

Mid Devon District Council

Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 2 November 2015 at 2.00 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House

Next ordinary meeting
Monday, 30 November 2015 at 2.00 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

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

- 2 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

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

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

- 4 **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.

5 **DECISIONS OF THE CABINET**

To consider any decisions made by the Cabinet at its last meeting that have been called-in.

6 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

7 **POLICE COMMISSIONER**

The Police Commissioner, Mr Tony Hogg, will attend the meeting to take questions from the Committee.

8 **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE** (*Pages 13 - 18*)

To receive a report from the Member Services Manager updating the Committee on Member Development.

9 **STAFF SURVEY**

The Committee to receive a verbal update from the Head of Human Resources and Development regarding results from the Staff Survey.

10 **TIVERTON TOWN CENTRE**

At the request of the Committee the Chief Executive and the Town Centre Manager will be in attendance to answer questions regarding the future of Tiverton town centre and liaison with local businesses.

11 **PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

The Head of Communities and Governance has requested that the Committee discuss partnership working and how successful this has proved at other authorities.

12 **ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

During discussion of the next item it may be necessary to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Article 12 12.02(d) (a presumption in favour of openness) of the Constitution. This decision may be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Committee will need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

To consider passing the following resolution so that information may be

discussed.

RECOMMENDED that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

13 **RIPA** (*Pages 19 - 32*)

Councillor Mrs J Roach has requested that the Committee consider the RIPA report in terms of effective scrutiny.

14 **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:

Anaerobic Digesters

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

Kevin Finan

Chief Executive

Friday, 23 October 2015

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