

Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 9 September 2024 at 5.00 pm
Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Monday, 30 September 2024 at 5.00 pm

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L G J Kennedy
G Westcott
D Broom
E Buczkowski
A Cuddy
G Czapiewski
M Farrell
C Harrower
B Holdman
L Knight
R Roberts
S Robinson

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- 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 15 July 2024.
- 5 **Chair's Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chair of Scrutiny Committee may wish to make.
- 6 **Decisions of the Cabinet**
To consider any decisions made by the Cabinet at its last meeting that have been called-in.
- 7 **Community Safety Partnership - Annual Report (Pages 11 - 26)**
To receive a report from the Head of Housing and Health
- 8 **Mid Devon as a Trauma Informed Council**
To receive a verbal update from the Head of Housing and Health
- 9 **Cullompton Infrastructure update report (Pages 27 - 30)**
To receive an update from the Director of Place and Economy
- 10 **Air Management in Cullompton and beyond (Pages 31 - 34)**
To receive a report from the Director of Place and Economy
- 11 **Portfolio Presentation from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change**
To receive a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
- 12 **Work Programme (Pages 35 - 56)**
To review the existing Work Plan and consider items for the committee's future consideration, taking account of:
 - a) Any items within the Forward Plan for discussion at the next meeting;
 - b) Suggestions of other work for the committee in 2024/25.

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MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held on 15 July 2024 at 5.00 pm

Present

Councillors

L G J Kennedy (Chair)
D Broom, E Buczkowski, G Czapiewski,
M Farrell, C Harrower, B Holdman, L Knight,
R Roberts and S Robinson

Apologies

Councillor(s)

G Westcott

Also Present

Councillor(s)

J Buczkowski, G Duchesne, J Lock, J Wright and D Wulff

Also Present

Officer(s):

Andrew Jarrett (Deputy Chief Executive (S151)), Dean Emery (Head of Revenues, Benefits & Leisure), Matthew Page (Head of People, Performance & Waste), James Hamblin (Operations Manager for People Services), Angie Howell (Democratic Services Officer) and David Parker (Democratic Services & Policy Research Officer)

Councillors

Online

L Taylor

12 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Cllr G Westcott.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT

No interests were declared under this item.

14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public asked questions.

15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 June 2024 were **APPROVED** as a correct record and **SIGNED** by the Chair.

16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair had no announcements to make.

17 DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

The Committee **NOTED** that none of the decisions made by the Cabinet on 9th July 2024 had been called in.

18 CARE LEAVER FRIENDLY EMPLOYER BRIEFING

The Committee had before it and **NOTED** a report* from the Head of People, Performance and Waste and the Operations Manager for People Services. The Cabinet Member for People and Development introduced the report.

The following was highlighted within the report:

- In 2016 the Government launched its “Keep on Caring Policy Document” to support young people from care to independence.
- In agreeing to the Charter put forward the Council would be making a commitment in the areas of recruitment, tracking and development of care leavers in the Mid Devon area.

Discussion took place with regard to:

- Tracking the number of applicants and the progress of any persons applying.
- There were around twelve individuals in the Mid Devon area to whom this policy was applicable.
- Other groups are also supported such as those from the Armed Forces, however, under the Corporate Parenting legislation, the Council had a duty to look after these individuals.
- The costs were relatively limited and absorbed in that the Council was updating its own processes and identifying a point of contact for people to approach. With regard to development it was expected that Managers were developing their staff already.
- The Apprenticeship programme was being reviewed across the Council and the Council could highlight vacancies to those such as care leavers by advertising them on Devon County Council’s jobs portal.
- Equality Impact Assessment wording would only be relevant when the Council changed its recruitment process.
- The support that was offered to individuals when applying for positions.
- Care Leavers were offered a Council Tax reduction if they were liable, they were also given free Leisure Centre memberships up to the age of 25.

RECOMMENDED to the Cabinet that Mid Devon signs the Care Leaver Friendly Employer Charter.

Reasons for the Decision: The Charter puts in place the opportunity for the Council to take a clear stance.

Note: * Report previously circulated

19 ANNUAL CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee had before it and **NOTED** a report* from the Head of People Performance and Waste and the Corporate Performance and Improvement Manager.

The following was highlighted within the report:

- The report presented the Performance Outturn Report for financial year 2023/24.
- This was the final performance report on the Council's previous Corporate Plan which was adopted in February 2020.
- The report and its appendices were structured according to the four themes of that Corporate Plan: Homes, Environment, Economy, and Community, with climate change being a cross cutting theme of the plan.
- Performance information on a wide range of corporate performance indicators was also detailed at Appendix 5.
- At Section 2 of the report additional analysis on several of the performance indicators was provided.

Discussion took place with regard to:

- Whether the Council provided sufficient space for Gypsy, Traveller and Showman communities? **
- Whether the target that was being set for complaints should have been reduced to take into account the new reduced timescales or whether the Council should aspire to keep to the previous higher target? The Ombudsman had not set a particular target so far but the Council had to evidence that they were working to the code. The new rules came into effect on 1 April 2024 and the cost of improving the complaints service was, at present, unquantifiable. It was **agreed** that the new targets on the report would be kept but that they would be brought back to the Scrutiny Committee in six months' time to be reviewed.
- Self-build plots. – should the table show “self build plots completed” **
- Community Support schemes. Are the Council getting Communities involved as much as they should be? **
- Electric Car Charger points**
- Emergency Repairs**.

Note: * Report previously circulated

** The Head of People, Performance and Waste said that he would investigate and report back in writing on these matters.

20 UPDATE ON LAND SALE THAT WOULD UNLOCK 70 AFFORDABLE HOMES

The Committee received and **NOTED** a verbal update from the Deputy Chief Executive (s151 Officer) regarding the land sale that would unlock 70 affordable homes.

The following was highlighted:

- As previously reported the Council's Housing Revenue Account had decided that they would not themselves tender to build 70 social homes at Post Hill and so the land was put up for sale. Exchange had taken place and completion on the land sale was due to take place within the next 2 weeks. The developer was keen to get on site by September and would deliver in accordance with the existing planning application that 70 affordable homes be built on that land.

Discussion took place with regard to:

- Traffic Control on Putson Lane, did the developer have any concerns? – No they were keen to build out within the existing planning application so as not to waste time.
- Once the sale was complete, communications regarding the positive news would be planned.

21 **PORTFOLIO PRESENTATION FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SERVICE DELIVERY AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

The Committee received and **NOTED**, a presentation regarding his portfolio from the Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement.

Discussion took place with regard to:

- The presentation would be circulated to Members of the Scrutiny Committee by e-mail and placed on the Members' Sharepoint site.
- Street Scene – waste prevention should be the aim of the community in the future.
- The Housing Repairs team was congratulated with regards to emergency repairs, healthcare, air monitors and mould.
- Whether dog mess was increasing or whether the collection of it was decreasing? All the enforcement data was on the right trend and was going down. The Council had 4 dog wardens across the whole district but they were also responsible for other areas including car parking and fly tipping.
- With regard to the new Customer Management System – the new system would create more work but it had better reporting tools and so the Council would have better information as to customer activity and areas of concern.
- There was some concern that members of the public voiced that “the Council don't care”, however, it turned out that they did not know which Council they should be addressing their concerns to. It was agreed that Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) should communicate to residents what they did and what other levels of councils ie Devon County Council, Parish Councils etc did. Perhaps a flyer could be put in with Council Tax bills. Mid Devon District Council would encourage all their residents to call Customer First who could signpost them to the correct council or department.

22 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee had before it and **NOTED** the *Forward Plan and the *Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

The Clerk took the Committee through the Work Programme and highlighted the following:

- The items on Void Properties and Air Management Control in Cullompton and beyond had been brought forward to the meeting to be held on 9 September 2024.
- The Establishment – 6 month update had to go to the Service and Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group on 23 September and so should go to the Scrutiny Committee after that, therefore, it would now go to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28 October. As the Whistleblowing – 6 month update were prepared by the same team that report too, would go to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28 October.

Discussion took place regarding:

- The timing of the Annual Report relating to Complaints and Compliments.
- Was there any progress on the Council becoming a Trauma informed Council?
- When South West Water would be invited to this Scrutiny Committee?
- The number of households who were classified as 'Homeless' in this region. It was **agreed** to add Homelessness to the Scrutiny Work Programme.

Note: The Clerk would like to remind Members of the requirement to complete a Scrutiny Proposal Form, to enable officers to focus on exactly what Councillors wanted to see within the report.

(The meeting ended at 6.32 pm)

CHAIR

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Report for: Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting:	9 September 2024
Subject:	COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24
Cabinet Member:	Councillor David Wulff, Quality (Cost) of Living, Equalities and Public Health
Responsible Officer:	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health (Chair of the East and Mid Devon CSP)
Exempt:	Not Applicable
Wards Affected:	All
Enclosures:	Annex A – Updated East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership Terms of Reference (2024)

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation(s)

This is an annual report to ensure that the Scrutiny Committee has oversight of the East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and the opportunity to review the activities of the partnership during 2023-24, and look ahead to the priorities for 2024-25 and beyond.

Community safety relates to all crime, anti-social behaviour, harm and other behaviours that negatively affect the lives and local environment of communities. Partners with responsibility for community safety are required to protect communities from the threat and consequences of these issues by reducing their incidence and fear of their occurrence.

Following review by the statutory partners within the CSP, the overarching priorities for the CSP remain unchanged for 2024-25, but with a new Serious Violence Duty on 'specified authorities' (including district councils) introduced in 2023 and requiring the CSP partners to work together and publish a joint strategy and action plan to reduce serious violence in their areas. The CSP must therefore take due accord of the strategy

in its priorities going forward. The Devon Preventing Serious Violence Strategy 2024-29 was published in January 2024 in accordance with legal requirements and deadline.

The future working of CSPs and their formal relationship with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was under review by the previous Government following a consultation exercise during 2023 and a range of recommendations had been accepted by the previous Government in November 2023. The previous Government has also consulted on strengthening some of the powers in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The King's Speech in July introduced a number of measures including a new Crime and Policing Bill relating to tackling knife crime, violence against women and girls, antisocial behaviour, shoplifting and a neighbourhood policing guarantee.

Recommendation(s):

- 1. To note the work and completed outcomes of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in delivering activities against the Partnerships priorities and action plan for 2023-24.**
- 2. To note the ongoing priorities of the East and Mid Devon CSP and planned activities for 2024-25.**

Section 2 – Report

1 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership (CSP) was formed in order to meet our statutory duties under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and is a multi-agency group working together to reduce crime and disorder.
- 1.2 The formal operating structure of the partnership comprises of quarterly meetings of all partner agencies. The role of chairing the partnership can be met by any of the statutory partners within the partnership and most recently this function has been carried out by Mid Devon District Council.
- 1.3 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires the local authority to put in place a method of scrutinising the manner in which the partnership functions. Every local authority must have in place a committee with the power to review and scrutinise the actions of the CSP and make recommendations about how it functions. The East and Mid Devon CSP is scrutinised through this Council's Scrutiny Committee via an annual report.
- 1.4 The statutory CSP partners are:
 - Devon and Cornwall Police
 - Devon County Council (Adult Social Care)

- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
- Probation Service
- East Devon District Council
- Mid Devon District Council (current Chair organisation)
- NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (One Devon)

2 Priority Areas 2023-24 and 2024-25

2.1 The East & Mid Devon CSP Priorities for 2023-24 were informed by the evidence in the Safer Devon Partnership (SDP) Strategic Assessment, which was produced in December 2021 and the CSP Quarterly Update documents. These gave clear indications that the biggest areas of concern were hidden risk, harm and exploitation alongside emerging issues as we transitioned out of the Covid-19 pandemic. East and Mid Devon risks are clearly mirrored within the report, matching the key areas.

2.2 The CSP therefore has priorities based on the Strategic Assessment 2021-22. Below are the priority areas of focus that have been discussed, shaped and agreed by the CSP members:

- **Violent Crime**

- Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence & Abuse
- Street safety (including street drinking)
- Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking
- Violence Against Women & Girls

- **Youth Risk & Vulnerability**

- Community Wellbeing (including mental health)
- Exploitation
- Prevent Duty (in relation to extremist views)
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Hate Crime

- **Serious Violence Duty (new for 2024)**

- **Martyn's Law - The Terrorism (Protection of Premises Bill) 2024**

- **Review of some Community Safety legislation and powers expected by the new Government**

- **For Mid Devon District Council specifically, we have prioritised reviewing our Safeguarding Policy and procedures in 2023/24 and 2024/25.**

2.3 A range of activities were undertaken or supported in 2023/24 and these included:

- For ASB Awareness week the Council joined with the Police to undertake joint visits to our estates and offered support and advice to residents
 - Planning, training and delegations were carried out to enable Mid Devon Housing Officers to start to use Community Protection Notices from April 2024, and to encourage greater use of the powers in the Public Health and Regulatory Service
 - Officers contributed to the Devon-wide serious violence duty working groups to enable the Strategic Needs Assessment and the Preventing Serious Violence Strategy to be written, scrutinised and signed off
 - Discussions were initiated to find an improved means of tackling youth ASB, in partnership with key agencies, to ensure a trauma informed system could be established in East & Mid Devon
 - We held an ASB Training Day for Council teams and partner organisations at Phoenix House, provided by Victim Support
 - We worked with East Devon and Exeter Councils to thoroughly review our Corporate Safeguarding Policy, and this was signed off by the PDG (March 2024) and adopted by the Cabinet (June 2024)
 - We re-launched a 'Safeguarding Champions Group' in 2023 to ensure each department has a safeguarding lead, and to raise awareness of good practice in supporting vulnerable customers and knowledge of how to report concerns to Devon County Council or other agencies
 - We provided Safeguarding Training to Elected Members in December and March
 - We provided guidance for our staff and Elected Members on how to deal with instances where a client or customer threatens to take their own life. This included access to free on-line training.
- 2.4 The priorities for 2023-24 have remained unchanged, and have continued into 2024-25, however these were reviewed in the context of the new Serious Violence Duty and the Devon Preventing Serious Violence Strategy in particular (more below). As overarching priorities they remain fit for purpose, however activity of the CSP will be influenced by the Devon-wide Action Plan that sits below the serious violence strategy.
- 2.5 The Council became subject to a new statutory **Serious Violence Duty** in 2023. The Duty requires 'specified authorities' to work together and plan to

prevent and reduce serious violence, including identifying the kinds of serious violence that occur in an area, the cause of that violence, and to prepare and implement a strategy for preventing and reducing serious violence.

- 2.6 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 has been amended to ensure preventing and reducing serious violence is a statutory priority for CSPs.
- 2.7 Under the new Duty, the SDP was required to produce an evidence based Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) by 31 January 2024 to identify current and long-term issues in relation to serious violence and to understand emerging trends:
[Devon Serious Violence Needs Assessment 2023 - Executive Summary - Safer Devon](#)
- 2.8 The Duty also required that a Serious Violence Strategy be published by 31 January 2024 which identifies the causes of serious violence in that area and details are range of new and existing actions to prevent and reduce serious violence and its drivers that have been identified:
[Devon Preventing Serious Violence Strategy 2024-29 - Safer Devon](#)
- 2.9 The CSP continues to promote an overarching 'trauma informed' approach across the partner agencies. This approach encourages practitioners and staff to recognise that many service users and community members have experienced some form of traumatic event that they are living with day to day, and may impact on their life choices, activities and actions.
- 2.10 During 2024, the CSP also reviewed and updated its Terms of Reference, a copy of which is attached in Annex A. This was formally agreed with all statutory CSP partners at the April 2024 CSP meeting, however a section with regard to non-voting, non-statutory key partners is currently under further review and will be updated at the next CSP meeting in the autumn.

3 Action Plan 2024-25

- 3.1 Work over the coming year will focus on the following activities:
 1. Continued Partnership working with other Devon CSPs to consider joint project working and funding applications
 2. Review the approach and co-ordination with other agencies in tackling youth ASB, and subject to agreement, re-initiating a Mid Devon Youth ASBAT (ASB Action Team) forum enabling case reviews and a joined up multi-agency approach

3. Work with East Devon District Council to share the resources of their new ASB officer, using serious violence funding to purchase one day per week for Mid Devon
4. Linked to the review above, produce an ASB Toolkit and work with the Police to introduce new Police processes for the roll-out of CPW/CPN legal powers. Provide local training for practitioners and partners to ensure improved use of powers
5. Roll-out of delegated powers to Mid Devon Housing under the ASB toolkit including Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) and Community Protection Notices (CPNs)
6. Link into the evidence base for Serious Violence Duty Strategic Needs Assessment and Serious Violence Working Group at Peninsula and Devon level as required under new Duty, and develop a support the development of the overarching Strategy delivery plan for 2024/25 onwards
7. Review further support, training and awareness raising for staff and practitioners on Trauma Informed Approach. This will focus specific services and areas where best practice can the highest impact on transitioning from being *Trauma Aware*, to being *Trauma informed* - this follows up on Council endorsement in late 2022 to work towards a corporate approach where no specific budget resources were available in the 23/24 budget to deliver this more holistically
8. Continued efforts to reduce the violence towards women and girls.
9. Take a multi-agency approach to tackling street safety through disruption, enforcement and taking steps to increase pro-social activities to reduce the risk of repeated incidents
10. Work closely with Mid Devon and East Housing services to review potential commencement of work towards gaining UK benchmark Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation
11. Implement any new legislative requirements and guidance introduced by the Government during the year, for example, **The Terrorism (Protection of Premises Bill)**. There is also a **Crime and Policing Bill** aimed at; improving policing, cracking down on anti-social behaviour, tackling knife and retail crime, and provision of a stronger response to violence against women and girls

12. Promote ASB Awareness week 2024

13. Continue to improve the Council's Safeguarding procedures and awareness, and to provide improved training for staff and Elected Members

14. Participation in a Domestic Homicide Review in the Mid Devon District, ensuring all learning is highlighted and actioned.

4 Funding

4.1 The Council has no operational budget for its community safety responsibilities beyond a contribution of around 0.4 FTE within a wider 0.8 FTE Community Safety and Safeguarding Officer role.

4.2 Historically the Devon CSPs have received annual grant allocations to support local projects and purchases which support achieving the CSP goals by reducing or tackling specific areas of crime or concern. This financial support was withdrawn at the end of 2021-22.

4.3 The CSP is able to encourage and signpost local bids from organisations and community groups for funds from the OPCC Safer Communities Grant Scheme: [PCC Grants - Safer Communities - Devon Community Foundation \(devoncf.com\)](https://www.devoncf.com). The projects must contribute to the Police and Crime Plan by reducing violence, tackling anti-social behaviour, tackling or mitigating drug use or supporting victims of crime. The CSP is unable to make a direct bid to this grant scheme. The Council's Community Safety Officer was invited to sit on the OPCC Grant Panel in 2023.

4.4 Sourcing other funding streams is a limited possibility where joined up working with the Safer Devon Partnership will ensure that we have the best opportunity to secure a proportion of any Devon wide funding that becomes available for specific projects or priorities.

4.5 The CSP has been awarded £8k from the Government (distributed by OPCC) in 2024-25 for a project to expand the use of Community Protection Notices in our area to tackle anti-social behaviour.

4.6 The CSP are legally responsible for the delivery of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's) under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. An annual funding contribution has been made by the District Council to Devon County Council (the Safer Devon Partnership) to oversee these reviews on our behalf. There were no DHR's in Mid Devon in 2023-24, but one has begun in 2024-25 with regard a case in the Crediton area.

5 Recommendations

5.1 The following recommendations are made:

- To note the work and completed outcomes of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in delivering activities against the Partnerships priorities and action plan for 2023-24.
- To note the ongoing priorities of the East and Mid Devon CSP and planned activities for 2024-25.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report, aside from highlighting potential costs arising from Domestic Homicide Review responsibilities, as set out below.

Legal Implications

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 makes it a statutory requirement for the Police and Local Authorities to engage with partners to form a Community Safety Partnership for the purposes of reducing crime and disorder. The 1998 Act places a legal responsibility on the Partnership to consult with the Community on the priorities it has set and inform them of progress against the action plan. The Act also requires the Partnership to carry out a Strategic Assessment of the area which is used to inform the partnership priorities. The Partnership is also responsible for conducting Domestic Homicide Reviews and these are led by Devon County Council.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 placed a duty on Local Authorities in England to provide support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation. A Devon Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board is now in place to assist with the discharge of these duties and is attended by the Housing Options Manager and/or the Community Safety Officer.

The Serious Violence Duty, which is encompassed in the Police Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 is part of the Government's broad approach to prevent and reduce serious violence. The key strands being a multi-agency public health approach to understanding the drivers and impacts of serious violence, and a focus on prevention and early intervention.

'Specified Authorities' who are subject to the Duty include: local authorities, the police, youth offending teams, Integrated Care Boards, probation, and the fire service.

The Serious Violence Duty requires organisations above to work together to share information, analyse the situation locally and come up with solutions, including the publication of an annual strategy to prevent and reduce serious violence on a local basis. The duty also requires the responsible authorities to consult educational, prison and youth custody authorities for the area in the preparation of their serious violence strategy.

In addition to the Serious Violence Duty Section 17 of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act has been amended to make preventing and reducing Serious Violence a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships (CSP).

The Commencement of the Serious Violence Duty was on 31 of January 2023 with a requirement to formalise local partnership arrangements during 2023 and for specified authorities to publish their Serious Violence Strategy by 31 January 2024.

This King's Speech (July 2024) included "Martyn's law", the Terrorism (Protection of Premises Bill) which was included in the last King's Speech but not introduced by the last government. This introduces security requirements for certain public venues and locations.

Risk Assessment

There is a risk to the Council if it does not fully engage with the Partnership in respect of failing to meet its numerous statutory duties. In turn, the ability of the Partnership to provide effective multi-agency working to reduce crime and disorder in our community is potentially reduced.

Impact on Climate Change

None directly arising from the report. The partnership undertakes the majority of its work remotely through electronic communications which limits officer travel and physical meetings.

Equalities Impact Assessment

The 2018-21 CSP Plan has had an equality impact assessment (EIA) completed. The Trauma Informed approach plan in 2019-20 also had an equality impact assessment completed. Overall, no adverse impacts on persons with legally protected characteristics were identified. No significant changes have been made beyond those required legally under the newly introduced Serious Violence Duty outlined above, consequently no new EIA has been produced. The Devon level Serious Violence Strategy went through a formal equalities impact assessment process at Devon County Council. The Councils updated Corporate Safeguarding Policy (2024) was also subject to a new EIA.

Relationship to Corporate Plan

The priorities of the CSP and the activities undertaken as part of the action plan compliment the ambitions of the Corporate Plan 2024-28. In particular this activity contributes to the priority of Community, People and Equalities. The CSP works directly with the wider community, youth groups and local partners to ensure the district is a safe place to live, work and visit which directly supports the delivery of Corporate Plan objectives 2.2 - *We value and will work closely with local voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations* and 2.3 - *We will support the health, wellbeing, and safety of our residents.*

Section 3 – Statutory Officer sign-off/mandatory checks

Statutory Officer: Andrew Jarrett

Agreed by or on behalf of the Section 151

Date: 27 August 2024

Statutory Officer: Maria de Leburne

Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: 27 August 2024

Chief Officer: Simon Newcombe

Agreed by or on behalf of the Chief Executive/Corporate Director

Date: 26 August 2024

Performance and risk: Stephen Carr

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

Date: 27 August 2024

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Background papers:

Safer Devon Partnership

Information relating to the Devon Strategic Assessment and priorities for Devon.

<https://saferdevon.co.uk/about-safer-devon/>

East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

Local priorities and background information

[East and Mid Devon CSP - Safer Devon](#)

Police and Crime Commissioner Grants

Devon Community Foundation – Grants to enable and empower smaller voluntary and community organisations to reduce violence and ASB

[PCC Grants - Safer Communities - Devon Community Foundation \(devoncf.com\)](#)

Devon Preventing Serious Violence Strategy 2024-29

[Devon Preventing Serious Violence Strategy 2024-29 - Safer Devon](#)

Devon Serious Violence Needs Assessment 2023 – Executive Summary

[Devon Serious Violence Needs Assessment 2023 - Executive Summary - Safer Devon](#)

East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

Terms of Reference

1. **Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of the East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is to ensure that East & Mid Devon remain safe places to live, work and visit.
- 1.2 The Partnership will develop priorities for action which require a collaborative approach and cannot be achieved by one organisation alone.

2. **Responsibilities**

- 2.1 To discharge the statutory responsibilities under The Crime & Disorder Act 1988; The Police Reform Act 2012; The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 effectively.
- 2.2 To understand the community safety needs of the residents of East & Mid Devon and develop actions in response.
- 2.3 To work with the Safer Devon Partnership, Devon & Cornwall Police and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner where appropriate, to ensure local actions are aligned to their plans. This will include CSP representation at the Safer Devon Partnership (SDP) Board and associated meetings to ensure information flow between the Partnerships.
- 2.4 Where funding has been awarded as a result of a bid, the Partnership will ensure the effective spend of any grant allocation, and accountability, as set out in the grant terms and conditions.
- 2.6 To establish a mechanism for agreed priorities to be effectively progressed and monitored, supporting the operational sub-groups when that is required.

3. **Governance**

- 3.1 Membership of the partnership will include representatives from those agencies with a statutory responsibility for community safety as well as other key partners including voluntary and private sector who are in a position to collaborate on activity (See Appendix A)
- 3.2 The Partnership is a strategic group and each agency should reflect their representation with the appropriate authority.
- 3.3 CSP Statutory Members will be expected to attend the CSP meetings, and to assist with the delivery of the CSP Action Plan. Where this is not possible a suitable substitute should represent the organisation. Alternatively information or viewpoints can be submitted by email to the Community Safety Officers or CSP Chair, as can proxy voting.
- 3.4 Each partner retains their own existing line of accountability for community safety. While the Partnership does not have the power to direct other organisations it does have a role in identifying priorities and key areas for further work.

- 3.5 Membership of the partnership will be reviewed annually by the Management Group to ensure that it remains appropriate.
- 3.6 The Partnership Executive will elect a Chair and a Vice Chair at the first meeting of the calendar year. The election of these posts will be overseen by the Community Safety leads employed by East & Mid Devon Councils in their capacity as statutory convening bodies of the Partnership.
- 3.7 Where a Chair or Vice Chair has to stand down mid-term, the Executive will select a replacement at the next scheduled meeting, to take up the position until the first meeting of the calendar year.
- 3.8 Should the Executive consider that the Chair or Vice Chair are not fulfilling their role they may be asked to stand down as a result of a vote by the members of the Executive. A replacement would then be elected from amongst the membership.
- 3.9 The Chair shall be responsible for the operation of the meetings and in conducting any voting that is necessary. Decisions will generally be taken on the basis of consensus and agreement, failing that a simple majority vote will be used.
- 3.10 Each organisation represented at the Executive meeting of the partnership, both statutory and non-statutory shall have one vote. Where there is more than one attendee from an organisation, only one of the attendees may vote and this should be the main representative or their deputy as listed in Appendix A.
- 3.11 The Executive will be quorate when one third of the voting members are in attendance. Decisions of the Executive when quorate will be binding.
- 3.12 A Management Group comprising of the Chair, Vice Chair and both Council's Community Safety Lead Officers will be responsible for managing and advising on the day-to-day operation of the partnership and have the authority to take action on behalf of the Executive between meetings and reporting back to the Executive as necessary. Where the Chair and Vice Chair do not include Police representation, a seat on the Management Group will be allocated for Police nomination – to be agreed at the first CSP meeting of the calendar year.
- 3.13 The Management Group will identify key areas of work for progression for that particular financial year, and produce an annual Action Plan to that effect for approval by the Executive.
- 3.14 Representatives of organisations involved in the Community Safety Partnership may be invited to attend the Management Group meetings in an advisory capacity.
- 3.15 The Management Group will be responsible to the Executive for the financial, procedural, operational and disciplinary regulation of the partnership. Any alterations recommended by the Management Group will be subject to approval by a majority vote of the Community Safety Partnership Executive.
- 3.16 Voting for resolutions, recommendations or appointments within the Management Group shall be by majority vote. In the event of a tie, any resolution shall fail.
- 3.17 The Management Group are empowered to ensure that all policies and procedures are fully complied with by each member of the Community Safety Partnership.

4. Frequency

- 4.1 Executive meetings shall take place quarterly.
- 4.2 Management Group meetings will normally take place monthly, but can take place more regularly should it be deemed necessary by the Chair.
- 4.3 An Extraordinary Executive or Management meeting may be called by the Chair of the Partnership at any time between the set quarterly meetings, giving 7 days' notice to members of the relevant group.

5. Administration

- 5.1 The District Councils shall normally be responsible for administering the Executive meetings and distributing the minutes/action points. The minutes will be marked as confidential and only shared with CSP members and any other agreed partners.
- 5.2 The Executive Agenda will be prepared by the Community Safety Officers in consultation with the Management Group. Members will be asked for agenda items at least 10 working days before the meeting being held. All papers will be sent out at least 5 working days before the meeting date.
- 5.3 Tabling of items will not be permitted unless agreed by the Chair in advance of the meeting.
- 5.4 The Management Group is also the overall responsibility of the District Councils but the administration of the group may be delegated to the organisation that the Chair represents if this is felt to be more practical.
- 5.5 The Management Group Agenda will be prepared by the Chair in consultation with the Management Group.
- 5.6 Notes and/or action points will be distributed after the meeting.

6. Finance

- 6.1 The Partnership shall take opportunities to bid for funding to support priorities from a variety of sources. These funds will be held by whichever member organisation the funder deems appropriate, or this will otherwise be determined by the Management Group.
- 6.2 Progress reports on spend shall be a standing item of Community Safety Partnership Executive meeting agenda.

7. Operational Sub-Groups and Local Community Safety Groups

- 7.1 Operational Sub-Groups may be established to progress the priority areas set by the Executive.
- 7.2 Each sub-group will be overseen by a member of the Executive but may be chaired by another member of the sub-group.
- 7.3 The Executive member responsible for each group or their representative will provide a progress brief to the Executive as part of the Executive meetings, together with budget monitoring reports where applicable.

- 7.4 The Chair of each Operational Sub-Group will have discretion as to membership, frequency of meetings and will determine the best way of working to deliver joined-up service delivery. Terms of Reference should be drafted for each group, and approved by the Partnership Executive.
- 7.5 The Partnership may review any of its Operational Sub-Groups at an appropriate interval determined by the Executive in terms of its scope, membership, terms of reference and end date.

8. Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership

- 8.1 The Crime & Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 require Councils to scrutinise Community Safety Partnership at least annually, to ensure that local issues have been effectively dealt with.
- 8.2 The CSP Chair, or agreed representative, will attend each District Councils' Scrutiny Committee annually to provide an update on priorities and activity.

9. Domestic Homicide Reviews

- 9.1 The relevant District Council's Lead for Community Safety (or nominated deputy) will sit on the Domestic Homicide Core Group when deciding whether a death meets the criteria to set up a Domestic Homicide Review.
- 9.2 The relevant District Council's Lead for Community Safety (or nominated deputy) will sit on the Domestic Homicide Review Panel to help co-ordinate any relevant actions arising across the Community Safety Partnership.
- 9.3 The Management Group will be required to read the final report written by the Independent Chair of the panel and give approval for the report to be submitted to the Home Office.
- 9.4 The Management Group will ensure that actions coming out of the review are discussed at the Executive Meetings of the Partnership, that the Executive respond to those which are relevant to the Partnership, and a written record is kept.

10. Safeguarding Adults Reviews

- 10.1 The relevant District Council's Lead for Community Safety (or nominated deputy) will engage with the Torbay and Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership with regard to Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) to ensure the effective contribution of knowledge and expertise, and to ensure that any actions or learning points arising are shared with the relevant services.

11. Review

- 11.1 This document will be reviewed every three years or sooner where there are changes in legislation, regulation, governance or membership that will affect the function of the Partnership.

Membership of Mid & East Devon Community Safety Partnership Executive

Sector	Organisation	Named representative or role	Voting rights
Statutory Partners			
	East Devon District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political representation - Cllr Jamie Kemp • Assistant Director – Environmental Health (Matt Blythe) • Community Safety Officer (Melody Trott) • Andy King – Tenancy Services Manager, Landlord Services. • Emma Congerton – Housing Strategy and Operations, Housing services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓
	Mid Devon District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political representation - Cabinet Member for Community & Leisure (Cllr David Wulff) • Head of Housing and Health (Simon Newcombe) • Community Safety Officer (Adrian Gardner) • Public Health & Housing Options Lead (Tanya Wenham) • Tenancy Management Operations Lead (Claire Fry) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓
	Devon and Cornwall Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Inspector • Mid Devon Neighbourhood Inspector (Inspector Mark Arthurs) • East Devon (Exmouth) Neighbourhood Inspector (Inspector Grant Leitch) • East Devon (Rural East) Neighbourhood Inspector (Inspector Phil Gray) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓
	Devon County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political representation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ East – Cllr Marcus Hartnell ○ Mid – Cllr John Berry • Safer Devon Partnership Manager (Julie Richards) • Community Safety Policy Officer (Jenny Jurga) • Children and Young People Early Help Service Manager (Ian Flett) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓

To clarify as a statutory partner	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioning Officer (Amanda Wells) Deputy - Commissioning Support officer (Dean Wait) 	✓
	Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Commander (Ben Williams) 	✓
	NHS One Devon Integrated Care Board (Eastern Area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michele Thornberry 	✓
	Probation Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Devon and Torbay Prison & Probation Service (Louise Arscott) Senior Probation Officer 	✓
Key Partners	This section still to be reviewed and populated		
Voluntary Sector	Space Youth Services	Ben Goodman	
Diverse Communities.			
Business			
Education			

Note – The Appendix A membership list to be updated periodically by the CSP Management Group with any significant changes agreed by the Executive.



Report for: Scrutiny

Date of Meeting:	9 th September 2024
Subject:	Cullompton Infrastructure update
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Steve Keable, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration
Responsible Officer:	Richard Marsh, Director of Place and Economy
Exempt:	Not Applicable
Wards Affected:	All
Enclosures:	N/A

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation

This report seeks to provide members with an update on new infrastructure investment and delivery in Cullompton.

Recommendations:

1. That Members note the report.

Section 2 – Report

1. Background

- 1.1. Planned growth in Cullompton is dependent upon both major investment into infrastructure in the town and timely delivery of this infrastructure. Specifically, this includes the Cullompton town centre relief road and an upgrade to Junction 28 of the M5 motorway. Requirements around this infrastructure are set out within the Council’s adopted Local Plan.
- 1.2. In addition to this, the Council has also been working hard with partners to promote and secure delivery of a new railway station within the town. Although delivery of the station is less essential in unlocking planned growth, it does play

an important role in providing transport connectivity and capacity and has an important role in providing an alternative to private car usage.

Updates on key infrastructure investments:

2. Cullompton Town Centre relief road:

- 2.1. Members will be aware that a bid was submitted to Government (via Homes England) in spring 2024. This bid sought the additional funding required to enable delivery of the relief road and was the latest attempt by MDDC and its partners in securing the balance of funding required to deliver the road (this following on from bids to the Levelling Up Fund, rounds 1 and 2.)
- 2.2. Progression and determination of the bid was delayed owing to the General Election called in July 2024 and, since that time, the Council has been awaiting confirmation of any decision in relation to the bid.
- 2.3. At the time of writing this report, the Council is still awaiting formal confirmation of any decision in relation to the funding request. However, it should be stressed that the Council does remain fully committed to the delivery of the relief road project.
- 2.4. Whilst awaiting confirmation of any decision in relation to the grant funding application, it should however be noted that the Council (Mid Devon in conjunction with Devon County Council) has made a significant and proactive step forwards in relation to the relief road project by commencing the first phase of works to enable the relocation of Cullompton Cricket club from their current pitches on the route of the proposed relief road to a new site on Horn Road (East Cullompton). These works commenced on 27th August 2024 and are expected to complete during September. This is a significant step forwards in supporting and enabling delivery of the relief road project.

3. Junction 28 Motorway Junction upgrade:

- 3.1. The upgrade to Junction 28 of the M5 is the crucial next steps in the upgrading of Cullompton Highways infrastructure after the delivery of the relief road. It is required to both address existing traffic and congestion challenges which blight the town, but also to support the delivery of the next phase of growth at Culm Garden Village.
- 3.2. A Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) was submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) by Devon County Council (DCC) as Highways Authority in May 2024. This work was funded by Mid Devon District Council using funding secured from Homes England. The submission followed extensive public consultation and sought approval to progress through subsequent rounds of business case development and ultimately to full delivery of the junction upgrade.
- 3.3. At the time of writing this report, no decisions have been communicated in relation to the bid but some clarification questions have been received in relation

to the bid submitted. No timetable has been given for full evaluation and decision on the bid, but no decisions or announcements are expected before the Autumn. Members will be kept informed of any developments.

4. Cullompton station re-opening:

- 4.1. Members will be aware of recent announcements relating to the cancellation of the 'Restoring Your Railways' programme – of which Cullompton station was an integral part.
- 4.2. However, despite this, announcements do also seem to have allowed room for some projects from within the cancelled programme to continue – if sufficient funding can be found at a Governmental level and if projects can demonstrate good value for money/a sound business case.
- 4.3. In the case of Cullompton station; the project is at an advanced stage of scheme development, is well-supported, has a strong business case and has always had a strong benefit cost ratio (value for money assessment.) It is therefore considered that this project remains highly viable and that it would support and compliment other projects within the town – including the Garden Village proposals.
- 4.4. In light of this and despite recent announcements, officers will therefore continue to press the case for the Cullompton station in the hope that Government reviews during autumn will see value in continuing support for the project and enable delivery along the timescales previously set out.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report as projects are already known about and accounted for.

Legal Implications

No direct legal implications arise from this report.

Risk Assessment

No specific risks are considered to arise from this report.

Impact on Climate Change

No direct implications arise from this report and impact upon climate change has been considered in detail for each project discussed within the report at other decision points/in other reports. However, the relationship between investment in infrastructure and carbon emissions/the environment should be noted.

Equalities Impact Assessment

Not applicable

Relationship to Corporate Plan

Timely delivery of infrastructure is essential to the Council in meeting its wide ranging corporate plan ambitions and in supporting delivery of planned growth set out within the adopted Local Plan. There is therefore a strong relationship between the projects discussed and the Corporate Plan.

Section 3 – Statutory Officer sign-off/mandatory checks

Statutory Officer: Andrew Jarrett

Agreed by or on behalf of the Section 151

Date: 30 August 2024

Statutory Officer: Maria de Leiburne

Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: 30 August 2024

Chief Officer: Richard Marsh, Director of Place and Economy

Agreed by or on behalf of the Chief Executive/Corporate Director

Date: 28 August 2024

Performance and risk: Steve Carr

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

Date: 30 August 2024

Cabinet member notified: Yes

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Richard Marsh, Director of Place and Economy. rmarsh@middevon.gov.uk

Background information



Report for: Scrutiny

Date of Meeting:	9 th September 2024
Subject:	Air Management Control in Cullompton and beyond
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Steve Keable, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration
Responsible Officer:	Richard Marsh, Director of Place and Economy
Exempt:	Not Applicable
Wards Affected:	All
Enclosures:	N/A

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation

This report seeks to provide Members with an update in relation to Air Quality matters in Cullompton and Crediton (as identified Air Quality Management Areas (AQMQs) within Mid Devon.)

Recommendations:

1. That Members note the report.

Section 2 – Report

1. Background

1.1. There are two identified Air Quality Management Areas (AQMQs) within Mid Devon: one in Cullompton (designated in 2006) and one in Crediton (designated in 2004). These are predominantly focused in the town centre areas and were identified owing to the significant pollution levels in the town centres. This pollution predominantly arises as a consequence of congestion within the town centres which, in turn, creates high levels of vehicle emissions, resulting in poor air quality.

- 1.2. The associated Air Quality Action Plans identify a wide range of measures for addressing air quality issues, of which key infrastructure interventions deliver the most direct and positive impacts within the towns. These interventions are therefore the focus of this report.

Updates on Air Quality Management in Cullompton and Crediton:

2. Overall Air Quality Management:

- 2.1. Generally speaking, there has been a long-term downward trend in air pollutants within Mid Devon as a whole – meaning that there has been an improvement in air quality. This is reflected within the two AQMAs where air quality improvements (especially in relation to NO₂) have also been recorded. However, despite this, the AQMAs remain in place. In the case of Cullompton, this is particularly because the Council is conscious of significant short-term development proposals within the town which could generate additional traffic and pollution, unless appropriate supporting infrastructure is also delivered to support this growth and mitigate the impacts of additional traffic (especially in terms of pollution) as well as in addressing historic issues of congestion.
- 2.2. With this in mind, MDDC internal approval has recently been secured to replace air quality monitoring equipment in both Cullompton and Crediton which had been decommissioned owing to it having reached the end of its serviceable life. Replacement of this equipment is being funded by S106 receipts secured by the Council for works focused upon the AQMAs within the two towns. This will allow the Council to continue to monitor air quality. This will be helpful both in terms of keeping the AQMAs under review (as required by Government), but it is also expected to support the Council in demonstrating the ongoing need for investment in to infrastructure to mitigate any negative effects of growth upon the towns and monitor any positive impacts of new infrastructure and other environmental initiatives.
- 2.3. The data is also likely to be relevant and helpful as the Council also considers future growth within the District – linked to the development of the new Local Plan.
- 2.4. Turning specifically to the two towns covered by the AQMAs, the report now goes on to set out some wider relevant information around what the Council is currently doing to seek to address air pollution within the towns.

3. Cullompton:

- 3.1. Relief Road: As members will be aware, traffic and congestion within Cullompton town centre (arising from a lack of highways capacity and volume of traffic) is currently a root cause of pollution within the town centre. The Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road (CTCRR) is a key planned highways intervention which seeks to address traffic congestion within the town centre by creating additional highway capacity and improving the flow of traffic through the town. With this, it is expected that this will both release future growth planned within and around

the town, but also address the existing air pollution issues which exist. The road will also deliver additional sustainable and active travel options to the town which it is hoped will support and encourage modal shift and reduce the reliance upon private car ownership. The Council continues to seek funding to deliver the relief road and remains committed to its delivery – not least as a key mechanism to reduce air quality issues within the town centre.

- 3.2. Junction 28: In addition to the relief road, the Council also continues to seek to secure funding for a strategic upgrade to Junction 28 of the M5 motorway. Although not directly within the AQMA zone, it is expected that junction upgrades will also support future planned growth within the town, but that it will also address legacy issues around traffic and congestion arising from limited capacity at the junction – to the benefit of the town centre and wider town. A bid is currently with the Department for Transport (DfT) to secure further funding to progress towards delivery of this project and Members will be kept informed of its progress.

4. Crediton:

- 4.1. Crediton masterplan: This is due to be presented to full Council for adoption at the 4th September meeting. The geographical focus of this masterplan has been on the town centre of Crediton (extending to the train station) and a key aim of the work has been to consider interventions which may improve the high street – including by reducing highways dominance and the negative effects of traffic within the high street. As such, the masterplan does seek to identify interventions which can improve the current environment and mitigate negative impacts and it is hoped that the masterplan can become a platform for other positive interventions to come forwards within the town. Following the expected adoption of the masterplan, officers will continue to work with key stakeholders and interest groups in order to seek to progress and deliver key projects within the town – including those which offer the scope to have a positive impact upon air quality.
- 4.2. It should also be noted that the Council is also proactively progressing and exploring other opportunities within the town which can support air quality improvements – including exploring options with GWR for enhancements to walking and cycling links between the station and the town centre.
- 4.3. A review of the Crediton AQMA will soon be required and will be led by the public health team – but this will be considered in the round by officers and discussed with Members at the appropriate points in time.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. Although this is a high-level report, it is hoped that Members can see that significant efforts are continuing to seek to improve air quality throughout the district and within Cullompton and Crediton in particular (these being the towns currently subject to AQMAs).

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

No direct legal implications arise from this report.

Risk Assessment

No specific risks are considered to arise from this report.

Impact on Climate Change

No direct implications arise from this report but the interface between air pollution and vehicles should be noted along with the positive steps discussed within this report about seeking to make improvements to air quality and the wider environment.

Equalities Impact Assessment

Not applicable

Relationship to Corporate Plan

Improvements to Air Quality and to the living and working conditions of residents are intrinsic to the Corporate Plan. The proposals therefore support the delivery of Corporate Plan objectives.

Section 3 – Statutory Officer sign-off/mandatory checks

Statutory Officer: Andrew Jarrett

Agreed by or on behalf of the Section 151

Date: 30 August 2024

Statutory Officer: Maria de Leburne

Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: 30 August 2024

Chief Officer: Richard Marsh, Director of Place and Economy

Agreed by or on behalf of the Chief Executive/Corporate Director

Date: 29 August 2024.

Performance and risk: Steve Carr

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

Date: 30 August 2024

Cabinet member notified: Yes

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background information

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL – NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISIONS

August 2024



The Forward Plan containing key Decisions is published 28 days prior to each Cabinet meeting

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
30th July					
Crediton Town MasterPlan SPD and Delivery Plan To approve the Crediton Town Centre Masterplan SPD and delivery Plan	Cabinet Council	30 Jul 2024 4 Sep 2024	Director of Place and Economy	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open
August					
SFS (Specialist Fleet Services) Transport Contract	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group	24 Jun 2024	Matthew Page, Head of People, Performance & Waste	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Part exempt

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Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
	Cabinet	27 Aug 2024			
Care Leaver Friendly Employer	Cabinet	27 Aug 2024	James Hamblin, Operations Manager for People Services	Cabinet Member for People, Development and Deputy Leader	Open
Future of Recycling - Options Paper To receive an options paper discussing the future of recycling.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	24 Jun 2024 27 Aug 2024	Matthew Page, Head of People, Performance & Waste,	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open
Environmental Enforcement Annual Report To receive and discuss the annual Environmental Enforcement Report.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	24 Jun 2024 27 Aug 2024	Matthew Page, Head of People, Performance & Waste	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open
Review of Bin-It 123 To review the Bin-It 123 scheme.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group	24 Jun 2024		Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
	Cabinet	27 Aug 2024			
Corporate Performance Q1; Corporate Risk Q1,	Cabinet	27 Aug 2024	Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Leader of the Council	Open
2024/25 Budget Monitoring - Quarter 1	Cabinet	27 Aug 2024	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
September					
Green Enterprise Grants	Cabinet	17 Sep 2024	Jason Ball, Climate and Sustainability Specialist	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	
Team Devon Joint Committee	Cabinet	17 Sep 2024		Leader of the Council	Open
	Council	30 Oct 2024			
National Planning Policy Framework	Cabinet	17 Sep 2024	Tristan Peat, Forward Planning Team Leader	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Willand Neighbourhood Plan	Cabinet Planning, Environment & Sustainability Policy Development Group	17 Sep 2024 26 Nov 2024	Tristan Peat, Forward Planning Team Leader	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	
Blackdown Hills National Landscape Management Plan	Cabinet	17 Sep 2024	Tristan Peat, Forward Planning Team Leader	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	
CCTV Policy To receive the updated CCTV Policy	Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group Cabinet	25 Jun 2024 17 Sep 2024	Deputy Chief Executive	David Wulff	Open
Performance Dashboard Q1	Cabinet Homes Policy Development Group Economy & Assets Policy Development Group	17 Sep 2024 24 Sep 2024 3 Oct 2024	Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Leader of the Council	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
	Planning, Environment & Sustainability Policy Development Group Planning Committee Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group	8 Oct 2024 9 Oct 2024 22 Oct 2024			
Page 39 October					
The Statutory Duty to Conserve and Enhance Biodiversity	Cabinet	15 Oct 2024	Jason Ball, Climate and Sustainability Specialist	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	Open
Leisure Pricing Strategy (Part II) To receive and approve the revised leisure Pricing Strategy.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	23 Sep 2024 15 Oct 2024	Dean Emery, Head of Revenues, Benefits & Leisure	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Fully exempt

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Hoarding Policy To receive the revised Hoarding Policy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	10 Sep 2024 15 Oct 2024	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Repairs and Maintenance Policy (New) To receive the new Repairs and Maintenance Policy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet Council	10 Sep 2024 15 Oct 2024 30 Oct 2024	Mike Lowman, Building Services Operations Manager	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Corporate Anti Social Behaviour Policy	Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group Cabinet	25 Jun 2024 15 Oct 2024		David Wulff	Open
S106 Governance	Cabinet	15 Oct 2024		Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Planning Enforcement-Enforcement Policy Update	Scrutiny Committee Cabinet	19 Feb 2024 Not before 15th Oct 2024	Angharad Williams, Development Management Manager	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
HRA Asset Management Strategy To receive the HRA Asset Management Strategy	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	10 Sep 2024 15 Oct 2024	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Tenure Reform and Changes to the Tenancy Agreement - Project Plan To receive a project plan to tenure reform	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	10 Sep 2024 15 Oct 2024		Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Mid Devon Draft Policies and Site Options	Cabinet	15 Oct 2024	Tristan Peat, Forward Planning Team Leader		Open
Tenancy Management Policy To receive the revised Tenancy Management Policy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	10 Sep 2024 15 Oct 2024	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
November					
December					

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Destination Management Plan for Mid Devon	Economy & Assets Policy Development Group Cabinet	28 Nov 2024 10 Dec 2024	Adrian Welsh, Strategic Manager for Growth, Economy and Delivery	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open
Economic Strategy 2024 - 2029	Economy & Assets Policy Development Group Cabinet	28 Nov 2024 10 Dec 2024	Adrian Welsh, Strategic Manager for Growth, Economy and Delivery	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open
Right to Buy Policy (New) To receive the new Right to Buy Policy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet Council	19 Nov 2024 10 Dec 2024 18 Dec 2024	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Climate Strategy Action Plan To consider the Climate Strategy Action Plan	Planning, Environment & Sustainability Policy Development Group Cabinet	26 Nov 2024 10 Dec 2024	Jason Ball, Climate and Sustainability Specialist	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	Open

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Tenant Involvement Strategy To receive the revised Tenant Involvement Strategy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	19 Nov 2024 10 Dec 2024	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
National Assistance Burial Procedure To consider the National Assistance Burial Procedure	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	2 Dec 2024 10 Dec 2024		Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open
Tenant Compensation Policy To receive the revised Tenant Compensation Policy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	19 Nov 2024 10 Dec 2024	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Service Standards To receive the Service Standards for Housing.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	19 Nov 2024 10 Dec 2024	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Housing Strategy To receive the revised Housing Strategy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	19 Nov 2024 10 Dec 2024	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open

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Corporate Performance Q2; Corporate Risk Q2; Performance Dashboard Q2	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager	Leader of the Council	Open
Phoenix House Accommodation Opportunities	Cabinet		Andrew Jarrett, Deputy Chief Executive (S151)	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open
Tenancy Strategy To receive the revised Tenancy Strategy	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	19 Nov 2024 10 Dec 2024	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
January 2025					
Future Waste & Recycling Options To receive a report regarding fully investigated future Waste & Recycling Options as identified at the previous PDG meeting.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	2 Dec 2024 7 Jan 2025	Matthew Page, Head of People, Performance & Waste	Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement	Open

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National Assistance Burial Procedure To receive and approve the updated National Assistance Burial Procedure.	Service Delivery & Continuous Improvement Policy Development Group Cabinet	2 Dec 2024 7 Jan 2025	Steve Densham, Land Management Officer	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	Open
Air Quality Action Plan To consider the report	Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group Cabinet	2 Dec 2024 7 Jan 2025	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health Jason Ball, Climate and Sustainability Specialist	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration	Open
February 2025					
Regulation of Investigatory Powers	Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group Scrutiny Committee Cabinet	3 Dec 2024 13 Jan 2025 4 Feb 2025	Maria De Leburne, Director of Legal, HR & Governance (Monitoring Officer)	Cabinet Member for People, Development and Deputy Leader	Open

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March 2025					
Tenancy Options Waste Services– Carlu Close To consider the future of the tenancy at Carlu Close	Cabinet	28 Mar 2025	Andrew Busby, Corporate Manager for Property, Leisure and Climate Change	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	Open
April 2025					
Corporate Recovery Policy To receive the updated Corporate Recovery Policy.	Audit Committee Cabinet	25 Mar 2025 1 Apr 2025	Paul Deal, Head of Finance, Property & Climate Resilience	Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk	Open
Community Safety Partnership Policy To consider the report	Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group Cabinet	25 Mar 2025 1 Apr 2025	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Quality of Living, Equalities and Public Health	Open

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Single Equalities Policy and Equality Objective	Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group Cabinet	25 Mar 2025 1 Apr 2025	Matthew Page, Head of People, Performance & Waste	Cabinet Member for Quality of Living, Equalities and Public Health Cabinet Member for People, Development and Deputy Leader	Open
Safeguarding Children & Adults at Risk Policy	Community, People & Equalities Policy Development Group Cabinet	25 Mar 2025 1 Apr 2025	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Quality of Living, Equalities and Public Health Cabinet Member for People, Development and Deputy Leader	Open
Data Policy (new) for MDH To receive the new Data Policy for Mid Devon Housing	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet Council	18 Mar 2025 1 Apr 2025 23 Apr 2025	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open
Safeguarding Policy (new for MDH) To receive the new Safeguarding Policy for Mid Devon Housing	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	18 Mar 2025 1 Apr 2025	Simon Newcombe, Head of Housing & Health	Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property and Deputy Leader	Open

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	Council	23 Apr 2025			

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9th September 2024				
9.09.24	<p>Annual Community Safety Partnership Report The Police and Justice Act 2006 required for all Councils to establish a Committee with the power to scrutinise crime and disorder matters in its area – Includes Partnership activities and Action Plan</p>		Director of Place and Economy Simon Newcombe	
9.09.24	<p>Mid Devon as a Trauma Informed Council To receive a verbal update on Mid Devon as a Trauma Informed Council from the Head of Housing and Health</p>		Maria De Leiburne Simon Newcombe	
9.09.24	<p>Air Management Control in Cullompton and beyond To receive a report regarding Air Management Control in Cullompton and beyond relating to roads and traffic management</p>		Director of Place and Economy Simon Newcombe	
9.09.24	<p>Cullompton Infrastructure update report</p>		Director of Place and Economy	

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30.09.24	<p>Portfolio presentation from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change</p> <p>To receive a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Climate Change regarding her Portfolio</p>		Deputy Chief Executive (S151) Jason Ball	
30th September 2024				
30.09.24	<p>Solar Panel Farms and Anaerobic Digesters</p> <p>To receive a report regarding Solar Panel Farms and Anaerobic Digesters looking at the quantity of sites and how much land was devoted to renewable energies. This subject may need a Work Group.</p>		Director of Place and Economy Jason Ball	
30.09.24	<p>Portfolio Presentation from the Cabinet Member for Housing, Assets and Property</p> <p>To receive a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services relating to his Portfolio.</p>		Director of Place and Economy Simon Newcombe	
28th October 2024				
28.10.24	<p>Annual Report of Complaints and Compliments</p> <p>To receive a report from the Head of Digital Transformation and Customer Engagement regarding the Annual Report of Complaints and Compliments</p>		Operations Manager for Legal and Monitoring Lisa Lewis	

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9.09.24	Whistleblowing - 6 month update To receive a verbal report from the Head of People, Governance and Waste		Operations Manager for Legal and Monitoring Matthew Page	
9.09.24	Establishment - 6 month update To receive a report from the Head of People, Governance and Waste giving an update on Establishment from the past six months		Operations Manager for Legal and Monitoring Matthew Page	
28.10.24	Portfolio Presentation from the Cabinet Member for Parish and Community Engagement Presentation from the Cabinet Member of Parish and Community Engagement		Operations Manager for Legal and Monitoring David Parker	
25th November 2024				
15.07.24	The impact of the structure of the new Government on Plan Mid Devon. the impact of the structure of the new Government on Mid Devon District Council's priorities and specifically the next Plan Mid Devon.		Chief Executive	
28.11.24 10.12.24	Destination Management Plan To receive a report - Request to look at Data and visitor spend.		Director of Place and Economy Zoë Lentell	
25.11.24	Portfolio Presentation from the Cabinet Member for Quality (Cost) of Living, Equalities and Public Health			

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16th December 2024				
16.12.24	Corporate Performance Quarter 2 To receive a report from the Corporate Manager for Performance and Improvement		Deputy Chief Executive (S151) Dr Stephen Carr	
9.09.24	Void Properties To receive a report regarding how many properties were empty in the Housing Revenue Account, results to be broken down by Ward, what was the Council doing to reduce those voids and could Councillors be provided with the trends as to why those properties were empty?		Director of Place and Economy Simon Newcombe	
16.12.24	Portfolio Presentation from the Cabinet Member for People and Development			
13th January 2025				
13.01.25	Review of Medium Term Financial Plan 2026 - 2031 To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) reviewing the Budget over the next five years		Deputy Chief Executive (S151) Paul Deal	
13.01.25	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act Annual Report To receive a report from the Director of Legal , HR & Governance (Monitoring Officer)		Maria De Leburne Maria De Leburne	

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13.01.25	Planning Enforcement To receive an update on Planning Enforcement within the District		Director of Place and Economy Angharad Williams	
13.01.25	Portfolio Presentation from the Cabinet Member for Governance, Finance and Risk			
17th February 2025				
17.02.25	Whistleblowing Annual Update To receive a report from the Head of People, Governance and Waste regarding Whistleblowing.		Operations Manager for Legal and Monitoring Matthew Page	
17.02.25	Establishment Report To receive a report from the Corporate Manager for People, Governance and Waste		Operations Manager for Legal and Monitoring Matthew Page	
17th March 2025				
14th April 2025				
14.04.25	Scrutiny Chair's Annual Report To receive a report from the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee on the work the Scrutiny Committee has conducted over the last year.		Operations Manager for Legal and Monitoring David Parker	

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Mid Devon District Council Scrutiny Proposal Form

(This form should be completed by Member(s), Officers and / or members of the public when proposing an item for Scrutiny).

Note: The matters detailed below have not yet received any detailed consideration. The Scrutiny Committee reserves the right to reject suggestions for scrutiny that fall outside the District Council's remit.

Proposer's name and designation	Cllr Lance Kennedy	Date of referral	12/08/24
Proposed topic title	House maintenance, emergency repairs, pollution monitoring and resident safety		
Link to national, regional and local priorities(Corporate Plan) and targets	Local provision of housing and resident safety delivery of pollution monitoring		
Background to the issue	<p>The provision of suitable housing by MDDC has with the change of Government been raised in importance, the safety of tenants and the regular and emergency repairs of high quality have recently been recognized with National awards</p> <p>Internal monitoring of premises using equipment installed and monitored by MDDC team has increased the eradication of mould whilst monitoring health issues.</p> <p>Future external monitoring equipment as it becomes available will facilitate the carbon neutral goals by accurate real time monitoring.</p>		
List main points this report should cover (What do you want to achieve?)	<p>Maintenance of MDDC property.</p> <p>Emergency repairs</p> <p>Health of tenants</p> <p>Monitoring air pollution</p> <p>Methods of improving performance</p> <p>Increased air monitoring to support target goals</p> <p>Delivering accurate pollution figures to support need for traffic management and future delivery of residential homes.</p>		
Should this be referred to the appropriate PDG/ Committee?	Best route of recommendations to be considered		
What degree of priority is this issue? 1 = Urgent 2= High 3=Medium 4=Low	3		

Mid Devon District Council

Proposing an item for the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

