

Mid Devon District Council

Homes Policy Development Group

Tuesday, 12 March 2019 at 2.15 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next meeting
Tuesday, 18 June 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 - 10*)
Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 15 January 2019.
- 5 **Chairman's Announcements**
To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.

- 6 **Performance & Risk Report for 2018-19** (*Pages 11 - 20*)
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 update from the Principal Accountant presenting a financial update in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.
- 8 **Devon Wide Housing Assistance Policy 2019-22 and Eco Flex 3** (*Pages 21 - 60*)
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Public Health and Regulatory Services presenting a revised Housing Assistance Policy under Article 4 of the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 following the one year review of the existing policy that was agreed and adopted in February 2018 (Housing Assistance Policy 2018-19).
- 9 **Private Sector Housing Fees and Charges 2019/20 and Enforcement Update** (*Pages 61 - 68*)
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Public Health and Regulatory Services providing Members with the revised fees and charges in addition to an enforcement update for the relevant statutory and discretionary Private Sector Housing functions within the Community Team of Public Health and Regulatory Services.
- 10 **Empty Homes Plan 2019-2022** (*Pages 69 - 86*)
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Public Health and Regulatory Services providing Members with the revised Empty Homes Plan for 2019-2022.
- 11 **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 Group 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)

- 12 **Deposit and Rental Scheme (DARS)** (Pages 87 - 90)
Information for Members with regard to the Deposit and Rental Scheme.
- 13 **Housing Update** (Pages 91 - 96)
To receive a report from the Group Manager for Housing providing a written briefing on the latest developments relating to social housing.
- 14 **Chairman's annual report for 2018/19** (Pages 97 - 98)
To receive the annual report from the Chairman of the Policy Development Group for 2018/19.
- 15 **Identification of items for the next meeting**
Members are asked to note that the following items are identified in the work programme for the next meeting **but are 'to be confirmed' where indicated:**
- Election of Chairman
 - Election of Vice Chairman
 - Performance and Risk Outturn for 2018/19
 - Financial Monitoring
 - Housing Revenue Account Asset Management Strategy (tbc)
 - Corporate Asbestos policy (tbc)
 - Domestic Abuse Policy (tbc)
 - Harrassment Policy (tbc)
 - Hoarding Policy (tbc)
 - Pets and Animal Policy (tbc)
 - Allocations Policy and Procedures (tbc)
 - Homelessness Strategy (tbc)
 - Tenancy Strategy (tbc)
 - Housing Sector Update
 - Agree start time of meetings for 2019/20

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

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Monday, 4 March 2019

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