

## Community Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 26 March 2024 at 1.00 pm  
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting  
Tuesday, 25 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

B Holdman  
C Connor  
D Broom  
G Cochran  
A Cuddy  
A Glover  
C Harrower  
S Robinson

### 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 notices of appointment of substitute Members (if any).
- 2 Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct**  
To record any interests on agenda matters.

- 3 **Public Question Time**  
To receive any questions from members of the public and replies thereto.
- Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item.
- 4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 5 - 10*)  
To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.
- 5 **Chairmans Announcements**  
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.
- 6 **Performance Dashboard Q3** (*Pages 11 - 12*)  
To receive and discuss summary information reflecting performance in Quarter 3 2023/2024.
- 7 **Biodiversity Duty Report** (*Pages 13 - 16*)  
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 **Public Access for Vulnerable Customers** (*Pages 17 - 26*)  
To receive a report presenting the findings of the Public Access Working Group and subsequent recommendations to the Community PDG.
- 9 **Corporate Health and Safety Policy** (*Pages 27 - 36*)  
To advise Members that, in accordance with the Health and Safety at Works Act 1974, the Council's Health and Safety at Work Policy has been reviewed by the Health and Safety Committee.
- 10 **Single Equalities Scheme and Equality Objectives** (*Pages 37 - 68*)  
To receive an update on action taken to help meet the Council's statutory duties under the Equality Act (2010).
- 11 **Devon Preventing Serious Violence Strategy** (*Pages 69 - 112*)  
To consider the Devon Preventing Serious Violence Strategy 2024-29 and wider governance arrangements to embed the strategy within the Council Policy Framework.
- 12 **Safeguarding Policy** (*Pages 113 - 148*)  
To receive a report to seek approval for the adoption of the revised Corporate Safeguarding Policy.
- 13 **Community Safety Partnership** (*Pages 149 - 160*)  
To receive an annual report to provide an update on the East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership (CSP) priorities and the planned activities of the Partnership for the coming year 2024/25.

- 14 **Chairman's Annual Report** (Pages 161 - 164)  
To receive the Chairman's Annual Report 2023/2024.

**Stephen Walford**  
Chief Executive  
Monday, 18 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](mailto: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.

If you would like a copy of the Agenda in another format (for example in large print) please contact Angie Howell on: [ahowell@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:ahowell@middevon.gov.uk)

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