

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 31 August 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, 26 October 2022 at 6.00 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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STEPHEN WALFORD
Chief Executive

22 August 2022

Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place

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 6 July 2022.

The Council is reminded that only those Members present at the previous meeting should vote and, in doing so, should be influenced only by seeking to ensure that the minutes are an accurate record.

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 **Appointment of an interim Monitoring Officer** (*Pages 15 - 16*)

To receive a report from the Chief Executive. The Council is required to have a Monitoring Officer at all times. This report makes recommendations for the appointment of an interim Monitoring Officer from 31 August 2022 until a permanent appointment can be made.

8 **Notices of Motions**

1. **MOTION 579 (COUNCILLOR MRS N WOOLLATT – 8 AUGUST 2022)**

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

Motion for council:

That this council writes to Stagecoach, Devon County Council, the

Traffic Commissioner and our MPs to:

a) express its concern at the recent cuts to bus services in the District and changes to routes which appear to have been put in place without having had due regard to equality considerations. Further asks for a review of the changes to take into account equalities impacts and seek reinstatement of route sections which have been removed where the removal is found to have had a detrimental effect on some protected groups of people. For example, many residents in Cullompton no longer have nearby access to the bus service to and from Exeter and can only access this route from the town centre, making this service particularly difficult to access for elderly and disabled residents and young people travelling to schools and colleges.

b) further expresses its disappointment that since the reduced timetable has been implemented, despite the reductions supposedly having been made to improve the reliability of Stagecoach services, services have continued to be cancelled at an unacceptable level leaving our residents unable to rely on travelling by bus. Residents have been left unable to get to and from work and health appointments on time and even on occasion left stranded. There is concern if this pattern of cancellations continues that young people who rely on the bus service to travel to and from school and college will also have their journeys disrupted.

c) states that the current service being provided is not fit for purpose and asks what can be done to improve this and when our residents can expect to see a bus service that serves their needs and is reliable.

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.

9 **Reports** (*Pages 17 - 94*)

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

1. Cabinet
 - 12th July 2022
 - 9th August 2022
2. Scrutiny Committee
 - 25th July 2022
3. Audit Committee
 - 2nd August 2022
4. Environment PDG

- 19th July 2022
- 5. Homes PDG
 - 26th July 2022
- 6. Community PDG
 - 2nd August 2022
- 7. Planning Committee
 - 13th July 2022
 - 27th July 2022 (special)
 - 10th August 2022
 - 24th August 2022 (special – to follow)
- 8. Licensing Committee
 - 26th August 2022 (to follow)
- 9. Regulatory Committee
 - 26th August 2022 (to follow)

10 **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.

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.

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.

If you would like a copy of the Agenda in another format (for example in large print) please contact Sarah Lees on:

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