

## **Economy Policy Development Group**

**Thursday, 4 January 2024 at 5.30 pm**  
**Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton**

**Next meeting**  
**Thursday, 7 March 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 (Chairman)  
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 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 upon the MTFP budget update report presented to Cabinet on 12 December 2023).
- 7     **Economic Development Team Update** (*Pages 13 - 18*)  
To receive a report from the Director of Place updating Members on activities undertaken by the Economic Development Team during the last two months.
- 8     **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:
- Field to Fork – project update
  - Economic Team Update
  - Visitor Economy Events update
  - Flexible workspace provision – summary findings of a study
  - J27 update
  - Performance Dashboard for Quarter 3
  - Chairman’s Annual Report for 2023/2024

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

**Stephen Walford**  
Chief Executive  
Friday 15 December 2023

## Meeting Information

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