#### **Mid Devon District Council**

# **Community Policy Development Group**

Tuesday, 22 August 2023 at 2.15 pm Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting Tuesday, 24 October 2023 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 G Cochran

Cllr C Connor

Cllr A Cuddy

Cllr A Glover

Cllr B Holdman

Cllr H Tuffin

Cllr C Harrower

Cllr D Broom

Cllr S Robinson

### AGENDA

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 notices of appointment of substitute Members (if any).

#### 2 Public Question Time

To receive any questions relating to items on the agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item.

#### 3 Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct

To record any interests on agenda matters.

# 4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 27 June 2023.

# **5 Chairmans Announcements**

To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.

# 6 Vulnerability Statement (Pages 9 - 16)

To receive a report from the Corporate Manager for Digital Transformation and Customer Engagement. This report has been requested to provide members with clarity on existing practices around customer vulnerability and a proposed statement for publication.

# 7 Customer Service Front Desk (Pages 17 - 46)

To receive a report from the Corporate Manager for Digital Transformation and Customer Engagement. This report has been requested to provide members with clarity on existing opening times, customer transaction levels and future service activity for the Customer Services department which provides face-to-face, telephone and online presence for the residents of Mid Devon.

#### 8 Regulation of Investigatory Powers

To receive a verbal update from the District Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.

### 9 Climate Emergency

To receive a briefing from the Climate and Sustainability Specialist.

# 10 Work Programme for 2023/2024 (Pages 47 - 50)

To discuss the current work plan for the Community PDG.

#### 11 Finance and Performance Update

To receive a verbal update from the Corporate Manager for Finance, Property and Climate Change and to receive further training designed to provide greater clarity on the financial responsibilities falling within the remit of this Policy Development Group.

> Stephen Walford Chief Executive Monday, 14 August 2023

# **Meeting Information**

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