

Mid Devon District Council – items for agenda

This form should be completed by Member(s), Officers or members of the public when proposing an item for Scrutiny or a PDG.

Proposer's name and title	Cllr Graeme Barnell	Date	Sept 2021
Proposed issue and brief description	Bio-energy industry: An inter-authority review of the bio-energy industry - to examine the business structure, funding, history and impacts of the Bio Energy Industry in Devon including the history of Planning applications.		
Background	<p><i>(E.g. Why should Scrutiny/PDG look at this issue? Is this a new issue or one that is already on the Forward Plan? Is it of concern to residents?)</i></p> <p>Please see attached paper.</p>		
What will the outcome be?	<p><i>(E.g. a recommendation to Cabinet to improve a service; an opportunity to lobby on an issue that immediately affects Mid Devon residents; an initial discussion on an issue that might then lead to further Scrutiny/PDG review)</i></p> <p>An inter-authority inquiry into the Bio-Energy Industry in Devon led jointly by local authority Scrutiny Committees.</p> <p>This inquiry to be jointly commissioned by the Scrutiny Committees of those Devon Planning Authorities that are willing to take part. This work is not something that can be done effectively by a single authority.</p> <p>The Inquiry will examine the business structure, funding, history and impacts of the Bio Energy Industry in Devon including the history of Planning applications.</p> <p>The Inquiry will examine the adequacy of the national and local framework of regulation and policies and make recommendations for changes to that may be required including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local and national planning arrangements and policies, including the possibility of joint planning approval and enforcement. • regulation of environmental and health impacts • highways management policies • energy tariff arrangements <p>The work of commissioning and overseeing this Inquiry is led by a committee of elected members chosen from each of the participating authorities.</p>		