

## **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**A MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 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 April 2023 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

14 February 2023

**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**

To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 14 December 2022 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on the 18 January 2023.

### 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 590 (Councillor S Penny – 16 January 2023)**

The council agrees that a review of the current practice of housing allocation by Devon Home Choice takes place. A number of residents have raised concerns over the lack of available social housing opportunities for the people of Mid Devon within the current scheme.

#### **2. Motion 591 (Councillor Mrs N Woollatt – 8 February 2023)**

That this Council recognises that in order for the taxpayers to have faith in the ability of the Mid Devon District Council to make effective and transparent decisions that there has to be a fundamental change in the decision making process.

That this Council also acknowledges that in a mature democracy there is a need for inclusive government which enables all members to make a valuable contribution in the running of the Council.

Therefore this Council resolves to change from the Cabinet system

of governance to a modernised committee system to be implemented from the Annual meeting of 2024.

### **3. Motion 592 (Councillor C J Eginton – 9 February 2023)**

As per the Constitution, Article 6 - The Executive (Cabinet) 6.3(d) Removal of the Leader, I wish to formally submit and propose the following motion: That, Cllr Bob Deed, be removed from the position of the Leader of the Council with immediate effect.

(Should Motion 592 be carried, the election of a Leader would be required)

#### **8 Reports (a) (Pages 7 - 16)**

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

##### **1. Cabinet**

- 3 January 2023
- 31 January 2023
- 7 February 2023 (To Follow)

#### **9 Council Tax Resolution 2023/2024 (Pages 17 - 32)**

To consider a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) setting out the formal Council Tax Resolution for 2023/24.

#### **10 Reports (b) (Pages 33 - 80)**

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

##### **2. Scrutiny Committee**

- 16 January 2023
- 13 February 2023
- 20 February 2023 (To Follow)

##### **3. Audit Committee**

- 24 January 2023

##### **4. Environment PDG**

- 10 January 2023

##### **5. Homes PDG**

- 17 January

6. Community PDG

- 24 January 2023

7. Economy PDG

- 12 January 2023

8. Planning Committee

- 4 January 2023
- 18 January 2023

9. Standards Committee

- 8 February 2023 (To Follow)

11 **Members Allowances and the Recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel** *(Pages 81 - 96)*

Report of the District Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.

12 **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.

13 **Special Urgency Decisions**

To note any decisions taken under Rule 16 (of the Constitution) Special Urgency.

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.

## **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](mailto: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.

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