

Given the level of interest in the meeting it has been decided that the available space for public attendance/viewing will be split into two halves, allowing proponents of each side of the debate equal accommodation and space within the room.

Furthermore, in order to ensure that public interest in the meeting can be met, the Chairman has agreed to the waiving of the standard 30 minute limit on public questions. Public questions will be heard beyond the 30 minute agenda item providing that such questions are raising new points for the council's response. The Chairman will reserve the right to close public question time if becomes clear that such questions are proving repetitious.

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 27 April 2016 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 Tuesday, 10 May 2016 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD

Chief Executive

19 April 2016

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

Reverend Philip Porter, Baptist Minister for Tiverton Baptist Church will lead the Council in prayer.

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 **Minutes** (*Pages 5 - 18*)
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 24 February 2016.

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 – [see information on the first page.](#)

5 **Petitions**

To receive any petitions from members of the public.

6 **Notices of Motions**

(1) Motion 524 (Councillor Mrs C Collis 16 February 2016)

The following motion had been referred to the Managing the Environment Policy Development Group for consideration and report:

That the Council supports the removal and cessation of the use of all polystyrene cups and all food containers from all council offices and associated premises.

The use of such containers continues to place non biodegradable waste into landfill sites that will take hundreds of years to degrade and continues to threaten wildlife when digested.

Any and all such containers if used as disposable drinks or food containers should be fully certified as biodegradable or easily recycled within normal recycling parameters.

The Policy Development Group at its meeting on 8 March had considered the proposal and recommended that it be supported.

(2) Motion 525 (Councillors P H D Hare-Scott, N V Davey, C R Slade and Mrs M E Squires – 9 March 2016)

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

1. That the outcomes of the Local Plan Review pre-submission consultation and subsequent technical work together with officer recommendations be considered by Cabinet and Council prior to plan submissions and;
2. That the report of these outcomes include the implications to the local plan of making a major modification to the Local Plan Review to allocate land at J27 of the M5 for a leisure/retail/tourism and employment development.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, 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 19 - 128*)

To receive and consider the reports, Minutes and recommendations of the Committees as follows:

(1) Cabinet

- 10 March 2016
- 7 April 2016

2) Scrutiny Committee

- 11 March 2016
- 21 March 2016
- 18 April 2016 (to follow)

(3) Audit Committee

- 15 March 2016

(4) Managing the Environment Policy Development Group

- 8 March 2016

(5) Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development Group

- 25 February 2016
- 22 March 2015

(6) Community Well Being Policy Development Group

- 29 March 2016

(7) Planning Committee

- 9 March 2016
- 6 April 2016
- 20 April 2016 (to follow)

(8) Standards Committee

- 13 April 2016

(9) Regulatory Committee

- 29 February 2016

8 **Questions**

To deal with any questions raised pursuant to Procedure Rule 13 not already dealt with during the relevant Committee report.

9 **Revised Schedule of Meetings 2016/17** (*Pages 129 - 130*)

To consider a revised Schedule of Meetings if the recommendations of

the Standards Committee are approved.

10 **Appointment**

Following an interim period in the role, it is recommended that the Head of Housing and Property Services be appointed as Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer in accordance with Sections 8 and 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

11 **Annual Reports of Audit Committee, Scrutiny Committee and the Policy Development Groups** *(Pages 131 - 146)*

To receive the Annual reports (attached) of the Audit Committee, Scrutiny Committee and the three Policy Development Groups.

12 **Six Monthly Briefing from the Leader**

The Leader, Councillor C J Eginton, will address the Council.

13 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their Portfolios.

14 **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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