

Homes Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 16 January 2024 at 2.15 pm
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next meeting
Tuesday, 19 March 2024 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 Teams. 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 C Adcock
Cllr J Cairney
Cllr S Chenore
Cllr A Glover
Cllr C Harrower
Cllr F W Letch
Cllr N Letch
Cllr S Robinson
Cllr H Tuffin

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 notice of appointment of substitutes.
- 2 Public Question Time**
To receive any questions from members of the public and replies thereto.

- 3 **Declaration of Interests under the Code of Conduct**
To record any interests on agenda matters.
- 4 **Minutes** (*Pages 5 - 10*)
To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 21 November 2023.
- 5 **Chairman's Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.
- 6 **Medium Term Financial Plan - draft budget update for 2024 / 2025**
To receive a verbal update on the draft budget position for 2024/2025 (based on the MTFP budget update report presented to the Cabinet on 12 December 2023 and 9 January 2024).
- 7 **Devon Response to Home Office consultation of refugee cap on safe and legal routes**
To receive a verbal update on the Devon response to the Home Office consultation on the refugee cap on safe and legal routes.
- 8 **Review of the Mid Devon Housing Garage, GGRP and Car Parking Space Policy** (*Pages 11 - 34*)
To receive a report from the Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing outlining the Mid Devon Housing (MDH) approach to renting out garages, garage ground rent plots (GGRP) and car parking spaces that it owns.
- 9 **New Mid Devon Housing Homes Safety policy** (*Pages 35 - 66*)
To receive a report from the Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing. The Regulator of Social Housing is due to introduce a revised set of consumer standards as part of the new consumer regulatory framework by April 2024. A new overarching Homes Safety Policy has been drafted to reflect the new requirements in preparation for the new legal framework.
- 10 **Revised Pets & Animals Policy** (*Pages 67 - 88*)
To receive a report from the Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing outlining the Mid Devon Housing (MDH) approach to keeping pets and animals by its tenants and their households.
- 11 **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:
- Performance Dashboard for quarter 3
 - New Right to Buy Policy (new policy)
 - Chairman's Annual Report

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 8 January 2024

Meeting Information

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