

Mid Devon District Council

Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 16 March 2015 at 2.15 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House

Next ordinary meeting
Monday, 13 April 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

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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 **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 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (*Pages 5 - 8*)
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting of the 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.

4 **MEMBER FORUM**

An opportunity for non-Cabinet Members to raise issues.

5 **DECISIONS OF THE CABINET**

To consider any decisions made by the Cabinet at its meeting on 5 March 2015 that have been called-in.

6 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

7 **PANNIER MARKET, TIVERTON** (*Pages 9 - 12*)

The Committee to receive an update from the Head of Communities and Governance regarding the Pannier Market, Tiverton.

8 **HIGH STREET INNOVATION FUND**

To receive a verbal update regarding the High Street Innovation Fund.

9 **CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE** (*Pages 13 - 14*)

The Cabinet Member for Finance will update the Committee regarding areas covered by his remit.

10 **HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT: BARRIERS TO EFFECTIVE SCRUTINY**
(*Pages 15 - 22*)

The Committee to discuss the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) document 'Hiding in plain sight: barriers to effective council scrutiny'

11 **UPDATES AND ITEMS TO NOTE REGARDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

- 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.
- Safeguarding: - From the 1st April 2015 legislation give powers in respect of the safeguarding of Adults. The Chairman of the Devon Safeguarding Adults Board has confirmed that this will result in a number of changes to the structure of the Board and the way they work.

Ofsted are currently carrying out a 4 week review of Devon County Council's Children's Services

We have not yet received any feedback from the Devon Safeguarding Children's Board (DSCB) on the survey conducted as part of the section 11 audit.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Following the release of the Jay Report into child sexual exploitation (CSE) in Rotherham, Devon County Council has issued a team briefing to highlight the importance of working together across the peninsula to prevent, disrupt and prosecute perpetrators as well as providing support and treatment for victims of CSE.

The role for Devon County Council in tackling CSE is wide-ranging. Including raising awareness through sex and relationship education in schools, to training for key groups, involving local businesses, information sharing and early help and support for families.

Specific actions include information sharing across local forums, a Devon CSE steering group, regular reports to the Devon Safeguarding Children Board, a police unit to monitor on-line safety and Gold Command group overseeing investigations.

The response to CSE in Devon requires a whole system approach, linking operational information with preventative targeting, political leadership, working closely across geographical boundaries and engaging with children and young people.

12 **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:

Legal Services – update
Performance and Risk
Crime Detection Rates
Joint East and Mid Devon Crime and Disorder Panel Minutes

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

Kevin Finan
Chief Executive
Friday, 6 March 2015

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