

Mid Devon District Council

Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 25 January 2016 at 2.00 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House

Next ordinary meeting
Monday, 22 February 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 R M Deed
Cllr Mrs G Doe
Cllr Mrs S Griggs
Cllr T G Hughes
Cllr Mrs J Roach
Cllr Mrs E J Slade
Cllr T W Snow
Cllr N A Way

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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 - 10*)
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 **BUDGET 2016-17** (*Pages 11 - 18*)

To receive a report from the Head of Finance requesting Members to consider options available in order for the Council to move towards a balanced budget for 2016/17.

8 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT EAST AND MID DEVON CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY PANEL 2015-16**

As Councillor Mrs N Woollatt and Councillor B A Moore will no longer be Members of Scrutiny, the Committee to agree replacements for membership of the joint East and Mid Devon Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel 2015-16. Current membership comprises Cllr T G Hughes and F J Rosamond. Councillor B A Moore was the substitute Member.

9 **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY** (*Pages 19 - 28*)

At the request of Councillor Mrs N Woollatt, regarding an incident of contamination of a Mid Devon river, the Committee to receive a report from the Environment Agency. An article referring to the incident is also attached.

10 **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING**

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

St Andrews Street Project

Planning Enforcement Performance

Cabinet Member for Working Environment and Support Services

Mel Stride MP

Policy for the removal of Gypsies and Travellers from Land

Safeguarding

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

Jill May
Interim Chief Executive
Friday, 15 January 2016

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