

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL will be held in the Town Hall, Tiverton on Wednesday, 17 December 2014 at 6.00pm

ALL MEMBERS of the COUNCIL are summoned to attend for the purposes of transacting the business specified in the Agenda which is set out below:

[The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Tiverton on Wednesday, 25 February 2015 at 6.00 pm]



KEVIN FINAN
Chief Executive

9 December 2014

Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place

Reverend Philip Port, Baptist Minister for Tiverton Baptist Church will lead the Council in prayer.

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence

- 2 **Minutes** (*Pages 7 - 14*)
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 29 October 2014.

The Council is reminded that only those Members present at the previous meeting should vote and, in doing so, should be influenced only by seeking to ensure that the minutes are an accurate record.

- 3 **Chairman's Announcements**
To receive any announcements which the Chairman of the Council may wish to make.

- 4 **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.

- 5 **Petitions**
To receive any petitions from members of the public

- 6 **Notices of Motion**

(1) Motion 495 (Councillor D F Pugsley – 4 September 2014)

The following motion had been referred to the Standards Committee for consideration and report:

This Council resolves to amend the Constitution by adding the following sentence at the end of Procedure Rule 16.1:

"If in any year the Leader fails to call a debate, it may be called by notice in writing to the Chief Executive signed by any 5 members of the Council."

In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.6(a) Councillor D F Pugsley has requested that the Motion be altered to read:

"that the Constitution be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of Procedure Rule 16.1:

If the Leader declines or fails to call a debate within nine months in any municipal year, it may be called by notice in writing to the Chief Executive signed by any 10 Members of the Council.

The Standards Committee at its meeting on 12 November 2014 considered this proposal and recommends that the Motion be supported.

(2) Motion 498 (Councillor Mrs N Woollatt – 15 October 2014)

The following motion had been referred to the Cabinet for consideration and report:

That this Council:

1. notes that, during the recent public consultation on the Cullompton North West Urban Extension Masterplan, it did not directly advise all residents in the immediate vicinity of the development area of the consultation.
2. recognises that there is a public expectation from residents that they should be informed directly about consultations relating to major development and master planning exercises in their immediate vicinity.
3. resolves to amend the adopted Statement of Community Involvement to ensure that in future communications advising of consultation exercises are targeted at all residents in the immediate vicinity who are likely to be affected when the council consults on major developments and master planning exercises.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.6(a) Councillor Mrs N Woollatt

has requested that paragraph 3 of the Motion be altered to read:

3. resolves that in the case of site specific Supplementary Planning Documents and pre-application consultation on strategic scale developments to amend the adopted Statement of Community Involvement policies SCI/13, 14 and 15 to ensure that in future communications advising of consultation exercises include immediately adjoining residents who are likely to be affected.

The Cabinet had considered the proposal at its meeting on 27 November 2014 and recommended that it be rejected but further resolved that:

- a) a review of the Statement of Community Involvement take place after the completion of the Local Plan Review; and
- b) consultation take place with adjoining residents on the next consultation stage for the Cullompton NW Urban Extension Master Plan and for the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension Master Plan for Area B.

(3) Motion 505 (Councillors: Mrs J Roach, Mrs N Woollatt, K D Wilson, D F Pugsley, T W Snow, N Way and R Wright – 19 November 2014)

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:

There is no doubt that the Campaign for Democracy will achieve more than the required number of signatures to trigger a referendum on this council's system of governance, it is just a matter of time.

Therefore this Council resolves to hold a referendum, on whether the council should be run in a different way by one or more committees made up of elected councillors*, at the same time as the elections in May 2015 in order to save the council tax payer what would otherwise be the additional cost of a stand-alone poll (estimated by the Chief Executive to cost £90k more than a poll held at the same time as another.)

* NB Wording for referendum is as required by the Localism Act 2011

In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Chairman of the Council has decided to allow this Motion (if Moved and Seconded) to be dealt with at this meeting.

(4) Motion 508 (Councillor M D Binks – 8 December 2014)

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:

"Mid Devon District Council supports proposals for a secondary railway link from Exeter to Plymouth via Crediton, Okehampton and Tavistock.

In addition to providing a much needed increase in resilience to the rail network in the south west peninsular, it will also provide important economic and social benefits to people in mid Devon, north Devon, west Devon, Torridge and north Cornwall, bringing the rail network much closer to communities across these areas. Much of the route is already in place and this Council urges HM Government, Network Rail and other authorities to commit to this route and take prompt action to bring about its early implementation"

In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Chairman of the Council has decided to allow this Motion (if Moved and Seconded) to be dealt with at this meeting.

7 **Committee Reports** (*Pages 15 - 298*)

To receive and consider the reports, Minutes and recommendations of Committees as follows: -

(1) Cabinet

30 October 2014
27 November 2014
4 December 2014
11 December 2014 (to follow)

(2) Scrutiny Committee

10 November 2014
8 December 2014 (to follow)

(3) Audit Committee

2 December 2014
10 December 2014 (to follow)

(4) Managing the Environment Policy Development Group

18 November 2014

(5) Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development Group

25 November 2014

(6) Community Well Being Policy Development Group

13 November 2014
2 December 2014

(7) Planning Committee

5 November 2014
3 December 2014

(8) Standards Committee

12 November 2014

- 8 **Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2014** (*Pages 299 - 302*)
Report of the Electoral Services Manager regarding a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations
- 9 **Questions**
To deal with any questions raised pursuant to Procedure Rule 12 not already dealt with during the relevant Committee report.
- 10 **Questions to Cabinet Members**
Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their Portfolios.
- 11 **Members' Business**
To receive any statements made and notice of future questions by Members.

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Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and listen to discussion. Lift access to the Council Chamber on the first floor of the building is available from the main ground floor entrance. Toilet facilities, with wheelchair access, are also available. There is time set aside at the beginning of the meeting to allow the public to ask questions.

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