



DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

To: Members of Devon County Council

County Hall
Exeter
EX2 4QD

8 February 2017

Your attendance is requested at the Meeting of the Devon County Council to be held at County Hall, Exeter on Thursday, 16th February, 2017 at 2.15 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Phil Dorrey'.

Chief Executive

[Prayers will be offered by the Reverend Pastor Darrell Holmes, of The Baptist Church, Kilminster, at **2.10pm**, prior to the commencement of the meeting. All Members are welcome to attend].

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2016.

3 Chairman's Announcements

4 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

5 Public Participation: Petitions, Questions and Representations

Petitions, Questions or Representations from Members of the public in line with the Council's Petitions and Public Participation Schemes.

6 Petitions from Members of the Council

7 Questions from Members of the Council

Answers to questions from Members of the Council pursuant to Standing Order 17.

FRAMEWORK DECISION

8 Treasury Management Strategy 2017/2018

To receive and approve the Treasury Management Strategy, endorsed by the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee on 24 January 2017 and due to be considered by Cabinet on 10 February 2017.

9 Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/2018 - 2020/2021 & the Capital Programme for 2017/2018 - 2020/2021 (Pages 13 - 20)

(a) In the exercise of its Public Sector Equality Duty, as set out below, the County Council must have full regard to and consider the impact of any proposals in relation to equalities prior to making any decisions and any identified significant risks and mitigating action required. The updated overview of the impact assessments for all service areas entitled '2017/18 Budget Impact Assessment' has been circulated separately and is available to all Members of the Council for consideration under this item (alongside any specific equality impact assessments undertaken as part of the budget's preparation) at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/impact/published/budget-setting-201718/>

(b) To receive and approve the Report of the County Treasurer (CT/17/10) together with the Minutes of the Cabinet held on 10th February 2017 relating to the budget and the Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Budget meeting held on 30th January 2017, attached. The report and Cabinet Minutes will follow.

10 Pay Policy Statement

To receive and approve the Councils Pay Policy Statement, as recommended by the Appointments and Remuneration Committee (16 January 2017) (Minute 14).

11 Minerals Plan

To receive and approve the Minerals Plan and associated Policies Map, as recommended by the Development Management Committee on 23 November 2016 (Minute 28) and Cabinet on 14 December 2016 (see minute 119).

12 Heart of the South West Devolution: Establishment of Joint Committee and Productivity Plan (Pages 21 - 30)

To receive and approve the Report of the Chief Executive (CX/17/25) together with the Minutes of the Cabinet held on 10th February 2017 relating to the Heart of the South West – Devolution, Future arrangements (Joint Committee) and proposals for the HotSW Productivity Plan.

OTHER MATTERS

13 Cabinet Member Reports

To consider reports from Cabinet Members.

14 Minutes

To receive and approve the Minutes of the under mentioned Committees;

- a** Appeals Committee - 12 December 2016 and 9 January 2017 (Pages 31 - 34)
- b** Appointments and Remuneration Committee - 16 January 2017 and 2 February 2017 (Pages 35 - 38)
- c** Development Management Committee - 25 January 2017 (Pages 39 - 44)
- d** Procedures Committee - 2 February 2017 (Pages 45 - 46)
- e** People's Scrutiny Committee - 5 January 2017 and 23 January 2017 (Pages 47 - 52)
- f** Place Scrutiny Committee - 10 January 2017 and 20 January 2017 (Pages 53 - 60)
- g** Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee - 19 January 2017 (2 meetings) (Pages 61 - 72)
- h** Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee - 24 January 2017 (Pages 73 - 78)

NOTICES OF MOTION

15 European Union Habitats Regulations

Councillor Wright to move:

Devon is home to many scarce and threatened habitats such our ancient woodlands, rivers and wetlands, upland blanket bogs, lowland heaths, Culm grasslands and our stunning coast and marine environments. These support a myriad of species with internationally important populations of marsh fritillary butterflies, greater horseshoe bats, otters, overwintering waders and marine creatures including whales, dolphins and basking shark.

European Union Habitats Regulations protection of land and seascapes such as the pebblebed heaths in East Devon, large swathes of Dartmoor and Exmoor, the Exe and Tamar Estuaries and Lundy Island have meant that wildlife has flourished over the years and has ensured that these places remain crucial international strongholds.

The latest State of Nature report published last October found that the UK has experienced huge losses of habitat and wildlife, and 15 per cent of those studied are threatened with extinction.

Leaving the European Union puts at risk all of these protections - and the Government has not yet promised to retain the same level of protections that currently exist under EU legislation.

*This council recognises the huge importance of these rich landscapes for people and wildlife in Devon – and calls upon the Secretary of State for the Environment to support the Environmental Audit Committee, as well as the coalition of wildlife and nature organisations, asking for retention of **at least** the same level of protection for our wildlife and environment, as takes place currently under EU law.*

16 South West Local Enterprise Partnership - Chief Executive Pay

Councillor Connett to move:

'At a time of huge reductions in Government funding for local councils forcing cuts in health, education, care for older people and children, Devon County Council is offended by the reported 26% pay rise for the chief executive of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.

We call upon the Council to take urgent steps to stop the annual pay rise of £24,271 and if it cannot do that, to withdraw from membership of the Partnership until common sense prevails with regard to top management pay increases'.

17 **Anti Litter Campaigns - Deposit Scheme for Plastic Bottles**

Councillor Hook to move:

"That the County Council supports, in principle, the Sky News anti litter campaigns and in particular the proposal which is to be considered in Parliament after Easter to introduce a deposit scheme on plastic bottles: such schemes are currently in operation in 11 European countries and more than 30 countries worldwide where their introduction has seen a massive leap in plastic bottle recycling - in many cases upwards of 95%.

The County Council will contact all Devon MPs urging them to support a plastic bottle deposit scheme to reduce waste, increase recycling and also make a major contribution to reducing dangerous marine pollution, the latter being a significant and increasing problem with plastic bottles and containers".

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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