

## **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**A MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 22 February 2017 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, 26 April 2017 at 6.00 pm]**

**STEPHEN WALFORD**

Chief Executive

14 February 2017

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

Reverend Paul Booth, Minister for Culmstock, Culm Valley, Halberton, Sampford Peverell, Tiverton and Upham will lead the Council in prayer.

### **AGENDA**

**1 Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2 Minutes** (*Pages 7 - 18*)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 14 December 2016.

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 5 January 2017.

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 531 (Councillor T W Snow – 17 November 2016)**

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

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.

The Homes Policy Development Group at its meeting on 17 January considered the Motion and supported it with an amendment.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 16.6(a) Councillor T W Snow has requested that his Motion be altered to read:

“That as MDDC owns the land at Station Yard that we investigate and consider developing this land, taking all matters into consideration, 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.”

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

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

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.

The Environment Policy Development Group at its meeting on 10 January 2017 considered the Motion and recommended that it be supported.

### **(3) Motion 533 (Councillors Mrs N Woollatt – 13 February 2017)**

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

**Background:** The Financial Transactions Tax (FTT) would roll out the current tax on the purchase of shares to other financial assets, such as bonds and derivatives. This could raise over £8 billion of additional revenue a year potentially providing a new source of funding for local councils. The FTT would also help encourage traditional longer term approaches to investment as opposed to extremely short-term, speculative behaviour that characterised the conditions that led to the financial crisis. Changing such behaviour is necessary to create a more responsible and stable financial system going forward.

**Council notes:**

- the suffering forced upon local residents as a result of the massive cuts in central grant over recent years which are detrimentally affecting our ability and that of other public services to serve our communities effectively;
- that extending the current FTT on shares to other asset classes such as bonds and derivatives could raise £8bn of additional revenue in the UK a year;
- that at least 11 European nations including France, Germany, Italy and Spain are moving ahead with FTTs on shares, bonds and derivatives, estimated to raise £30bn a year.

**Council believes:**

- that revenues from the FTT could help repair the damage caused by cuts in public services since 2010

**Council resolves that:**

- the UK government should extend the current FTT on shares to other asset classes, such as bonds and derivatives.

**Council further resolves to:**

- write to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Chancellor and Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government stating this council's support for extending FTTs; and
- write to our local MPs Neil Parish and Mel Stride outlining the Council's position.

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.

### **(4) Motion 534 (Councillor J L Smith – 13 February 2017)**

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

That the Leader of the Council, the Council Chairman and the various Committee Chairs voluntarily accept a 10% reduction in their Special

Responsibility Allowance. This will help close the budget deficit and send a positive message to the Community that the elected members are sharing the moral and financial burden to maintain an effective and affordable service.

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.

**(5) Motion 535 (Councillor D J Knowles – 14 February 2017)**

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

This Council resolves to enter into an agreement with Tiverton Town Council to retain at Tiverton Town Hall all the paintings currently on display at Tiverton Town Hall, either by way of long term loan or transfer to Tiverton Town Council, subject to the necessary insurance and security being maintained.'

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 Cabinet.

**7 Meeting Reports (a) (Pages 19 - 248)**

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

(1) Cabinet

- 5 January 2017
- 2 February 2017

**8 Council Tax Resolutions 2017/2018 (Pages 249 - 258)**

To consider a report of the Director of Finance, Assets and Resources setting out the formal Council Tax Resolution.

**9 Meeting Reports (b) (Pages 259 - 456)**

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

2) Scrutiny Committee

- 16 January 2017
- 13 February 2017 – to follow

(3) Audit Committee

- 24 January 2014

(4) Environment Policy Development Group

- 10 January 2017

(5) Homes Policy Development Group

- 17 January 2017

(6) Economy Policy Development Group

- 19 January 2017

(7) Community Policy Development Group

- 31 January 2017

(8) Planning Committee

- 4 January 2017
- 1 February 2017

(9) Standards Committee

- 25 January 2017

10 **Questions**

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

11 **Independent Remuneration Panel Report - February 2017** *(Pages 457 - 476)*

To receive a report of the Director of Corporate Affairs and Business Transformation informing Members of recommendations from the review undertaken by the Independent Remuneration Panel.

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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