

Mid Devon District Council

Community Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 24 January 2023 at 2.15 pm
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Tuesday, 28 March 2023 at 2.15 pm

Please Note: This meeting will take place at Phoenix House and members of the Public and Press are able to attend via Zoom. If you are intending to attend in person please contact the committee clerk in advance, in order that numbers of people can be appropriately managed in physical meeting rooms.

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Membership

Cllr Mrs M E Squires

Cllr Mrs C Collis

Cllr W Burke

Cllr L J Cruwys

Cllr R J Dolley

Cllr B Holdman

Cllr S Pugh

Cllr D F Pugsley

Cllr Mrs E J Slade

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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**
To record any interests on agenda matters.

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*)
To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 22nd November 2022

5 **Chairmans Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.

6 **The Council Tax Reduction Scheme & Exceptional Hardship Policy**
(*Pages 9 - 144*)
Section 13A (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires the Council as the billing authority to make a localised Council Tax Reduction Scheme in accordance with Section 1A of the act.

The Council is looking to amend the current scheme in order to expand the assistance for our customers.

7 **Draft Budget** (*Pages 145 - 160*)
The Local Government Finance Act 1992 places a legal requirement on the Council to approve a balanced budget. The first draft of the General Fund budget for 2023/24 indicated a deficit of £960k. This report updates that deficit to the current position of £905k and proposes options to consider to achieve the statutorily required neutrality.

8 **Work Programme** (*Pages 161 - 162*)
To receive the current work plan for the Community PDG.

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 16 January 2023

Meeting Information

From 7 May 2021, the law requires all councils to hold formal meetings in person. The Council will enable all people to continue to participate in meetings via Zoom.

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. Notification in this way will ensure the meeting runs as smoothly as possible.

Please note that a reasonable amount of hardcopies at the meeting will be available, however this is a limited number. If you are attending the meeting and would like a hardcopy of the agenda we encourage that you notify Member Services in advance of the meeting to ensure that a hardcopy is available. Otherwise, copies of the agenda can be found on our website.

If you would like a copy of the Agenda in another format (for example in large print) please contact Carole Oliphant on: coliphant@middevon.gov.uk

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