

Mid Devon District Council

Homes Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 15 January 2019 at 2.15 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next meeting
Tuesday, 12 March 2019 at 2.15 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr W J Daw (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs E M Andrews
Cllr Mrs H Bainbridge
Cllr D R Coren
Cllr Mrs G Doe
Cllr R J Dolley
Cllr P J Heal
Cllr F W Letch
Cllr J D Squire

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 and Substitute Members**
To receive any apologies for absence and notice of appointment of substitutes.
- 2 **Declaration of Interests 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.
- 3 **Public Question Time**
To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.
- 4 **Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)**
Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 13 November 2018.

- 5 **Chairman's Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.
- 6 **Performance & Risk for 2018-19** *(Pages 9 - 18)*
To receive a report from the Director of Operations providing Members with an update on performance against the Corporate Plan and local service targets for 2018/19 as well as providing an update on the key business risks.
- 7 **Financial Monitoring**
To receive a verbal report from the Group Manager for Financial Services presenting a financial update in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.
- 8 **General Fund Budget 2019/20 - update** *(Pages 19 - 28)*
To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) considering the initial draft 2019/20 budget and options available in order for the Council to set a balanced budget and agree a future strategy for further budget reductions for 2020/21 onwards.
- 9 **Draft 2019/20 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget** *(Pages 29 - 42)*
To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) and the Director of Operations considering the options available in order for the Council to set a balanced budget for 2019/20 and agree a future strategy for further budgetary planning for 2020/21 onwards.
- 10 **HRA Medium Term Financial Plan** *(Pages 43 - 48)*
To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) providing an estimate of the budget required for the operation of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) from 2019/20 – 2022/23.
- 11 **Meeting the Housing Needs Policy** *(Pages 49 - 76)*
To receive a report from the Housing Options Manager. Homelessness legislation states under the Housing Act 1996, as amended under the Homelessness Act 2002 Part VII, that the Housing Options Service should have a Supply and Demand policy. This has also been stated in recent Supreme Court cases.
- 12 **Review of the Void Management Policy** *(Pages 77 - 94)*
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Building Services advising Members of the revised Void Management Policy.
- 13 **Housing Sector Update** *(Pages 95 - 100)*
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Housing providing a written briefing on latest developments relating to social housing.
- 14 **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
- Corporate Asbestos Policy
- Tenancy Strategy
- Housing Assistance Policy, Devon Wide
- Chairman Annual Report for 2018/19

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 7 January 2019

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