

COMMUNITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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Integration and Engagement of New Communities in Mid Devon

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Reason for Report: As requested by the PDG, to provide a terms of reference for a potential working group on 'integration and engagement of new communities in Mid Devon'.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the PDG discuss the Terms of Reference (ToR), considers whether to hold a working group and makes recommendations on amendments to the ToR.

Financial Implications: No direct implications.

Budget and Policy Framework: No direct implications.

Legal Implications: No direct implications.

Risk Assessment: N/A

Equality Impact Assessment: N/A

Relationship to Corporate Plan: A key priority for the Council is promoting sustainable and prosperous communities.

Impact on Climate Change: No direct implications.

1.0 Introduction/Background

1.1 At its June meeting the Community PDG discussed the work programme and put forward a proposal for a review into effective community integration. The PDG requested that a Terms of Reference be drafted so that a decision could be taken on how to take this work forward. The Terms of Reference is below.

2.0 Terms of Reference for a Working Group on Integration and Engagement of New Communities in Mid Devon

2.1 Aim

To promote effective integration within the District and community engagement with the Council, of new residential communities by considering whether 'new resident' surveys and/or ward member feedback could be expanded to help inform the council's understanding of:

- a) New residents' views on the value for money of council services they have received as part of a new community;
- b) Any gaps between communities' needs and aspiration for their places and the council's own priorities and ambitions; and

- c) Identifying any user experience that would point to service shortcomings or opportunities for improvement when welcoming residents to their new home in Mid Devon.

2.2 Outcome

The Working Group will make recommendations to the Community PDG (and if appropriate other organisations) on how community leaders such as the Council could better support new residential communities.

2.3 Membership

Limited to a group of up to six members (possibly one from each of the other three PDGs plus three from Community PDG) with others joining as needed. The group may want to call on other members, on an ad hoc basis, who have new developments in their wards to feedback on residents' views for the purposes of (a) to (c).

2.4 Timescale

Ideally the timescale for the project should complete by the end of November so recommendations can feed into the budget rounds.

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