

## Mid Devon District Council

### Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 19 January 2015 at 2.15 pm  
Exe Room, Phoenix House

Next ordinary meeting  
Monday, 16 February 2015 at 2.15 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

## Membership

Cllr Mrs J Roach  
Cllr E J Berry  
Cllr Mrs J Rendle  
Cllr T W Snow  
Cllr Mrs M E Turner  
Cllr N A Way  
Cllr A V G Griffiths  
Cllr Mrs S Griggs  
Cllr T G Hughes  
Cllr M R Lee

## A G E N D A

*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        **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.
  
- 3        **MEMBER FORUM**  
An opportunity for non-Cabinet Members to raise issues.
  
- 4        **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (*Pages 5 - 8*)  
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting of this Committee (attached).

The Committee is reminded that only those members of the Committee 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 **DECISIONS OF THE CABINET**

To consider any decisions made by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 8 January 2014 that have been called-in.

6 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements that the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee may wish to make.

7 **HARLEQUIN VALET** (*Pages 9 - 12*)

At the request of the Committee, following their consideration of the Independent Review Report in 10 November 2014, the Head of Planning and Regeneration will present a report to address the queries raised.

8 **REORGANISATION AND REDUNDANCIES WITHIN THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman has requested that the Committee discuss the way in which the authority has handled the recent redundancies and reorganisation within the Council.

9 **DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW FOR 2015-16** (*Pages 13 - 30*)

A Budget Report 2015/16 from the Head of Finance for the Committee to consider, prior to its final recommendation by the Cabinet.

10 **PROCUREMENT WORKING GROUP** (*Pages 31 - 42*)

The Committee to receive a report from the Procurement Working Group updating them on their findings.

11 **CABINET MEMBER FOR WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES** (*Pages 43 - 46*)

The Cabinet Member for the Working Environment and Support Services will update the Committee regarding areas covered by this remit.

12 **COUNCILLOR D F PUGSLEY HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE;**

Proceedings against Councillor Wilson. (We can all remember the very unpleasant atmosphere in the Council after the Court decision in February.) It is time now to have a calm post mortem to see what lessons can be learnt for the future.

13 **UPDATES AND ITEMS TO NOTE REGARDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS** (*Pages 47 - 56*)

- Safeguarding - no update.
- Planning Committee Procedures: – Members are asked to note

that there has been a delay in the issue of this report which will be considered by the Planning Committee. Following this, the report will be further considered by the Scrutiny Committee at the next available meeting.

- Devon County Council – Closure of Care Homes  
Attached –  
A copy of the letter sent to DCC, CCG and local MP's  
A copy of an email chasing responses from the above  
A response from Councillor Barker regarding working with other agencies  
A response from Councillor Barker regarding questions about the closure of care homes.

14 **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Members are asked to note that the following items are already identified in the work programme for the next meeting:

Cabinet Member for Housing  
Performance and Risk  
Planning Policy on Communal Bin Stores  
Car parking update from Cabinet Member

Note: - this item is limited to 10 minutes. There should be no discussion on items raised.

**Kevin Finan**  
Chief Executive  
Friday, 9 January 2015

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