

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME

Mid Devon District Council

Economy Policy Development Group

**Thursday, 17 November 2016 at 5.00 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton**

**Next meeting
Thursday, 19 January 2017 at 6.00 pm**

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr Mrs A R Berry
Cllr Mrs J B Binks
Cllr J M Downes
Cllr R Evans
Cllr S G Flaws
Cllr T G Hughes
Cllr Mrs B M Hull (Chairman)
Cllr F J Rosamond
Cllr Mrs N Woollatt

A G E N D A

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

1 Election of Vice Chairman

To elect a Vice Chairman of the PDG for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17.

2 Apologies and Substitute Members

To receive any apologies for absence and notice of appointment of substitutes.

3 Public Question Time

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

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

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (copy attached).

5 **Chairman's Announcements**

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

6 **Pledge to support British Farming**

On 4 August 2016 the Cabinet voted unanimously to support the NFU pledge to back British Farming. Discussion to take place with a representative from the NFU as to the practical ways in which the Council can support this important sector within Mid Devon.

7 **Agriculture in Mid Devon** *(Pages 11 - 16)*

To receive a briefing paper from the Community Development & Regeneration Manager having recently attended a conference entitled 'Brexit: The future of farming' with the Chairman of the Policy Development Group. This paper will also help to provide some background information to the previous item on the agenda.

8 **Culm Valley in Business and Cullompton Town Team presentation**

To receive a presentation from the Culm Valley in Business Group and the Cullompton Town Team regarding the work that they do.

9 **Joint Exeter and the Heart of Devon (EHOD) Economic Development Strategy** *(Pages 17 - 68)*

To receive a report from the Economic Development Officer providing Members with an update on the development of the Joint Economic Strategy for Exeter and the Heart of Devon (EHOD).

10 **Performance and Risk for the second quarter of 2016-17** *(Pages 69 - 76)*

To receive a report from the Internal Audit Team Leader 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 any key 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.

11 **Financial update for the 6 months to September 2016** (*Pages 77 - 94*)

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

12 **Draft 2017/18 General Fund and Capital Budgets** (*Pages 95 - 114*)

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

13 **Economic Briefing for Mid Devon** (*Pages 115 - 122*)

To receive a briefing paper from the Community Development and Regeneration Manager providing some statistical information in relation to the employment, business, industry and tourism figures for Mid Devon.

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:

- Presentation from the Crediton Town Team (to be confirmed)
- Tiverton Town Centre Action Plan and Market Strategy
- Update on the Tourism Strategy
- Update on car park vends
- Draft budget 2017/18
- Economic Development update

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
9 November 2016

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