

## Mid Devon District Council

### Economy Policy Development Group

Thursday, 16 November 2023 at 5.30 pm  
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next meeting  
Thursday, 4 January 2024 at 5.30 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 G Cochran  
Cllr A Cuddy  
Cllr J M Downes  
Cllr M Farrell  
Cllr B Fish  
Cllr M Fletcher  
Cllr N Letch  
Cllr R Roberts  
Cllr G Westcott

## 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 relating to items on the Agenda 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- 5       **Chairman's Announcements**  
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.
- 6       **Business Support programme - guest speaker**  
To receive a verbal update on the Business Support Programme from guest speaker, Rob Evans from Devon County Council.
- 7       **Car Parking Consultative Group Update Report** (*Pages 13 - 16*)  
To receive a report from the Environment and Enforcement Manager. The Car Parking Consultation Group was founded in response to concerns regarding the decision making process in relation to car parking tariff increases proposed in 2023 as well as the lack of consultation with local business leaders and representatives. This decision to create the group was made in March 2023 by this PDG to better inform future proposals on parking changes in the years to come.
- 8       **Quarter 2 performance dashboard**  
To receive a verbal update on the Performance Dashboard from the Corporate Performance and Improvement Manager.
- 9       **Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund progress Update** (*Pages 17 - 34*)  
To receive a report from the Director of Place updating Members on the progress under the Shared Prosperity Investment Plan and the Rural England Prosperity Fund (Yes 2: 2023/24).
- 10      **Economic Development Team Update** (*Pages 35 - 44*)  
To receive a report from the Director of Place updating Member's on activities undertaken by the Economic Development Team during the last two months.
- 11      **Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public**  
Discussion with regard to the next item, may require the Audit Committee to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Article 12 12.02(d) (a presumption in favour of openness) of the Constitution. This decision may be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Audit Committee would need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**Recommended** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the

grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

12 **2024/2025 Fees and Charges** (Pages 45 - 54)

To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) presenting to Member's the proposed Fees and Charges for 2024/205 for discussion.

13 **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:

- Budget update 2024/2025
- Economic Development Team Update Report
- Destination Management Plan for Mid Devon (tbc)
- Economic Strategy 2024 – 2029 (tbc)
- Field to Fork photography project update – external speaker (tbc)

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

**Stephen Walford**

Chief Executive

Wednesday, 8 November 2023

## Meeting Information

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