

Mid Devon District Council

Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 15 June 2015 at 2.15 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House

Next ordinary meeting
Monday, 13 July 2015 at 2.15 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr F R Rosamond
Cllr Mrs H Bainbridge
Cllr Mrs J B Binks
Cllr Mrs C P Daw
Cllr Mrs S Griggs
Cllr T G Hughes
Cllr B A Moore
Cllr Mrs J Roach
Cllr Mrs E J Slade
Cllr T W Snow
Cllr N A Way
Cllr Mrs N Woollatt

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

- 1 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
To elect a Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2015/16.

- 2 **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**
To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of substitute Members (if any).

- 3 **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.

- 4 **MEMBER FORUM**
An opportunity for non-Cabinet Members to raise issues.

- 5 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (*Pages 5 - 12*)
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting of this Committee (attached).

The Committee is reminded that only those members of the Committee 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.

- 6 **DECISIONS OF THE CABINET**
To consider any decisions made by the Cabinet at its meeting on 4 June 2015 that have been called-in.

- 7 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman of Scrutiny Committee may wish to make.

- 8 **START TIME OF MEETINGS**
To agree a start time for meetings for the municipal year.

- 9 **LEADERS ANNUAL REPORT** (*Pages 13 - 20*)
To receive a report from the Leader of the Council, in respect to the state of the district, Cabinet priorities for the coming year and its performance in the previous year.

- 10 **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT** (*Pages 21 - 22*)
The Cabinet Member for the Environment will update the Committee regarding areas covered by his remit.

- 11 **LEGAL SERVICES SIX MONTHLY UPDATE** (*Pages 23 - 30*)
The Head of Communities and Governance will update the Group following the report to this Committee in April 2014 when it was agreed that an interim progress report be brought to the Committee in September 2014 with a six monthly update.

- 12 **STAFF SURVEYS** (*Pages 31 - 32*)
Councillor Mrs J Roach has requested that the Committee discuss Staff Surveys.

- 13 **POLITICAL BALANCE OF COMMITTEES**
Councillor Mrs J Roach has asked that the Committee consider whether the swapping of seats, Conservative to Independant and visa versa is allowed under the political balance regulations.

- 14 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT EAST AND MID DEVON CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY PANEL FOR THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL YEAR.**
Under the Police and Justice Act 2006 every local authority is required to have in place a committee with power to review and scrutinise the

functioning of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) within its area. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 further complements this. Home Office guidance provides that where councils are working together in a CSP, they should work together to deliver a scrutiny function that is able to add value. Previously meetings have been held twice a year and have been held alternately in Sidmouth and Tiverton and chaired by the relevant Scrutiny Chairman within that area.

The Committee is asked to appoint three Members to the Panel, one of whom should be the Scrutiny Committee Chairman.

15 **UPDATES AND ITEMS TO NOTE REGARDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Whistle Blowing - To receive a six monthly verbal update from the Head of Communities and Governance.

16 **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Members are asked to note that the following items are already identified in the work programme for the next meeting:

Cabinet Member for Community Well Being

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

Kevin Finan
Chief Executive
Friday, 5 June 2015

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