

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 23 February 2022 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, 27 April 2022 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD

Chief Executive

15 February 2022

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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 7 - 14*)

To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 15 December 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 578 (COUNCILLOR MRS E LLOYD – 9 FEBRUARY 2022)**

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

Mid Devon District Council:

(i) recognises that the cost of living is going up for many people, including through an increase in the cost of energy, and that the Council has a role to play in supporting the current and future resilience of its communities;

(ii) acknowledges the efforts that this council is making to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;

(iii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;

(iv) further recognises

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- that revenues received by councils that became local renewable

electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(v) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and

(vi) further resolves to

- inform the local media of this decision,
- write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

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.

8 **Reports (a)** (*Pages 15 - 312*)

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

(1) Cabinet

4 January 2022
1 February 2022

9 **Council Tax Resolution 2022/2023** (*Pages 313 - 328*)

To consider a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) setting out the formal Council Tax Resolution for 2022/23.

10 **Reports (b)** (*Pages 329 - 592*)

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

2) Scrutiny Committee

13 December 2021
17 January 2022
14 February 2022 – to follow

3) Audit Committee

25 January 2022

4) Environment Policy Development Group

11 January 2022

5) Homes Policy Development Group

18 January 2022

6) Economy Policy Development Group

13 January 2022

7) Community Policy Development Group

25 January 2022

8) Planning Committee

5 January 2022

19 January 2022

2 February 2022

9) Standards Committee

9 February 2022

11 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.

12 Appointment to Committees and other Internal Bodies

It is recommended:

(a) that the Council approve the allocation of seats on Committees as shown on the schedule (to be circulated);

(b) that Members be appointed to Committees 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 the appointments to seats remaining to be filled by ungrouped Members shall be made at this meeting.

13 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.

14 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

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

15 **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

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