

Mid Devon District Council

Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at 2.15 pm
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Monday, 17 October 2022 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

Councillor Simon Clist (Chairman)

Councillor Graeme Barnell

Councillor John Berry

Councillor Les Cruwys

Councillor Sue Griggs

Councillor Frank Letch MBE

Councillor Elizabeth Lloyd

Councillor Stephen Pugh

Councillor Ray Radford

Councillor Elizabeth Slade

Councillor Ashley 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**
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 25th July 2022
- 5 **Chairman's Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman of Scrutiny Committee may wish to make.
- 6 **Decisions of the Cabinet** (*Pages 9 - 28*)
To consider any decisions made by the Cabinet at its last meeting that have been called-in.
- 7 **Establishment 6 month update** (*Pages 29 - 36*)
- 8 **Collection of debt** (*Pages 37 - 42*)
To receive an initial report from officers explaining the processes for debt collection, the amounts of debt involved and the numbers of debtors in long term or serious debt.
- 9 **Planning consultants** (*Pages 43 - 50*)
To receive an initial report from officer explaining the uses, spending on and the processes for procurement. This includes the range of uses to which consultants are put including:-
 - Masterplans and Neighbourhood Plans
 - Technical work within the emerging Local Plan
 - Viability Assessments
 - Appeals
 - Expert opinion especially for Planning Committee and Development Control decisions
 - Staffing vacancy cover

- 10 **Planning enforcement working group recommendations - Update**
(Pages 51 - 54)
An update on Planning Enforcement Working Group Recommendations.
- 11 **Examine the service being provided by the Legal Department**
Committee to discuss the service being provided by the Legal Department as requested by Councillor A Wilce.
- 12 **Work Programme** (Pages 55 - 72)
To review the existing Work Plan and consider items for the committee's future consideration, taking account of:
- (a) Any items within the Forward Plan for discussion at the next meeting;
 - (b) The update from the Policy Research Officer on existing projects and forthcoming matters;
 - (c) Suggestions of other work for the committee in 2022/23.

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 12 September 2022

Meeting Information

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Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and listen to discussion. Lift access the first floor of the building is available from the main ground floor entrance. Toilet facilities, with wheelchair access, are also available. There is time set aside at the beginning of the meeting to allow the public to ask questions.

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