

Mid Devon District Council

Economy Policy Development Group

Thursday, 11 January 2018 at 5.30 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next meeting
Thursday, 8 March 2018 at 5.30 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr Mrs A R Berry
Cllr Mrs C Collis
Cllr J M Downes
Cllr R Evans
Cllr S G Flaws
Cllr T G Hughes
Cllr Mrs B M Hull
Cllr F J Rosamond
Cllr Mrs N Woollatt

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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 9 November 2017.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

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

5 **Performance and Risk for 2017/18** (Pages 11 - 18)

To receive a report from the Director of Growth & Chief Executive 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.

6 **Financial Monitoring**

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

7 **Budget 2018/19 - Update** (Pages 19 - 26)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Assets and 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 towards a balanced budget for 2018/19.

8 **Tiverton Market Environmental Strategy 2017-2022** (Pages 27 - 38)

To receive a report from the Director for Growth and Chief Executive seeking approval to adopt the Tiverton Market Environmental Strategy so as to maximise opportunities to increase recycling, reduce the amount of waste and reduce our carbon footprint. This is an update to the report considered by the Economy PDG at its November 2017 meeting. This update reflects observations made by the PDG in November and its specific request that clearer information be provided regarding implementation and monitoring.

9 **HOTSW Productivity Strategy & UK Industrial Strategy** (Pages 39 - 52)

To receive a report from the Director for Growth and Chief Executive informing Members of Mid Devon District Council's response to the Heart of the South West Partnership's Productivity Strategy consultation and to note the Government's Industrial Strategy.

10 **Recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee**

The Scrutiny Committee, when considering the response of the Consultation Working Group, made the following recommendations to the Economy Policy Development Group:

- The Group were very impressed by the general upbeat atmosphere in Crediton when compared to the other two main towns and **RECOMMENDED** that the Economic Development Team and Economy Policy Development Group explore further what might be causing this difference.

- The Group found that in all three towns car parking costs were high on the agenda. Noticeably in Crediton, where there was considered to be more on offer, people did not object to the charges. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Economy Policy Development Group consider making parking charges relevant to the offering in the area.

The Group is asked to give consideration to these two recommendations.

11 **Projects update**

To receive a verbal update from the Economic Development Officer regarding current projects.

12 **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
- Careers advice, interaction between schools, universities and employers
- Mid Devon Destination Management Plan and Action Plan
- Market Rights Policy (to be confirmed)
- Market Schedule of Tolls – annual review
- 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
Wednesday, 3 January 2018

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