

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the JOINT COMMUNITY/ENVIRONMENT/HOMES POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUPS held on 15 March 2019 at 11.30 am

Present

Councillors

B A Moore (Chairman)
Mrs C P Daw, Mrs G Doe, F W Letch,
Mrs E J Slade, D R Coren, W J Daw,
R M Deed, R Evans and R F Radford

Apologies

Councillor(s)

Mrs E M Andrews, Mrs H Bainbridge, Mrs A R Berry,
R J Dolley, P J Heal, D J Knowles, J D Squire and
R Wright

Also Present

Councillor(s)

C J Eginton and R L Stanley

Also Present

Officer(s):

Andrew Jarrett (Deputy Chief Executive (S151)), Simon Newcombe (Group Manager for Public Health and Regulatory Services), Sarah Lees (Member Services Officer) and Carole Oliphant (Member Services Officer)

70 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (03.52)

The following apologies were received:

Cllr Mrs E Andrews, Cllr Mrs A R Berry, Cllr R Dolley, Cllr P J Heal, Cllr D J Knowles, Cllr J Squire, Cllr R Wright and Cllr Mrs H Bainbridge who was substituted by Cllr R Evans

71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT (04.01)

There were no declarations made.

72 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (05.01)

There were no members of the public present.

73 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS (05.05)

The Chairman explained that the policy would be debated and that the recommendations would be sought from individual the PDG's.

74 OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE ENFORCEMENT POLICY (05.24)

Members were provided with the updated Operations Directorate Enforcement Policy* PH/EP/01/19. This policy was formerly the Public Health Services Enforcement Policy PH/EP/02/16 adopted in August 2016. The policy was due for

review and had also been expanded to encompass the remaining enforcement functions in the Operations Directorate within Housing Services and Street Scene Services.

The Group Manager for Public Health and Regulatory Services outlined the content of the policy and explained that the Council was required by law to have an Enforcement Policy.

He explained that the policy was very much a reference guide for officers and decision makers and the appendices contained the details of how each area across the Directorate would comply with relevant information.

He explained that recent changes to Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) were reflected in the policy along with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements and that the policy could be reviewed at any time due to further changes in legislation.

He explained that the policy ensured that the Council was transparent, fair and equitable.

He explained the main areas of the policy which came under the remit of the separate PDG's.

Consideration was given to:

- Licenses for sex establishments
- Standards of Water
- Decant Policy for Homes

There were no further comments raised by members.

It was therefore **RECOMMENDED** to Cabinet to recommend to Full Council that the updated Operations Directorate Enforcement Policy be approved.

(Proposed by the Chairman)

(The meeting ended at 11.53 am)

CHAIRMAN