scrutiny Officer.

# 12 **WORK PLAN** (*Pages 43 - 46*)

Members are asked to note the current Work Plan for the municipal year.

Members to have the opportunity to discuss additional items to be investigated by the Scrutiny Committee and added to the Work Plan.

Stephen Walford Chief Executive Friday, 7 January 2022

# Covid-19 and meetings

From 7 May 2021, the law requires all councils to hold formal meetings in person. However, the Council is also required to follow government guidance about safety during the pandemic. The Council will enable all people to continue to participate in meetings via Zoom.

You are strongly encouraged to participate via Zoom to keep everyone safe there is limited capacity in meeting rooms if safety requirements are to be met. There are restrictions and conditions which apply to those in the building and the use of the building. You must not attend a meeting at Phoenix House without complying with the requirements in the new protocol for meetings. You must follow any directions you are given.

Please read the new meeting protocol which is available here: <a href="https://democracy.middevon.gov.uk/documents/s23135/MeetingProtocolUpdate">https://democracy.middevon.gov.uk/documents/s23135/MeetingProtocolUpdate</a> Oct2021nextreviewFeb2022.pdf

If you want to ask a question or speak, email your full name to <a href="mailto:Committee@middevon.gov.uk">Committee@middevon.gov.uk</a> 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.

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E-Mail: coliphant@middevon.gov.uk

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