

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 28 June 2017 at 6.00 pm

ALL MEMBERS of the **COUNCIL** are summoned to attend for the purposes of transacting the business specified in the Agenda which is set out below:

[The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Tiverton on Wednesday, 30 August 2017 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD

Chief Executive

20 June 2017

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

Reverend Godfrey Bell will lead the Council in prayer.

AGENDA

1 Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes (*Pages 7 - 12*)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 10 May 2017

The Council is reminded that only those Members present at the previous meeting should vote and, in doing so, should be influenced only by seeking to ensure that the minutes are an accurate record.

3 Chairman's Announcements

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

4 Public Question Time

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

5 Petitions

To receive any petitions from members of the public.

6 **Notices of Motions**

(1) Motion 537 (Councillor Mrs N Woollatt – 25 May 2017)

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:

That this council should adopt a policy of ensuring that play areas in the district that contain play equipment aimed at pre-school or primary school age children are enclosed to facilitate the health and safety of its young users.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Environment Policy Development Group.

(2) Motion 538 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 1 June 2017)

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:

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 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.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council has decided that this Motion (if moved and seconded) will be referred without discussion to the Environment Policy Development Group.

(3) Motion 539 (Councillor Mrs J Roach, R M Deed, L Taylor, R Wright, J M Downes and T W Snow – 20 June 2017)

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:

This Council notes with concern that the leader called a State of the District Debate in 2015 but didn't hold it until 2016 thereby denying the people of Mid Devon the opportunity to hold a debate in 2015.

We therefore call on the Mid Devon District Council to review and change the Constitution to prevent any Leader from acting in such a manner in the future.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.4, the Chairman of the Council

has decided to allow this Motion (if moved and seconded) to be dealt with at this meeting.

7 **Reports** (*Pages 13 - 94*)

To receive and consider the reports, minutes and recommendations of the recent meetings as follows:

(1) Cabinet

- 11 May 2017
- 15 June 2017

2) Scrutiny Committee

- 22 May 2017
- 19 June 2017 (to follow)

(3) Audit Committee

- 30 May 2017

(4) Environment Policy Development Group

- 16 May 2017

(5) Homes Policy Development Group

- 23 May 2017

(6) Economy Policy Development Group

- 18 May 2017

(7) Community Policy Development Group

- 6 June 2017

(8) Planning Committee

- 17 May 2017
- 14 June 2017

8 **Questions**

To deal with any questions raised pursuant to Procedure Rule 13 not already dealt with during the relevant committee report.

9 **Decisions taken under Special Urgency** (*Pages 95 - 96*)

To consider a report of the Leader (and Monitoring Officer) regarding decisions taken under Rule 16 (of the Constitution) Special Urgency –

January – March 2017

10 **State of the District Debate**

The Leader has requested that consideration be given to an appropriate subject and format for a State of the District Debate.

11 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their portfolios.

12 **Members Business**

To receive any statements made and notice of future questions by Members.

Note: the time allowed for this item is limited to 15 minutes.

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