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To: The Chair and Members of the
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TORRIDGE LOCALITY (COUNTY) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 26th February, 2019

A meeting of the Torrige Locality (County) Committee is to be held on the above date at **11.30 am** (or at the rising of the HATOC whichever is the later) at Town Hall, Bridge Street, Bideford to consider the following matters.

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AGENDA

PART ONE - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)
Minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 24 July 2018, attached
- 3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention
Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency
- 4 Future High Street Fund: Potential for making a Bid
(In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Saywell has requested that the Committee consider this matter)

This relates to the Government initiative, the 'Future High Streets Fund', and potential benefit to Torrige's market towns (especially Torrington).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/675-million-fund-to-transform-high-streets-and-town-centres-opens-to-communities>

- 5 Local Member Updates
An opportunity for Members to update the Committee on community initiatives and responses to service changes in their own division.
- 6 Council/Cabinet Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme
The Council/Cabinet Forward Plan and the Scrutiny Work Programme are available for inspection by using the links below, if the Committee may wish to provide evidence to specific Task Groups or otherwise comment upon specific areas of activity to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee or the Cabinet.
<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>
- 7 Dates of Meetings
13 June and 8 October 2019 and 24 March 2020

Please use link below for County Council Calendar of Meetings:
<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

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

Nil

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Membership
<u>County Councillors</u> Councillors A Saywell (Chair), A Eastman, L Hellyer, T Inch and B Parsons
<u>District Council / DAPC</u> Councillors J Whittaker, Hurley and A Hewitt
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TORRIDGE LOCALITY (COUNTY) COMMITTEE

24 July 2018

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors A Saywell (Chair), A Eastman, L Hellyer and B Parsons

Devon Association of Local Councils

Councillor A Hewitt, Devon Association of Local Councils

Apologies:-

Councillors J Whittaker and T Inch (Devon County Council).

* **18** **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillors Saywell and Hellyer be elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

* **19** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2018 be signed as a correct record.

* **20** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **21** **North Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty: Management Plan Review: Consultation Draft**

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/18/33) on the process of the Review of the Management Plans for the North Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) covering the content of the Plan, the process and timetable in Devon.

Devon had five Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) within its boundaries. Three, North Devon, East Devon and South Devon, were wholly within the county, while two, Blackdown Hills and Tamar Valley, straddled the county boundary with Somerset and Cornwall respectively.

Under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act, it was a statutory requirement for local authorities to produce Management Plans for their AONBs and undertake a review every five years. The County Council and other relevant local authorities had delegated the task of undertaking the Management Plan Review to the respective AONB Partnerships and had set out its requirements for this process.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Saywell, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hellyer, and

RESOLVED

(a) that the process and timetable for undertaking the AONB Management Plan review and consultation be noted;

(b) that the approach to the preparation of and consultation on the Consultation Draft of the Management Plan 2019-2024 for the North Devon AONB be endorsed;

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(c) that the final agreement of the detailed content and any outstanding issues for the Consultation Draft be delegated to the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment;

(d) that the final version of the new Management Plans be adopted through the Cabinet Member decision process in early 2019.

* 22 **Crowdfund Devon Launch 12th July 2108**

The Committee received a presentation from the Head of Communities on this pilot initiative by Devon County Council with West Devon Borough, Exeter City, Teignbridge District and East Devon District Councils and the Devon and Cornwall Police designed to amplify Members' locality budgets and other funding streams. Other District Councils (including Torridge District) were expressing interest and may well join as partners on the platform.

The Officers outlined the pre-application process including a requirement for 25%+ of any proposed project's funding target being achieved and that projects would only receive pledges when the funding target was reached i.e. 'all or nothing'. An information pack had been sent to all County Council Members to help them when receiving requests to fund projects from their Locality Budget.

The details of the Scheme were available at: <https://www.devonnewscentre.info/crowdfund-devon-pilot-councils-to-support-crowdfunded-community-projects/>

and the application page was available at: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/crowdfund-devon-apply>.

An evaluation of the pilot would be made and progress would be reported to this Committee at its February 2019 meeting.

* 23 **Local Member Updates**

(a) Health and other Matters

Councillor Parsons reported on the proposed closure of local GP surgeries in Shebbear and Hatherleigh by NHS England and the impact on local communities; and that with the assistance of the NEW Devon CCG the Holsworthy Community Hospital was working towards the reinstatement of inpatient beds.

He also referred to the Bideford Pride event on 1 September 2018.

(b) Bideford

Councillor Hellyer reported on the development of an art centre at the Library managed by Libraries Unlimited, the Bideford Town Partnership and work on 'Bideford in Bloom', ideas for a 'Road Train' project; and work towards 'Coach friendly' status.

(c) Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Chair referred to a Northern Devon Network event on 12 October at Umberleigh relating to rural isolation and dementia, mental wellbeing and suicide prevention including a presentation by Penny Dobbin.

A report on the event should be made to the next meeting of the Locality Committee.

* 24 **Council/Cabinet Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme**

The Committee noted that Council/Cabinet Forward Plan and the Scrutiny Work Programme was available at:

<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>

* 25 **Dates of Meetings**

Tuesday, 16 October 2018 (at Langtree Parish Hall, details to be confirmed), and Tuesday, 26 February 2019

[link for the County Council Calendar of Meetings:

<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>]

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 12.10 pm and finished at 1.38 pm

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