

## Mid Devon District Council

### Environment Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 7 November 2017 at 2.00 pm  
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting  
Tuesday, 9 January 2018 at 2.00 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

## Membership

Cllr R F Radford  
Cllr D R Coren  
Cllr Mrs C P Daw  
Cllr R Evans  
Cllr D J Knowles  
Cllr Mrs E J Slade  
Cllr J D Squire  
Cllr Mrs N Woollatt  
Cllr R Wright

## 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 **Apologies and substitute Members**

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

### 2 **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.

### 3 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 5 - 10*)

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

### 4 **Chairman's Announcements**

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

5 **Motion 538 (Cllr Mrs J Roach – 1 June 2017 (Pages 11 - 18)**

At the request of the Committee to receive, with regard to Motion 538, a report from the Director of Operations.

Motion 538 (Cllr Mrs J Roach – 1 June 2017)

Mid Devon District Council is concerned that the present level of grass cutting across the district is the subject of much criticism.

The Mid Devon District Council therefore resolves to urgently review;

1. Whether the budget is sufficient and if it isn't to put forward a request to Council for a supplementary budget to meet the cost of providing an effective service.

2. If it is impossible to provide extra funding the the Council should consider asset transfers to Parish Councils and/or individuals.

Taxpayers are now facing the second year of a grass cutting regime which leaves the grass uncut for long periods.

***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 13 December 2017.***

6 **Parks and Open Spaces, 10 year Management Plans and Design Principles (Pages 19 - 24)**

To consider potential design principles for parks and open spaces under the control of Mid Devon District Council.

7 **Draft Budget (Pages 25 - 54)**

To consider options available in order for the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19 and agree a future strategy for further budget reductions for 2019/20 onwards.

8 **Financial Monitoring (Pages 55 - 78)**

To present a financial update in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.

9 **Performance and Risk (Pages 79 - 86)**

To provide Members with an update on performance against the Corporate Plan and local service targets for 2017-18 as well as providing an update on the key business risks.

## 10 Identification of Items for Future Meetings

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

District Officer Discretionary Time  
Waste Update

**Stephen Walford**  
Chief Executive  
Monday, 30 October 2017

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