

*County Council*  
Thursday, 18th February, 2021



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## **AGENDA**

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## ORDER PAPER

### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – FRAMEWORK DECISION REVENUE BUDGET, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY & CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Cllr Hart to move the Cabinet Minute (625) (a-t) from 12th February 2021 relating to the adoption of the Revenue Budget 2021/2022, Medium Term Financial Strategy & Capital Programme.

Speakers: Cllr Hart (Con)  
Cllr McInnes (Con)  
Cllr Connett (LD)  
Cllr Brazil (LD)  
Cllr Hannaford (Lab)  
Cllr Biederman (Ind)  
Cllr Wright (Ind)  
Cllr Greenslade  
Cllr Ackland (Lab)  
Cllr Asvachin (Lab)  
Cllr Atkinson (Lab)  
Cllr Aves (Lab)  
Cllr Whitton (Lab)

*Councillor Connett to **MOVE** and Councillor Brazil to **SECOND** that Cabinet Minute (625) (a-t) (Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 - 2024/25 and Capital Programme 2021/22 - 2025/26) be amended by the addition of the following and all necessary changes be made to the detailed budgets:*

#### **PUTTING DEVON BACK ON THE ROAD**

Let's get Devon back to work.

The Liberal Democrats budget amendment is a positive vision for Devon, putting it back on the road and helping the County back to work.

We will invest more in fixing our roads, especially potholes and drainage while also supporting cycling and walking.

We believe a new 'Green Devon' initiative supporting the County's work to tackle climate change and protect the environment is urgently needed.

We will back business across Devon through a new economic support fund to promote and celebrate 'Made in Devon' – and launch a campaign encouraging residents and businesses to 'Buy in Devon' whenever possible.

A new investment of £750,000 in counselling and mental health support to help children and young people affected by the Lockdowns.

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*Liberal Democrats budget amendment:*

1. **Welcomes the Conservatives' U-turn on their disastrous cut of £307,000 in Devon's Highways budget.**
2. **Liberal Democrats will invest an additional £3.4 million during 2021-22 on fixing Devon's roads to:**
  - **Fill the potholes and fix them better**
  - **Tackle legacy problems from underspending on highway drainage**
  - **Plan to bring back routine maintenance, as once carried out by Devon's length-man service, to keep blocked road drains clear**
  - **Invest in cycling and walking**
  - **Repaint missing faded white lines & junction markings**
3. **Invest £500,000 supporting local communities who want 20mph zones and speed limits, including around their schools.**
4. **Invest £500,000 in a new 'Green Devon' scheme supporting environmental projects such as bee corridors, wild flower meadows and verges, tree planting and helping local communities deliver their own environmental improvements.**
5. **Backing Devon Business to save and create jobs. Creating a new £1million economic support fund promoting 'Made in Devon' and 'Bought in Devon'. Devon can lead the way.**
6. **Mental health support for school children coping with the lasting impact of lock down. An additional £750,000 for counselling.**

**(Total invested is £6.15 million)**

**We will pay for these priorities through a one-off draw down from the £64.4 million Budget Management Reserve to help Devon back on the road and back to work.**

**Other financial steps to help Devon work again**

Urgently lobby Government to:

1. End the tax dodge loop-hole of second home owners switching from Council Tax to Business Rates and then claiming 'small business' exemption, so they pay nothing at all.
2. Increase Council Tax on second homes by 100%

**Ending the 'business rate tax-dodge' and increasing Council Tax on second homes could generate in excess of £20 million to support vital and much-needed services across Devon.**

*Councillor Biederman to **MOVE** and Councillor Wright to **SECOND** that Cabinet Minute (625) (a-t) (Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 - 2024/25 and Capital Programme 2021/22 - 2025/26) be amended by the addition of the following and all necessary changes be made to the detailed budgets:*

We welcome and support the increase in Budgets for the Financial Year 2021/22 in all service areas, after the increased funding from Central Government this year.

We ask that Council supports us in giving residents a Council Tax Holiday this year, by not implementing the 1.99% rise proposed.

We invest £1m in Rural Cycle routes, signalling a real intent to meet our Carbon reduction plan.

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We ask that £1m is also invested in a lengths person service, so that every community has someone checking and clearing more regularly drains & gullies. We see this as a spend to save initiative, but for this year, will be paid for from reserves so as not to impact on other front-line services.

We Invest £200,000 in new books for the Library Service.

Our medium-term strategy had budgeted for a public sector pay rise, which has been frozen, and our reserve levels appear sufficient at £114.5m. We would pay for the above by taking £10.54m from reserves this year but look to secure savings in subsequent years on Agency Workers and Commissioning services.

We write to all Devon MP's & Treasury Department of Government, outlining the dire level of funding in all Public Sector Areas that Devon receives against the National Average, calling on them to level us up and ask that our MP's representing Devon, vote against any measure that does not see Devon being treated fairly & equitably.

## **AGENDA ITEM 10 – FRAMEWORK DECISION PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2021/2022**

Councillor Hart to move the Minute of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee relating to the adoption of the Pay Policy Statement 2021/2022 (20 January 2021) (Minute 82).

Speakers: Cllr Hart (Con)  
Cllr McInnes (Con)

## **AGENDA ITEM 11 – CABINET MEMBER REPORTS**

The following Cabinet Members have given notice of their intention to make a report or have been asked to make a report:

Councillor McInnes has been asked to report on; (Written report)

- Devon Youth Parliament - Make Your Mark results 2020
- The Schools Music Grant including coverage, outcomes and general take up (Cllr Hannaford)
- National Tutoring Programme (Cllr Hannaford)
- the work being done to ensure that girls and young women have proper access to sanitary products during the pandemic, especially in the context of school closures and access to educational establishments (Cllr Hannaford)
- Financial Support for Nurseries (Cllr Aves)
- Support for young people's education (Cllr Aves)

Speakers: Cllr McInnes (Con)  
Cllr Hannaford (Lab)  
Cllr Aves

Councillor Croad has been asked to report on; (Written report)

- The work being done locally to ensure the vaccine confidence campaign is accessible to people with disabilities, learning disabilities, special needs, and those who do not have English as their first language (Cllr Hannaford)
- DWP Changes For Disabled People (Cllr Hannaford)
- Mental Health issues in Farming (Cllr Hannaford)
- progress on the actions resulting from the 10 point green action plan (Cllr Wright)
- take up by communities and activity relating to the wildflower verge project, launched last year (Cllr Wright)

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Speakers: Cllr Croad (Con)  
Cllr Hannafor (Lab)  
Cllr Wright (Ind)

Councillor Gilbert has been asked to report on; (Written report)

- the effects of the new EU trade deal on Devon's fishing industry (Cllr Hannafor)

Speakers: Cllr Gilbert (Con)  
Cllr Hannafor (Lab)

Councillor Parsons has been asked to report on; (Written report)

- the current national campaign to automatically exempt those with non-changing or deteriorating disabilities and health conditions from the current blue badge rules. (Cllr Hannafor)

Speakers: Cllr Parsons (Con)  
Cllr Hannafor (Lab)

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## AGENDA ITEM 12 – MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

*(If two or more minutes concerning the same matter are called the debate will take place against the minute shown on the Order Paper)*

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### ***PART A***

NIL

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### ***PART B***

NIL

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### ***PART C***

NIL

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## AGENDA ITEM 14 - 26 – NOTICES OF MOTION

### **Cabinet Recommendations**

(14) Councillor Hart will formally move the adoption of Cabinet Minute 615(a) (the amendment) (13 January 2021) in relation to Councillor Asvachin's Notice of Motion on Armed Forces.

Speakers: Cllr Hart (Con)  
Cllr McInnes (Con)  
Cllr Asvachin (Lab)

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(15) Councillor Hart will formally move the adoption of Cabinet Minute 615(b) (the amendment) (13 January 2021) in relation to Councillor Connett's Notice of Motion on Loneliness and Isolation.

*Speakers:* Cllr Hart (Con)  
Cllr McInnes (Con)  
Cllr Connett (Lib Dem)

(16) Councillor Hart will formally move the adoption of Cabinet Minute 615(c) (the amendment) (13 January 2021) in relation to Councillor Brazil's Notice of Motion on Children's Social Workers.

*Speakers:* Cllr Hart (Con)  
Cllr McInnes (Con)  
Cllr Brazil (Lib Dem)

(17) Councillor Hart will formally move the adoption of Cabinet Minute 615(d) (the amendment) (13 January 2021) in relation to Councillor Atkinson's Notice of Motion on Rural Proofing.

*Speakers:* Cllr Hart (Con)  
Cllr McInnes (Con)  
Cllr Atkinson (Lab)

(18) Councillor Hart will formally move the adoption of Cabinet Minute 615(e) (the amendment) (13 January 2021) in relation to Councillor Atkinson's Notice of Motion on Climate Change and Fossil Fuel Projects.

*Speakers:* Cllr Hart (Con)  
Cllr McInnes (Con)  
Cllr Atkinson (Lab)

(19) Councillor Hart will formally move the adoption of Cabinet Minute 615(f) (the amendment) (13 January 2021) in relation to Councillor Atkinson's Notice of Motion on Public Sector Pay.

*Speakers:* Cllr Hart (Con)  
Cllr McInnes (Con)  
Cllr Atkinson (Lab)

(20) Councillor Hart will formally move the adoption of Cabinet Minute 615(g) (the amendment) (13 January 2021) in relation to Councillor Hannaford's Notice of Motion on The British Horse Society – Dead Slow Campaign.

*Speakers:* Cllr Hart (Con)  
Cllr McInnes (Con)  
Cllr Hannaford (Lab)

## **New Notices of Motion**

(21) Councillor Shaw will move the Notice of Motion on Election Voting System as at item 21 on the agenda.

*Speakers:* Cllr Shaw (Ind)  
Cllr Hodgson (Green)

(22) Councillor Shaw will move the Notice of Motion on Elections Campaigning as at item 22 on the agenda.

*Speakers:* Cllr Shaw (Ind)  
Cllr Wright (Ind)

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(23) Councillor Hodgson will move the Notice of Motion on Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill as at item 23 on the agenda.

*Speakers: Cllr Hodgson (Green)  
Cllr Wright (Ind)*

(24) Councillor Biederman will move the Notice of Motion on Beach Breaks, Mental Health and Support of Initiatives as at item 24 on the agenda.

*Speakers: Cllr Biederman (Ind)  
Cllr Wright (Ind)*

(25) Councillor Atkinson will move the Notice of Motion on Sustainable Future Funding for Local Welfare Assistance as at item 25 on the agenda.

*Speakers: Cllr Atkinson (Lab)  
Cllr Hannaford (Lab)*

(26) Councillor Wright will move the Notice of Motion on Sustainable Use of Noenicitinoids as at item 26 on the agenda.

*Speakers: Cllr Wright (Ind)  
Cllr Hodgson (Green)*

