

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held at **Lords Meadow Leisure Centre** on Thursday, 1 July 2021 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, 25 August 2021 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD

Chief Executive

23 June 2021

Important - this meeting will take place at **Lords Meadow Leisure Centre, Crediton** (the meeting has been moved to this venue to allow all those attending to be socially distanced). This will not be a hybrid meeting, members of the public and the press will need to attend in person – but we do ask that you register your attendance to allow for a full risk assessment of the meeting to take place.

AGENDA

1 Ceremonial Procedures

As the Annual Meeting took place on 28 April 2021 remotely, there is a need for the previous Chairman of the Council to receive his past Chairman badge and present the chains of office to the new Chairman and for the Vice Chairman to receive his ribbon.

2 Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

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 7 - 20*)

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 28 April 2021

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the Annual Meeting held on 28 April 2021

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 573 – (COUNCILLORS MISS E WAINWRIGHT and C R SLADE– 11 MAY 2021)

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

Motion to Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Preamble

The impacts of climate change are being felt in the UK and around the world. Global temperatures have increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric carbon dioxide levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm) and continue to rise. This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity.

Without more significant and sustained action, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit between 2030 and 2040. The current UK target of net zero by 2050 is therefore not satisfactory. We are not set to meet our future targets and the targets themselves do not properly account for our consumption emissions.

The increase in harm caused by a rise of 2°C rather than 1.5°C is significant. This is described by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published in October 2018. According to the IPCC, limiting heating to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities. The costs of failing to address this crisis will far outstrip the investments required to prevent it. Investing now will bring many benefits in the form

of good jobs, breathable cities and thriving communities. And in the year that the UK co-hosts COP26, our responsibility to show bold global leadership on climate and nature could not be greater.

Council notes that

1. This council has signed up to the Devon Climate Declaration.
2. There is a Bill before Parliament -- the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the "Climate and Ecology Bill") -- according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
 - a. requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial temperatures;
 - b. ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
 - c. includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
 - d. protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
 - e. restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO₂ and their resistance to climate heating;
 - f. sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
2. Inform the local media of this decision;
3. Write to local MPs, asking them to support or thanking them for supporting the Bill; and
4. Write to the [CEE Bill Alliance](#), the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Environment Policy Development Group unless there is an alternative proposition.

(2) MOTION 574 – (COUNCILLOR B A MOORE – 8 JUNE 2021)

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

That this Council resolves to ask the Standards Committee to convene a working group to review the procedural rules relating to Scrutiny, Audit and the Policy Development Groups (Part 4 Section 5 of the

Constitution). The purpose of the review is to make recommendations on those procedural rules, with particular regard to ensuring that items included on meeting agendas, notably at short notice, including duplication, are democratically determined by Members of that committee.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) be dealt with at this meeting.

9 **Reports** (*Pages 21 - 210*)

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

- (1) Cabinet
 - 13 May 2021
 - 8 June 2021
- 2) Scrutiny Committee
 - 21 June 2021 - to follow
- (3) Planning Committee
 - 26 May 2021
 - 16 June 2021
 - 23 June 2021 – to follow

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 **Allocation of seats and appointment of Committees, Policy Development Groups, certain Working Groups and other Council Bodies** (*Pages 211 - 212*)

It is **recommended**:

- (a) that the Council approve the allocation of seats on Committees and other Council Bodies as shown on the schedule;
- (b) that Members be appointed to Committees and Policy Development Groups, in accordance with the names notified to the Chief Executive by each of the Political Groups represented on the Council, to give effect to the approved allocation of seats in (a) above;
- (c) that Members also be appointed to Working Groups

and other Internal Bodies in accordance with the names notified to the Chief Executive by each of the Political Groups represented on the Council, to give effect to the approved allocation of seats in (a) above;

(d) that the Chief Executive be authorised to make changes to membership of Committees, Policy Development Groups, Working Groups and other Internal Bodies as may be notified to him from time to time by the relevant Political Group to which those seats have been allocated by the Council;

(e) that the appointments to seats remaining to be filled by ungrouped Members shall be made at this meeting

12 **Appointment of Monitoring Officer** *(Pages 213 - 216)*

To receive a report of the Chief Executive with regard to the interim appointment of an interim Monitoring Officer from 30 June 2021 and a permanent appointment to commence later in 2021.

13 **Budget Provision for Decarbonisation Grant** *(Pages 217 - 218)*

To receive a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) seeking approval from council to facilitate the expenditure of grant monies that have been secured as part of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. This report seeks approval to increase planned budget expenditure by the amount secured in grant funds.

14 **Special Urgency Decisions**

Decisions taken under Rule 16 (of the Constitution) Special Urgency – no decisions of this kind have been made since the last meeting.

15 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their Portfolios.

16 **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.

From 7 May 2021, the law requires all councils to hold formal meetings in person.

If you want to ask a question or speak, email your full name to Committee@middevon.gov.uk by no later than 4pm on Monday 28th June. This will ensure that your name is on the list to speak and that your attendance will be recorded in the risk assessment for the meeting.

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