

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Tiverton on Wednesday, 4 November 2015 at 6.00 pm

ALL MEMBERS of the COUNCIL are summoned to attend for the purposes of transacting the business specified in the Agenda which is set out below:

[The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Tiverton on Wednesday, 9 December 2015 at 4.00 pm]



KEVIN FINAN
Chief Executive

29 October 2015

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

Reverend Garner from Uffculme will lead the Council in prayer.

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 **Minutes** (*Pages 5 - 20*)
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 9 September and the Extraordinary of Council meeting of the same day.

The Council is reminded that only those Members 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.
- 3 **Chairman's Announcements**
To receive any announcements which the Chairman of the Council may wish to make.
- 4 **Public Question Time**
To receive any questions relating to items on the agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.
- 5 **Petitions**
To receive any petitions from members of the public.
- 6 **Notices of Motions**
(1) Motion 523 (Councillor N A Way – 23 October 2015)

The Council has before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:

Council supports the introduction of a through rail service from Barnstaple to Waterloo on the Tarka line and return on a daily bases Monday to Saturday. Stopping at Crediton and the village stations serving the various communities within Mid Devon. An opportunity to introduce this new service now appears to be a real possibility at no extra cost to the public purse. We advise First Great Western, South West Trains and Devon County Council of our support for the introduction of such a rail service improvement.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided to allow this Motion (if moved and seconded) to be dealt with at this meeting.

7 **Committee Reports** *(Pages 21 - 194)*

- (1) Cabinet
 - 24 September 2015
 - 22 October 2015
- (2) Scrutiny Committee
 - 5 October 2015
 - 2 November 2015 (to follow)
- (3) Audit Committee
 - 29 September 2015
- (4) Managing the Environment Policy Development Group
 - 22 September 2015
- (5) Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development Group
 - 6 October 2015
- (6) Community Well-Being Policy Development Group
 - 13 October 2015
- (7) Planning Committee
 - 23 September 2015
 - 21 October 2015
- (8) Licensing Committee
 - 15 October 2015
- (9) Regulatory Committee
 - 15 October 2015
- (10) Standards Committee
 - 19 October 2015

8 **Questions**

To deal with any questions raised pursuant to Procedure Rule 12 not already dealt with during the relevant Committee report.

- 9 **Access to Information Act - Exclusion of the Press and Public**
During discussion of the following 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 Council 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 individuals 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 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating information relating to any individual.

- 10 **Recommendation from the Appointments Panel**
To consider a recommendation of the Appointments Panel (to follow)
- 11 **Six Monthly Briefing from the Leader**
The Leader, Councillor C J Eginton, will address the Council.
- 12 **Questions to Cabinet Members**
Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their Portfolios.
- 13 **Members Business**
To receive any statements made and Notice of future questions by Members.

Note: the time allowed for this item is limited to 15 minutes

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Members of the public may also use other forms of social media to report on proceedings at this meeting.

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