

Mid Devon District Council

Standards Committee

Wednesday, 20 July 2016 at 6.00 pm
Phoenix Chamber, Phoenix House

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr Mrs J B Binks
Cllr Mrs F J Colthorpe
Cllr N V Davey
Cllr Mrs S Griggs
Cllr F J Rosamond
Cllr C R Slade
Cllr Mrs M E Squires
Cllr L D Taylor
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 CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman for the municipal year 2016/17.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

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

3 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.

4 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of Substitute Members (if any).

5 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of this

Committee (attached).

6 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements the Chairman of the Committee may wish to make.

7 **GUIDANCE REGARDING WHAT IS A VEXATIOUS COMPLAINT**
(Pages 9 - 16)

To receive guidance from the Head of Communities and Governance regarding what constitutes a vexatious complaint.

8 **PLANNING PROCEDURES** (Pages 17 - 104)

To receive a report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration requesting Members approve Planning Committee Procedures in light of issues that have arisen and following visits to other Local Planning Authorities undertaken in 2012/13 (Appendix 6 contains recommendations from the Planning Committee and appendix 7 contains a further recommendation following a review of the procedures by the Scrutiny Committee).

9 **UPDATE FROM STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2016**

To receive a verbal from the Standards Conference 2016 from the Head of Communities and Governance.

10 **POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP TITLES** (Pages 105 - 106)

To receive a report from the Head of Communities and Governance providing Members with a recommendation regarding the naming of the Policy Development Groups.

11 **COMPLAINTS**

To receive an update from the Monitoring Officer with regard to any on-going complaints being dealt with. During the discussion it may be necessary to consider passing the following resolution to protect the Members of District, Town and Parish Council's being discussed.

During discussion of this item it may be necessary to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Article 12 12.02(d) (a presumption in favour of openness) of the Constitution. This decision may be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Committee will need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RECOMMENDED that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to an individual

12 **START TIME OF MEETINGS**

To agree the start time for meetings.

13 **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Tuesday, 12 July 2016

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