

Homes Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 2.15 pm
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next meeting
Tuesday, 11 June 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.

The meeting will be hybrid and an audio recording made and published on the website after the meeting.

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Membership

C Adcock
J Cairney
S Chenore
A Glover
C Harrower
F W Letch
N Letch
S Robinson
H Tuffin

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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 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 - 12*)
To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 16th January 2024.
- 5 **Chairman's Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.
- 6 **Government consultation on reforms to allocation of social housing** (*Pages 13 - 22*)
To receive a report from Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing. On the 1st February, Baroness Scott (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Social Housing and Faith) wrote to all Council leaders setting out that government has launched a consultation seeking views on a series of reforms to how social housing is allocated in England. The consultation period closes on 26 March and the purpose of this report is to present a proposed response to the consultation on the proposed reforms and seek further guidance and views from the PDG on this response before it is provided.
- 7 **Performance Dashboard Q3** (*Pages 23 - 24*)
To receive and discuss summary information reflecting performance in the Mid Devon Housing area for the previous quarter.
- 8 **Biodiversity Duty Report** (*Pages 25 - 28*)
To receive a briefing paper from the Climate and Sustainability Specialist and the Director of Place and Economy stressing the need for all of the Council's operating areas to be fully aware of their responsibility in needing to meet the general biodiversity.
- 9 **MDH Service Delivery Report for Q3** (*Pages 29 - 50*)
To receive a report from Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing providing a quarterly update to Members on activity undertaken by Mid Devon Housing (MDH), including some relating to enforcement.
- 10 **Garage / Asset Management presentation**
To receive a Garage / Asset Management presentation from the Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing and the Operations Manager for Building Services.
- 11 **Tenant Satisfaction Measures perception survey and action plan update**
To receive a short presentation on the Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSM) perception survey and action plan.

- 12 **Work Programme for 2024/2025** (Pages 51 - 56)
To receive and discuss the draft Work Programme for the Homes Policy Development Group for 2024 / 2025.
- 13 **Chairman's Annual Report for 2023/2024** (Pages 57 - 58)
To receive the Chairman's Annual Report for 2024/2025.
- 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:
- Election of Chairman
 - Election of Vice Chairman
 - Start time of Meetings
 - Income Management Policy
 - Hoarding Policy
 - Right to Buy Policy (New)
 - Housing Initiatives Plan (briefing)
 - Tenure Reform Working Group recommendations
 - LAHF update and approach to allocating homes (briefing)
 - Homes for Ukraine update
 - Performance Dashboard

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 11 March 2024

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 Teams.

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.

Residents, electors or business rate payers of the District may make a statement or shall be entitled to ask questions at a meeting which concerns the Council's powers / duties or which otherwise affects the District. If your question does not relate to an agenda item, the question must be submitted to the Democratic Services Manager two working days before the meeting to give time for a response to be prepared.

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 Democratic 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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