

Mid Devon District Council

Homes Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 16 January 2018 at 2.15 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Tuesday, 13 March 2018 at 2.15 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr W J Daw
Cllr Mrs E M Andrews
Cllr Mrs H Bainbridge
Cllr D R Coren
Cllr Mrs G Doe
Cllr R J Dolley
Cllr P J Heal
Cllr F W Letch
Cllr J D Squire

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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 notice of appointment of substitutes.

2 **Public Question Time**

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

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

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 14 November 2017.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

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

5 **Presentation from HouseMark on the Council's benchmarking results**

To receive a presentation from HouseMark updating the Group on the Council's current position with regard to its benchmarking results for 2016/17.

6 **Performance and Risk 2017/18** *(Pages 11 - 20)*

To receive a report from the Director of Operations providing 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.

7 **Financial Monitoring**

To receive a verbal update from the Principal Accountant in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.

8 **Budget update (General Fund) - 2018/19** *(Pages 21 - 28)*

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Assets & Resources reviewing the revised draft budget changes which have been identified and to discuss any further changes required in order for the Council to move forwards to a balanced budget for 2018/19.

9 **Draft 2018/19 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget** *(Pages 29 - 40)*

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Assets & Resources and the Director of Operations considering the options in order for the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19 and to agree a future strategy for further budgetary planning for 2019/20 onwards.

10 **Devon Wide Housing Assistance Policy** *(Pages 41 - 88)*

To receive a report from the Group Manager for Public Health & Regulatory Services presenting a revised Housing Assistance Policy under Article 4 of the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance)(England and Wales) Order 2002 for consideration.

11 **The Housing Options Service - Activation of the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) and Extended Winter Provision Protocol** *(Pages 89 - 98)*

To receive a report from the Housing Group Manager regarding the Council's responsibility to prevent rough sleeping. However, risks relating to the health of those sleeping rough can increase during the winter period. The Housing Service works in partnership with other local authorities and the existing protocol relating to this has been reviewed.

12 **Update on the housing of refugees in Mid Devon**

To receive a verbal update from the Housing Options Manager.

13 **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:

- Performance and Risk
- Financial Monitoring
- Community Housing Fund Grant Policy
- Gas Safety Policy
- Rechargeable Repairs
- Tenant Involvement Policy
- Tenant Involvement Strategy
- Chairman's Annual Report for 2017/18

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 8 January 2018

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