

## Mid Devon District Council

### Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 4 January 2016 at 2.00 pm  
Exe Room, Phoenix House

Next ordinary meeting  
Monday, 25 January 2016 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

## A G E N D A

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

- 1      **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**  
To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of substitute Members (if any).
  
- 2      **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 **CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING** (*Pages 13 - 18*)  
The Cabinet Member for Housing will update the Committee regarding areas covered by this remit.
- 8 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE** (*Pages 19 - 20*)  
To receive a quarterly update from the Economic Development Officer.
- 9 **HEART OF THE SOUTH WEST FORMAL DEVOLUTION BID** (*Pages 21 - 26*)  
To receive a report of the Chief Executive informing Members of the work in drafting a business case for a devolution bid for the Heart of the South West (HotSW) produced for Full Council on 6 January 2016. Members are invited to consider the report to inform debate at the Council meeting.
- 10 **UPDATES AND ITEMS TO NOTE REGARDING OUTSTANDING ITEMS** (*Pages 27 - 60*)  
**SAFEGUARDING**

The District Safeguarding group met on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. An all district safeguarding policy has been drafted and the group are now working jointly on joint guidance notes which can then be circulated to all officers and Members.

Devon County Council have confirmed that the Districts Safeguarding Group will be able to do a joint Section 11 return this year and the group are meeting in January to complete this work. DCC have also confirmed that there will not be a requirement to do the staff survey this year and that they are considering how the Section 11 audit will be done in the future following recommendations from OFSTED.

No feedback was received in terms of the Section 11 return for 2015 and the results of the staff survey are attached to the agenda. The information was disseminated to the Districts Safeguarding Group and an action plan has been worked on with actions already taking place.

## WHISTLEBLOWING

Zero cases

### 11 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Closure of Hospital Wards

Rural Broadband

Digitalisation for Members

Town Hall Development Site

St Andrews Street Project

Policy for the removal of Gypsies and Travellers from Council owned land

Planning Enforcement Performance

Budget

Cabinet Member for Working Environment and Support Services

Environment Agency Contamination Report

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

**Kevin Finan**

Chief Executive

17 December 2015

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