

Mid Devon District Council

Environment Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 15 May 2018 at 2.00 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Tuesday, 10 July 2018 at 2.00 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr R F Radford
Cllr D R Coren
Cllr Mrs C P Daw
Cllr R Evans
Cllr D J Knowles
Cllr Mrs E J Slade
Cllr J D Squire
Cllr R Wright

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 **Election of Chairman**
To elect a Chairman for the municipal year 2018/19
- 2 **Election of Vice Chairman**
To elect a Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2018/19
- 3 **Apologies and substitute Members**
To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of substitute Members (if any).
- 4 **Public Question Time**
To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.
Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item.
- 5 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 5 - 10*)
Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 6 March 2018.

6 **Chairman's Announcements**

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

7 **Motion 542 (Councillor Mrs J Roach - 30 November 2017)**

The following motion previously considered by the PDG on 9 January 2018 had been referred back to the Group by Council (in line with Procedure Rule 15.1(e) for further consideration at its meeting in March 2018.

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.

The Group then **RESOLVED** that a sample trolley be sourced, before the next meeting, which was suitable for use with the current recycling fleet, in order that Members could have a look and see how it operated.

Please note: Having considered the above Motion the Policy Development Group are asked to consider whether this Motion should either be supported or rejected. This decision will be referred back to Council on 27 June 2018.

8 **Motion 545 - (Councillor L Taylor - 10 April 2018)**

To consider the motion passed to the PDG from the Council:

That this Council considers the use of British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) stickers on all Mid Devon grass cutting machinery, requesting that all users check the area to be cut before using the equipment. The stickers are free and are being used by other Councils such as East Devon District Council, Derbyshire County Council and Manchester City Council to name but a few.

Please note: Having considered the above Motion the Policy Development Group are asked to consider whether this Motion should either be supported or rejected. This decision will be referred back to Council on 27 June 2018.

9 **Bereavement Services Fees and Charges (Pages 11 - 22)**

A recommendation from the Policy Development Group (PDG) was considered by Cabinet on 5 April 2018, due to a change in Government guidance with regard to fees and charges, the Cabinet resolved that the matter be referred back to the PDG for further consideration. Attached is an updated report.

10 **District Officer Discretionary Time (Pages 23 - 28)**

To receive a report outlining the performance of the Street Scene Education and Enforcement service for the first twelve months of operation following the service review in 2016/17.

11 **Performance and Risk** (*Pages 29 - 40*)

To provide 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.

12 **Identification of Items for Future Meetings**

To consider items for future meetings.

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Friday, 4 May 2018

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