

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 14 December 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 Wednesday, 22 February 2017 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD

Chief Executive

6 December 2016

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

Councillor D R Coren will lead the Council in prayer.

AGENDA

1 Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes (Pages 7 - 44)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 26 October 2016.

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 1 December 2016.

The Council is reminded that only those Members present at the previous meetings 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 528 (Councillor P J Heal – 10 August)

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

That the Council investigates the provision of an elasticated net system for use on recycling boxes to prevent light materials such as plastics and cardboard being blown out and causing litter.

The Policy Development Group at its meeting on 8 November had considered the proposal and recommended that it not be supported.

(2) Motion 529 (Councillor Mrs C A Collis – 17 August 2016)

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

That the Council investigates joint working with other Councils to recycle soft plastics such as polythene and film and to avoid putting these non-degradable items into landfill. This will benefit the environment for future generations and expand on the recycling that Mid Devon is already doing so well.

The Policy Development Group at its meeting on 8 November had considered the proposal and recommended that it not be supported.

(3) Motion 530 (Councillor R L Stanley and R J Chesterton – 19 September 2016)

The following motion had been referred to the Cabinet for consideration and report:

In order to allow a new, productive future for certain agricultural buildings, permitted development rights have been extended allowing for their use to change without planning permission in certain instances. Procedures allow for local consultation but do not currently recognise a need to consult with Parish Councils. Local communities as represented through Parish Councils, are well placed to identify the likely impacts of proposals and could be identified as a required consultee. Impacts may be cumulative where there is a concentration of proposals within a small area and it is considered that the permitted development rights could be worded to recognise cumulative effects. It is requested that Council write to the Minister to bring these issues to his attention and request that he amend the General Permitted Development Order accordingly.

The Cabinet at its meeting on 1 December had considered the proposal

and recommended that it be supported.

(4) Motion 531 (Councillor T W Snow – 17 November 2016)

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 14.1:

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.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Homes Policy Development Group.

(5) Motion 532 (Councillor D R Coren – 5 December 2016)

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 14.1:

That this council lobby the Government's Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to work diligently and quickly to seek a more effective and sustainable flood protection policy by looking at the use of natural systems such as leaky dams, tree planting and improved soil management and seek to support the creation of a new English Rivers and Coastal Authority to take over responsibility of the threat of flooding from the Environment Agency.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Environment Policy Development Group.

7 **Committee Reports** *(Pages 45 - 200)*

To receive and consider the reports, minutes and recommendations of the recent meetings as follows:

- (1) Cabinet
 - 27 October 2016
 - 1 December 2016
- 2) Scrutiny Committee
 - 12 December 2016 (to follow)

(3) Audit Committee

- 22 November 2016

(4) Environment Policy Development Group

- 8 November 2016

(5) Homes Policy Development Group

- 15 November 2016

(6) Economy Policy Development Group

- 17 November 2016

(7) Community Well Being Policy Development Group

- 29 November 2016

(8) Planning Committee

- 2 November 2016
- 30 November 2016

(9) Regulatory Committee

- 11 November 2016

8 Appointment of Independent Person/s

To receive a recommendation from the Director of Corporate Services and Business Transformation and Monitoring Officer with regard to the appointment of an Independent Person/s.

9 Questions

To deal with any questions raised pursuant to Procedure Rule 13.2 not already dealt with during the relevant Committee report.

10 Questions to Cabinet Members

Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their portfolios.

11 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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