

Mid Devon District Council

Homes Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 17 January 2017 at 2.15 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Tuesday, 14 March 2017 at 2.15 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr Mrs E M Andrews
Cllr Mrs H Bainbridge
Cllr D R Coren
Cllr W J Daw
Cllr Mrs G Doe
Cllr R J Dolley
Cllr P J Heal
Cllr F W Letch
Cllr J D Squire

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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 notice of appointment of substitutes.

2 **Public Question Time**

To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

3 **Minutes** (*Pages 5 - 10*)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2016 (copy attached).

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.

5 **Motion 531 (Councillor T W Snow - 17 November 2016)**

To consider the following Motion referred by the Council to the Homes Policy Development Group:

“That as MDDC owns the land at Station Yard that we investigate and develop this land for our own local Council housing needs. This would help the extreme housing needs of our local residents as the cost of any houses built would be reduced by having no land purchase cost involved.

That our MP be kept informed in order to support this motion.”

Please note: Having considered the above Motion the Policy Development Group are asked to consider whether this Motion should either be supported or rejected. This decision will be referred back to full Council on 22 February 2017.

6 **Syrian Vulnerable Persons Scheme (Pages 11 - 14)**

To receive a report from the Head of Housing & Property Services providing an overview of the Syrian Vulnerable Person's Resettlement Scheme and possible implications for the Council.

7 **Financial Monitoring (Pages 15 - 32)**

To receive a report of the Director of Finance Assets and Resources presenting a financial update in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.

8 **Final 2017/18 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget (Pages 33 - 44)**

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Assets and Resources considering the options available for the Council to set a balanced budget for 2017/18 and to agree a future strategy for further budgetary planning for 2018/19 onwards.

9 **General Fund Budget 2017/18 - Update (Pages 45 - 60)**

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Assets and Resources considering options in order for the Council to move towards a balanced budget for 2017/18.

10 **Decant Policy (Pages 61 - 72)**

To receive a report from the Housing Services Manager reviewing the Decanting Policy.

11 **Performance and Risk** (*Pages 73 - 84*)

To receive a report from the Director of Corporate Affairs and Business Transformation providing Members with an update on performance against the Corporate Plan and local service targets for 2016/17 as well as providing an update on the key business risks.

Please note: If Members have questions regarding this report please submit them to the clerk in advance of the meeting so that the appropriate officer can be asked to attend or provide a written response.

12 **Update on Empty Homes** (*Pages 85 - 90*)

To receive a briefing paper detailing the Council's approach to empty homes.

13 **Briefing on Home Improvement Loans** (*Pages 91 - 94*)

To receive a briefing paper regarding Home Improvement Loans.

14 **Identification of items for the next meeting**

Members are asked to note that the following items are already identified in the work programme for the next meeting:

- Financial Monitoring
- Performance and Risk
- Older Person's Housing and Service Strategy
- Vulnerability Policy
- Community Alarm Policy
- Chairman's annual report for 2016/17

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 9 January 2017

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