

Mid Devon District Council

Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 22 February 2016 at 2.00 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House

Special Meeting
Friday, 11 March 2016 at 4.00 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 Mrs J Roach
Cllr T W Snow
Cllr N A Way
Cllr Mrs G Doe
Cllr R M Deed
Cllr Mrs A R Berry

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 - 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 **STAFF SICKNESS**

To receive a presentation from the Head of Human Resources and Development regarding sickness.

8 **STAFF SURVEY UPDATE** (*Pages 11 - 14*)

The Committee to receive a report from the Head of Human Resources and Development providing an update regarding the progress of the Staff Survey Action Plan, giving members information relating to action taken so far.

9 **LEGAL SERVICES SIX MONTHLY UPDATE** (*Pages 15 - 16*)

To receive a six monthly update from the Legal Services Manager.

10 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT** (*Pages 17 - 30*)

At a meeting of the Committee held on 2 November 2015 it was AGREED that the Head of Planning and Regeneration report to the Committee regarding the Enforcement Service, delays in enforcement taking place and plans to rectify this.

The Committee to receive a report from the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

11 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CASE UPDATES** (*Pages 31 - 36*)

At a meeting of the Committee held on 2 November 2015 it was AGREED that the Head of Planning and Regeneration report to the Committee regarding the Enforcement Service, delays in enforcement taking place and plans to rectify this.

The Committee to receive a report from the Head of Planning and Regeneration regarding specific cases that had been reported.

During discussion of this 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.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to an individual.

12 **ST ANDREW STREET DEVELOPMENT**

At the request of the Committee the Head of Housing and Property Services has provided the following update:

We have recently been advised that McCarthy and Stone have withdrawn their interest in purchasing the site at the rear of the Town Hall which has planning permission for 45 retirement homes.

Officers are currently reviewing alternative arrangements in developing the site and will report on this at a later date.

13 **LEISURE CENTRE CAR PARKS**

At a meeting of the Scrutiny Working Group 'Reviewing the Costs of Efficiency Measures' Members identified leisure centre car parks as a potential source of income to the authority.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Scrutiny Committee investigate the potential to charge for car parking at leisure centres.

14 **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:

Digitalisation for Members
Safeguarding
RIPA Update
Policy for the Removal of Gypsies and Travellers from Land
Council Website
Communications Working Group - 6 Monthly Review
Performance and Risk
Cabinet Member for Finance
Q & A with the CE

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

Jill May
Interim Chief Executive
Friday, 12 February 2016

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