

Mid Devon District Council

Cabinet

Thursday, 3 January 2019 at 2.15 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Thursday, 31 January 2019 at 10.00 am

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr C J Eginton	Leader and Environment
Cllr R J Chesterton	Deputy Leader and Planning and Economic Regeneration
Cllr P H D Hare-Scott	Finance
Cllr C R Slade	Community Well Being
Cllr Mrs M E Squires	Working Environment and Support Services
Cllr R L Stanley	Housing

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**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2. Public Question Time**
To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.
- 3. Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct**
Councillors are reminded of the requirement to declare any interest, including the type of interest, and reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 7 - 12)**
Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 22 November 2018.
- 5. Community Engagement Strategy 2016-17 (Pages 13 - 62)**
Arising from a report of the Director of Corporate Affairs and Business Transformation, the Community Policy Development Group has recommended that the Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2019 be approved subject to an amended review timeframe

from 4 to 2 years.

6. **Community Safety Partnership Plan** (*Pages 63 - 76*)
Arising from a report of the Group Manager for Public Health and Regulatory Services, the Community Policy Development Group has recommended that the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and planned activities within the partnerships priorities and action plan for 2018-21 and the proposed new structure of the CSP be noted.
7. **Health and Safety Policy** (*Pages 77 - 92*)
Arising from a report of the Director of Corporate Affairs and Business Transformation, the Community Policy Development Group has recommended that the Health & Safety Policy which was approved by the JNCC on 12th September 2018 and reviewed by the Health and Safety Committee and Unison be noted.
8. **Financial Monitoring**
To receive a verbal report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) presenting a financial update in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.
9. **Budget 2019/20 - Update** (*Pages 93 - 102*)
To receive a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) reviewing the revised draft budget changes identified and to discuss any further changes required in order for the Council to move towards a balanced budget for 2019/20.
10. **Tax Base Calculation -**
To receive a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) detailing the statutory calculations necessary to determine the Tax Base for the Council Tax. **To follow**
11. **Culm Garden Village - Cullompton Stage 1 Consultation - Vision, Principles and Concepts** (*Pages 103 - 152*)
To consider a report of the Head of Planning, Economy and Regeneration submitting information on the Culm Garden Village Vision and Concept document and seeking approval for Stage 1 public consultation on the material.
12. **East Cullompton Masterplan SPD (Culm Garden Village phase 1)– Stage 1 Consultation - Issues and Opportunities** (*Pages 153 - 202*)
To consider a report of the Head of Planning, Economy and Regeneration submitting information on the East Cullompton Masterplan SPD Issues, Opportunities and Concepts document and seeking approval for Stage 1 public consultation on the material.
13. **Cabinet Member Decision**
To note the following decision made by the Cabinet Member for Housing:

To remove the means test for Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) applications relating to stair lifts until 31 December 2019 as part of a pilot to increase uptake and accessibility to the scheme.

Reason: The government has increased the amount given to Local Authorities under the Better Care Fund (BCF) significantly in over the last few years, with the allocation nationally to be in excess of £500m in 2019/20. The expectation is that the powers under the Regulatory Reform Order 2002 will be used to allow authorities to be more flexible in how the money is spent.

Under the current system all DFGs, apart from those where the disabled person is a child or qualifying young person, are subject to means testing. However, since 2003 local authorities have had the power to apply a much simplified system for provision of adaptations which do not follow all DFG conditions such as waiving means testing for certain types of works or works costing less than a specified amount (e.g.£5,000). The rationale is that the related administrative process of means testing can cost more than the value of a grant for smaller works and result in a significant slowing of the delivery process. Under the current (adopted) Devon-wide Housing Assistance Policy for the BCF (2018-19), such DFG applications are eligible for an Accessible Homes Grant once the mandatory DFG process has been completed. However, this double-application process under the current policy significantly extends the overall delivery timeline.

The proposal to remove the means test for stair lifts is part of a larger pilot in conjunction with Exeter City Council, Devon County Council and the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital to increase uptake and accessibility, through reducing end to end times for such cases and allowing referrals to be made by the hospital direct to the relevant local authority.

It is proposed to review the pilot after 12-months as part of a formal review of the current Housing Assistance Policy.

14. **Notification of Key Decisions** (*Pages 203 - 214*)

To note the contents of the Forward Plan.

15. **Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public**

During discussion of the following item(s) it may be necessary to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Article 12 12.02(d) (a presumption in favour of openness) of the Constitution. This decision may be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Cabinet will need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

To consider passing the following resolution so that financial information may be discussed.

Recommended that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

16. **3 Rivers Developments Limited - Performance Report** (*Pages 215 - 226*)

To consider a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) and 3 Rivers Development Limited acting Managing Director updating Cabinet on the Company's financial performance outcomes and outputs of projects and any key risks.

Stephen Walford

Chief Executive

Thursday, 20 December 2018

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