

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 15 December 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, 23 February 2022 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD

Chief Executive

7 December 2021

PLEASE NOTE: - this meeting will take place at Phoenix House and members of the Public and Press are encouraged to attend via Zoom wherever possible. The Protocol for Hybrid Meetings explains how this will work. Please do not attend Phoenix House without contacting the committee clerk in advance, in order that numbers of people can be appropriately managed in physical meeting rooms.

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AGENDA

1 Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Public Question Time

To receive any questions relating to items on the agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

3 **Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct**

To record any interests on agenda matters.

4 **Minutes** (*Pages 5 - 14*)

To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 27 October 2021.

5 **Chairman's Announcements**

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

6 **Petitions**

To receive any petitions from members of the public.

7 **Notices of Motions**

1. **MOTION 577 (COUNCILLOR A WILCE – 16 NOVEMBER 2021)**

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

A Motion to improve public accountability and to address the inequality of rights of Members of the Council, when compared to members of the public.

This Council resolves that:

When an enquiry is made by a Member at any formal meeting (verbally, or in writing) and a substantive answer is not given at that meeting, a written response shall be sent to the enquiring member within 10 days.

Wherever possible, any written questions submitted in the absence of the Member shall be submitted in advance of the meeting, but a failure to do so will not invalidate that enquiry.

A copy of the question(s) and answer(s) will be circulated to members of the committee (or Full Council) and will also attached to the minutes.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) will be referred to the Standards Committee unless an alternative proposition is put forward and is accepted.

8 **Reports** (*Pages 15 - 218*)

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

- 1 Cabinet
 - 26 October 2021
 - 30 November 2021
- 2 Scrutiny Committee
 - 8 November 2021
- 3 Audit Committee
 - 16 November 2021
- 4 Environment Policy Development Group
 - 2 November 2021
- 5 Homes Policy Development Group
 - 9 November 2021
- 6 Economy Policy Development Group
 - 4 November 2021
- 7 Community Policy Development Group
 - 16 November 2021
- 8 Planning Committee
 - 3 November 2021
 - 1 December 2021
- 9 Licensing Committee
 - 3 December 2021
- 10 Regulatory Committee
 - 3 December 2021
- 11 Electoral Review Committee
 - 9 November 2021

9 **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.

10 **Independent Remuneration Panel Report** (*Pages 219 - 238*)

To receive a report of the District Solicitor requesting determination of the Members' Scheme of Allowances for 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

11 **Special Urgency Decisions**

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

12 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

To receive answers from the Cabinet Members to questions on their portfolios from other Members.

13 **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

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: <https://democracy.middevon.gov.uk/documents/s23135/MeetingProtocolUpdateOct2021nextreviewFeb2022.pdf>

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.

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