Mid Devon District Council

Special Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 10 September 2015 at 10.00 am Phoenix Chamber, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting Monday, 5 October 2015 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

AGENDA

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 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 5 - 8)

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.

4 **DECISIONS OF THE CABINET** (Pages 9 - 16)

A Decision made by the Cabinet on 27 August 2015 in respect of the following report was called in by the Chairman of Scrutiny for consideration by the Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Tiverton Town Centre Update, specifically recommendation 2:

That authority be delegated to the Head of Housing & Property Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Cabinet Member for Planning & Economic Development, to agree disposal to Premier Inn for 125 years of part of the multi-storey car park for the provision of a hotel.

The reason for the call in is:-

The decision made commits the council to a long term commitment without the evidence base being presented. There was no evidence of a business case or consultation with appropriate bodies or that Members had been fully informed of this important proposal.

Attached is the original report to Cabinet and a briefing paper from the Head of Housing and Property Services

5 ANAEROBIC DIGESTER

Councillor B A Moore has requested that the Committee discuss anaerobic digesters. He asks that this is focused on the Greener for Life's operation of Anaerobic Digesters and the lack of timely response in general to public concerns reported to Council's officers regarding noise, smell, health, pollution, and traffic.

> Kevin Finan Chief Executive Wednesday, 2 September 2015

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