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To: The Chairman and Members of
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CABINET

Wednesday, 12th April, 2017

A meeting of the Cabinet is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am in the Committee Suite - County Hall to consider the following matters.

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AGENDA

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Minutes
Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2017 (previously circulated).
- 3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention
Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.
- 4 Chairman's Announcements
- 5 Petitions
- 6 Question(s) from Members of the Council

FRAMEWORK DECISION

Nil

KEY DECISIONS

- 7 Implementation of a Regional Adoption Agency (Pages 1 - 8)
Report of the Head of Children's Social Work and Child Protection ([CS/17/17](#)) on the implementation of a Regional Adoption Agency and shared, joint Adoption Panels, attached.
Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions
- 8 County Road Highway Maintenance Capital Budget (Pages 9 - 36)
Report of the Acting Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste ([HCW/17/34](#)) on progress with the 2016/17 programme of capital funded schemes and proposals for capital funding of highway maintenance programmes in 2017/18, attached.
Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

MATTERS REFERRED

- 9 Notice of Motion: Pensions 'Triple Lock' (County Council Minute 137/11 January 2017)
The following Notice of Motion submitted to the County Council by Councillor Greenslade had previously been referred by Cabinet to the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee for examination of the matters outlined therein and to advise the Cabinet prior to any recommendation being made to the County Council:

'That the County Council considers the implications for Devon Pensioners and the county economy arising from the refusal by the Chancellor to commit to the "triple lock" for state pensions beyond 2020 in his Autumn Statement; accordingly the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee be asked to consider this situation and recommend any lobbying action that should be taken.'

The Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee had, on 23 March 2017, (Minute 45), considered this matter and in acknowledging the concerns expressed by the Report of the Government's Actuary Department and as set out in the Cridland Report recently presented to Government over the continuing viability and sustainability of the 'triple lock' and had resolved *'that, while acknowledging State Pensions were the responsibility of Government and the ability of any Council to directly influence the impact of Pensions administration was limited, the Cabinet and Council be urged to exercise its community leadership role and endorse the Notice of Motion and make representations to Government, through Devon MP's, to minimise the impact of changes upon individuals or categories of pensioners residing in Devon, given the demographics of and relatively low levels of earnings in the County, the potential impact upon the economy of the County, the pressure on the existing workforce and the projected costs of pensions for its residents'*.

Recommendation that pursuant to Standing Orders 6 and 8 the County Council be recommended to accept the Scrutiny Committee's advice, endorse the Notice of Motion and make representations to Government, through Devon MP's, to minimise the impact of changes as outlined.

[NB: All Members of the Council have been granted a dispensation to allow them to speak and vote in any debate on this matter by virtue of being in receipt of or affected by any changes to the state pension provision. A copy of the presentation to the Scrutiny Committee is available at: <http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=162&MId=1973&Ver=4>]

10 Scrutiny Committee: Spotlight 360 Review (Pages 37 - 46)

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 7 March 2017 (Minute *60) considered the outcome of a Spotlight 360 Review (CS/17/4), reflecting upon the impact of that Committee over the last 4 years and recent changes in legislation and the challenges facing the NHS and social care services generally and commended its conclusions 360 Review to the both Cabinet and NHS Devon as a possible means of improving the effectiveness of health scrutiny in the new County Council.

Recommendation: that the Spotlight 360 Review Report be welcomed and be further considered by the Procedures Committee and the County Council following the 2017 elections when determining the future democratic structure and means of exercising its scrutiny function; both to improve the way in which the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee works and to achieve meaningful outcomes for the people of Devon.

11 People's Scrutiny Committee: Dementia Spotlight Review (Pages 47 - 62)

The People's Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 20 March 2017 (Minute *51) considered the Report of its Task Group (CS/17/12), attached, reviewing progress with the development of the Devon strategy for dementia and related actions, initiatives and enhanced partnership working and resolved that *'the recommendations of the Task Group be commended to the Cabinet for approval and that the Report be also drawn to the attention of the Farms Estates Committee for consideration alongside complementary work being undertaken by the NFU and that appropriate awareness training be also made available to Members in any induction programme following the next quadrennial elections in May of this year'*.

Recommendation: that the Task Group's proposals be endorsed and the relevant Cabinet Members for Health & Wellbeing and Adult Social Care & Health Services be asked to take all appropriate action to ensure the principles outlined therein are embedded in the Council's policies, practices and actions now and into the future.

STANDING ITEMS

12 Question(s) from Members of the Public

13 Minutes: Devon Education Forum (Pages 63 - 68)

Minutes of 15 March 2017, attached.

[NB: Minutes of the Devon Education (Schools) Forum are published at:
<http://www.devon.gov.uk/schoolsforum.htm>]

14 Delegated Action/Urgent Matters

The Registers of Decisions taken by Members under the urgency provisions or delegated powers will be available for inspection at the meeting in line with the Council's Constitution and Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. A summary of such decisions taken since the last meeting is attached.

15 Forward Plan

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet is requested to review the list of forthcoming business (previously circulated) and to determine which items are to be defined as key and/or framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting.

[NB: The Forward Plan is available on the Council's website at:
<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=133&RD=0&bcr=1>]

PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC


None

Notice of all items listed above have been included in the Council's Forward Plan for the required period, unless otherwise indicated. The Forward Plan is published on the County Council's website at <http://www.devon.gov.uk/cma.htm>

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Membership
Councillors J Hart (Chairman), S Barker, J Clatworthy, R Croad, A Davis, S Hughes, A Leadbetter, J McInnes and B Parsons
Cabinet Member Remits
Councillors Hart (Policy & Corporate), Barker (Adult Social Care & Health Services), Clatworthy (Resources & Asset Management), Croad (Community & Environmental Services), Davis (Improving Health & Wellbeing), S Hughes (Highway Management & Flood Prevention), Leadbetter (Economy, Growth and Cabinet Liaison for Exeter), McInnes (Children, Schools & Skills) and Parsons (Performance & Engagement)
Declaration of Interests
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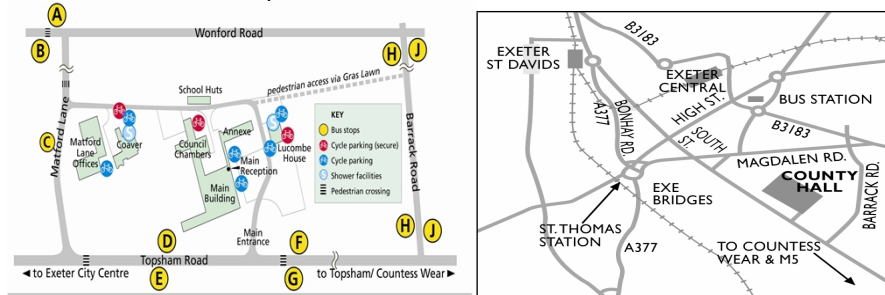
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