

Economy Policy Development Group

Thursday, 7 March 2024 at 5.30 pm
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Thursday, 20 June 2024 at 5.30 pm

Please Note: This meeting will take place in person **ONLY** at Phoenix House due to installation of the new Audio Visual equipment system in the meeting rooms.

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 - 10)*
To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 4th January 2024.
- 5 **Chairman's Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.
- 6 **Parking Consultation Working Group - Proposals regarding Long Stay Tariffs** *(Pages 11 - 20)*
To receive a report of the Environment and Enforcement Manager and the Corporate Manager for People, Governance and Waste providing recommendations from the Parking Consultation Working Group.
- 7 **The Biodiversity Duty** *(Pages 21 - 24)*
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 duty.
- 8 **Performance Dashboard Q3** *(Pages 25 - 26)*
To receive and discuss summary information reflecting performance in the Economy Development area for the previous quarter.
- 9 **Junction 27 and Junction 28 update** *(Pages 27 - 34)*
To receive a report from the Director of Place and Economy updating Members on the current position in relation to development at both Junction 27 and Junction 28 of the M5 within Mid Devon.
- 10 **Economic Development Team Update** *(Pages 35 - 42)*
To receive a report from the Director of Place and Economy updating members on town centre health, projects and activities undertaken by the Growth, Economy and Delivery Team during the last two months.
- 11 **Mid Devon's Prosperity Programme Update** *(Pages 43 - 56)*
To receive a report from the Director of Place and Economy updating Members on the progress under the Shared Prosperity Investment Plan (Year 2) and informing Members of the Year 3 (2024/2025) Delivery Plan for Mid Devon's Prosperity Programmes.
- 12 **Flexible Workspace Provision Update** *(Pages 57 - 64)*
To receive a report from the Director of Place and Economy updating Members on the viability study for the provision of flexible workspace in Tiverton town centre.
- 13 **Tourism Events Update**
To receive a presentation and update on forthcoming tourism events.
- 14 **Field to Fork: Meet the Producer Project Update**
To receive a presentation and update regarding this project.

- 15 **Income Generation**
The Group to discuss how best to initiate a pooling of ideas in relation to income generation, both as a Policy Development but also to include the ideas of the wider membership.
- 16 **Chairman's Annual Report for 2023/2024** (*Pages 65 - 66*)
To receive the annual report of the Chairman on the work of the Economy Policy Development Group during 2023 – 2024.
- 17 **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 for 24/25
 - Performance Dashboard for Quarter 4
 - Work Programme for 24/25
 - SFS (Specialist Fleet Services) Transport Contract

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Wednesday, 28 February 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.

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