

Mid Devon District Council

Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 16 January 2023 at 2.15 pm
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Monday, 20 February 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 S J Clist

Cllr G Barnell

Cllr E J Berry

Cllr W Burke

Cllr L J Cruwys

Cllr Mrs S Griggs

Cllr F W Letch

Cllr Mrs E J Lloyd

Cllr S Pugh

Cllr R F Radford

Cllr Mrs E J Slade

Cllr A Wilce

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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 12th December 2022
- 5 **DECISIONS OF THE CABINET**
To consider any decisions made by the Cabinet at its last meeting that have been called-in.
- 6 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman of Scrutiny Committee may wish to make.
- 7 **WHISTLEBLOWING 6 MONTH UPDATE**
To receive details that there have been no Whistleblowing instances in the previous 6 months
- 8 **MOTION 583 - PROTECT RIVERS AND SEAS**
At Council on 26th October 2022 it was resolved to ask the Scrutiny committee, or other appropriate committee, to invite a senior representative of South West Water, the Environment Agency and Natural England, to attend a meeting to answer questions on the current levels of sewage discharge.
- 9 **COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS AND COMPLIMENTS - UPDATE** *(Pages 9 - 12)*
To receive an update on reporting of Complaints, Comments and Compliments
- 10 **BUDGET UPDATE** *(Pages 13 - 36)*
To consider the initial draft 2023/2024 Budget and options available in

order for the Council to set a balanced budget and if appropriate make recommendations to Cabinet on 7 February 2023 and full Council on 22 February 2023

11 **WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 37 - 48)

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) Suggestions of other work for the committee in 2022/23.

In addition, to consider the below items as requested by a Member of the committee and to determine how the scrutiny committee wishes to take them forward:

1. 3RDL – Does the recent assessment of the business plan by Cabinet adequately scrutinise and consider the company's competence and prospects?
2. Planning Policy and Procedures – What is current policy and are there alternative arrangements that could be considered?
3. The rights of members to place items for discussion relating to Council business on the agenda of the Scrutiny Committee - What are the boundaries of 'relevant' items and should any changes be recommended to Standards or Council?

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Friday, 6 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.

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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.

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