

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

A MEETING of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton on Wednesday, 13 December 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, 21 February 2018 at 6.00 pm]

STEPHEN WALFORD

Chief Executive

5 December 2017

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

Reverend Paul Booth, Minister for Culmstock, Culm Valley, Halberton, Sampford Peverell, and Tiverton will lead the Council in prayer.

AGENDA

1 Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes (Pages 7 - 18)

Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 25 October 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.

Notices of Motions

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

The following Motion had been referred to the Environment Policy Development Group for consideration and report.

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

That 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.

The motion was discussed by the Environment Policy Development Group at its meetings on 11 July, 5 September and again at its meeting on 7 November. Cllr Mrs J Roach indicated that she was satisfied with the information provided within the report and discussions that had taken place and would request that her Motion be withdrawn

(2) Motion 540 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 12 October 2017)

The following Motion had been referred to the Economy Policy Development Group for consideration and report.

This Council agrees to give serious consideration to seeking alternative methods of managing the Tiverton Pannier Market, to include a community interest company and a co-operative. Following these considerations Council will be given detailed information about the advantages and disadvantages of the options that were discussed. Council should then be able to decide whether to change their policy and pursue a different management model.

The Economy Policy Development Group at its meeting on 9 November 2017 considered the Motion and **RESOLVED** that the motion be supported.

(3) Motion 541 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 30 November 2017)

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

This Council reconsiders the time and times that it allows ward members to speak at the planning committee. The present system gives many opportunities to speak but allows the local member only one opportunity.

At the very least Council should give elected Councillors the opportunity to correct incorrect statements, something that exists within standing orders but not allowed at the planning committee. At the last planning committee the situation that exists at the moment prevented me as the elected Councillor for Silverton for pointing out that the Highways advice was inconsistent with previous advice given on the same site.

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 Standards Committee.

(4) Motion 542 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 30 November 2017)

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

That this Council consider the use of recycling trolleys as a pilot project, hopefully in Silverton, as an alternative to assisted collections for those who wish to try out such a system.

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.

7 Committee Reports (Pages 19 - 164)

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

(1) Cabinet

- 26 October 2017
- 23 November 2017

(2) Scrutiny Committee

- 6 November 2017
- 4 December 2017 (to follow)

(3) Audit Committee

- 21 November 2017

(4) Environment Policy Development Group

- 7 November 2017

(5) Homes Policy Development Group

- 14 November 2017

(6) Economy Policy Development Group

- 9 November 2017
- (7) Community Policy Development Group
- 28 November 2017
- (8) Planning Committee
- 1 November 2017
- 29 November 2017
- (9) Regulatory
- 8 December 2017 (to follow)

8 **Questions**

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

9 **Six Monthly Briefing from the Leader**

The Leader will address the Council.

10 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

Cabinet Members will answer questions from Members on their portfolios.

11 **Members Business**

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

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

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