

*County Council  
Thursday, 3rd October, 2019*

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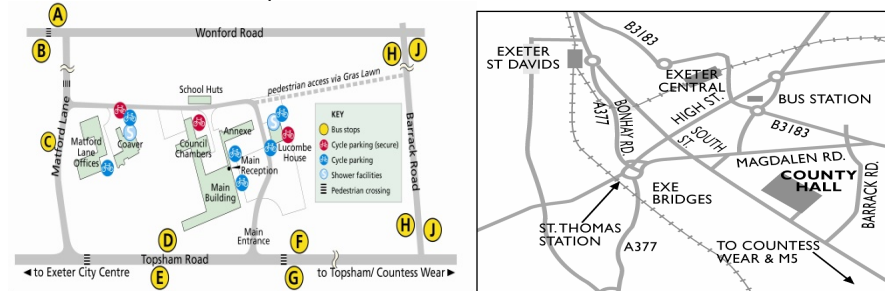
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**DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL**

To: Members of Devon County Council

County Hall  
Exeter  
EX2 4QD

25 September 2019

**Your attendance is requested at the Meeting of the Devon County Council to be held at County Hall, Exeter on Thursday, 3rd October, 2019 at 2.15 pm.**

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

Chief Executive

[Prayers will be offered by the Imam Ahmed, Leader of Exeter Mosque at **2.10pm**, prior to the commencement of the meeting. All Members are welcome to attend].

**AGENDA**

**1 Apologies for Absence**

**2 Minutes**

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2019.

**3 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**

NIL

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **8 Cabinet Member Reports**

To consider reports from Cabinet Members.

### **9 Minutes**

To receive and approve the Minutes of the under mentioned Committees

- a Audit Committee - 29 July 2019 (Pages 1 - 4)
- b Appeals Committee - 9 September 2019 (Pages 5 - 6)
- c Investment and Pension Fund Committee - 13 September 2019 (Pages 7 - 12)
- d Procedures Committee - 17 September 2019 (Pages 13 - 14)
- e Development Management Committee - 18 September 2019 (Pages 15 - 18)
- f Children's Scrutiny Committee - 16 September 2019 (Pages 19 - 22)
- g Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee - 23 September 2019
- h Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee - 26 September 2019

These minutes will be published [here](#) shortly.

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## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **10 Future of the Post Office (Minute 223 - 25 July 2019)**

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet (Minute 391(a)) as an amendment to the following Notice of Motion submitted previously to the Council by Councillor Hannaford and referred thereto in accordance with Standing Order 8(2), namely;

***Council notes with concern that;***

*Britain's 11,500 post office branches are facing mounting financial pressures. It is claimed financial pressures have already forced up to 1,000 out of business. More customers are now going online to buy stamps and parcels for postage. More people are also using the web to pay bills and to use government services.*

*Government subsidies for remote post office branches have already fallen from £415million in 2013-14 to £99million in 2017-18. Under current plans this will fall further to £50million in 2020-21 before being stopped completely. At the moment Post Office Limited, which is owned by the Government, replaces branches when they shut, but campaigners have warned that the rate of closures in the coming years will make this impossible.*

***This Council believes that:***

*Our post offices are a key asset for the community, and the expertise and experience of staff there is invaluable. The relentless franchising and closure programme of the profit-making Crown post Offices, points to a lack of vision rather than the plan for growth and innovation that is needed. Government should therefore halt these closures and bring together stakeholders, including the CWU, industry experts, and business leaders, to develop a new strategy that safeguards the future of the Post office.*

***Therefore, Council resolves;***

*To formally write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and all our local Members of Parliament, calling on the Government to guarantee their future. We are calling for the network to be properly funded, with a full range of services over the counter for those who are not online, and better support for the development of community hub models.*

Having had regard to the aforementioned, any factual briefing/position statement on the matter set out in Report (CSO/19/20) and other suggestions or alternatives considered at that meeting **the Cabinet subsequently resolved:**

*(i) that Council urges Government to give consideration to the opportunities for further commercial support for rural, coastal and other 'community' critical post office locations, reflecting the challenges around the franchise model in many of these locations and their centrality to local service delivery;*

*(ii) that Council further urges Government to give consideration to the potential to better utilise and work with the post office network on wider service delivery, beyond financial transactions, and their potential role in competitive processes around regeneration and deprivation through key socio-economic Departments (MHCLG, BEIS, DCMS, DoH etc);*

*(iii) that Council note the ongoing work to map community assets including Post Offices and banks to identify gaps in physical banking facilities in market towns and for populations at least six miles from their nearest post office outlet; and*

*(iv) that Council supports links to communities and organisations wanting to develop and sustain the Post Office network in Devon, particularly where gaps in physical banking facilities exist.*

**11 Boosting South West Rail Investment (Minute 224 - 25 July 2019)**

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet (Minute 391(b)) as an amendment to the following Notice of Motion submitted previously to the Council by Councillor Hannaford and referred thereto in accordance with Standing Order 8(2), namely;

*Council is concerned that the £56 billion HS2 rail scheme has little or no direct economic, social or infrastructure benefits for the South West region.*

*Council considers that the existing rail links between London, Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester are already good, if not excellent, and in stark comparison to the far South West, that has dated and frail rail connections, that badly need new substantial strategic investment.*

*Council notes the recent report by the New Economics Foundation “A Rail Network For Everyone – Probing HS2 And Its Alternatives”, that includes rerouting the current HS2 funding to other regional rail improvements to improve local connectivity across the UK.*

*Council further notes other recent professional reports, representations and cross party discussions at Parliament, that have also recommended this move to invest in alternative railway investment away from HS2.*

*As part of this process Council supports that reallocation of HS2 funds for the following local projects;*

- Improve connectivity to Bristol Temple Meads - to boost this transport hubs rail links - £125m*
- Rebuild Cullompton Station – lost since 1964, connecting the town to Exeter and Bristol, in tandem with the proposed 5,000 new homes at the garden village - £15m*
- Exeter to Plymouth via Okehampton - to improve sustainability, resilience, and green travel, in line with the ongoing substantial new housing developments - £500m*
- Cross Cornwall Rail Link – to improve links between East and West Cornwall - £125m.*
- Reopen the Bodmin to Wadebridge railway line – to convert the community line back into more active service - £125m.*

*And the national scheme to build cycle paths next to motorways and A roads, to create 7,600 miles of new routes to boost cycling - £1.82bn.*

*Council resolves to make formal representations to the Parliamentary Transport Committee, the Secretary of State for Transport, the Chancellor, the Prime Minister and all local Members of Parliament to support this reallocation of strategic infrastructure investment, and work with other key regional partners to move matters forward.*

Having had regard to the aforementioned, any factual briefing/position statement on the matter set out in Report (CSO/19/20) and other suggestions or alternatives considered at that meeting **the Cabinet subsequently resolved:**

*(i) that with a new Secretary of State for Transport and a new Rail Minister in post, the PRTF be asked to reemphasise its prioritised list of strategic rail asks as set out in ‘Closing the Gap’; and*

*(ii) that Council remains focused on its own ambitions for rail and lobbying our Peninsula MPs through forums such as the all-party parliamentary groups or via direct correspondence with Ministers that has proven successful in the past; and continuing this positive engagement with Government is the most effective way to secure rail improvements for the South West and realising our true economic potential.*

## **12 Appledore Shipyard Renationalisation (Minute 225 - 25 July 2019)**

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet (Minute 391(c)) as an amendment to the following Notice of Motion submitted previously to the Council by

Councillor Hannaford and referred thereto in accordance with Standing Order 8(2), namely;

*Council notes that Appledore Shipyard has a long and proud history of building and repairing vessels, and general engineering work since its founding in 1855.*

*Council is gravely concerned that despite having a highly skilled, dedicated and innovative local work force the shipyard remains closed.*

*Council reflects that this area of Devon has high levels of child poverty, poor infrastructure and very high rates of rural poverty generally, all of which require more public investment and intervention.*

*Council calls on the Government to renationalise Appledore Shipyard and fully integrate the site and its operations into the Ministry of Defence, to secure its long term future, ensure that defence capacity and resilience are maintained and provide employment and propriety to the local community and the wider County of Devon.*

Having had regard to the aforementioned, any factual briefing/position statement on the matter set out in Report (CSO/19/20) and other suggestions or alternatives considered at that meeting **the Cabinet subsequently resolved:**

*(i) that Council note Appledore Shipyard has a long and proud history of building and repairing vessels, and general engineering work since its founding in 1855;*

*(ii) that Council is concerned that despite having a highly skilled, dedicated and innovative local work force the shipyard remains closed and is working with partners and Government to look into ways of securing new relevant employment opportunities at the site;*

*(iii) that Council reflects that this area of Devon has high levels of child poverty, poor infrastructure and very high rates of rural poverty generally, all of which require more investment; and*

*(iv) that Council continues to work with a range of partners including business, Trades Unions and the Government to ensure a satisfactory outcome which secures new investment into Appledore shipyard, creating highly skilled employment locally.*

### **13 Veteran's Pledge (Minute 226 - 25 July 2019)**

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet (Minute 391(d)) as an amendment to the following Notice of Motion submitted previously to the Council by Councillor Scott and referred thereto in accordance with Standing Order 8(2), namely

*This Council supports and urges the Government and new Prime Minister to implement the Veterans Pledge and legislate to:*

*1) create an Office of Veterans Affairs within the Cabinet Office, with a Cabinet level Minister, to ensure world-class care and support for former Armed Forces personnel;*

*2) enshrine the Military Covenant into law, so that no veteran or their family should*

*ever face any disadvantage because of their service for this country; and*

*3) end vexatious investigations into historical allegations against our troops - in Northern Ireland - to be passed before the next General Election.*

Having had regard to the aforementioned, any factual briefing/position statement on the matter set out in Report (CSO/19/20) and other suggestions or alternatives considered at that meeting **the Cabinet subsequently resolved:**

*(i) that Council submits a response to the public consultation on legal protections for Armed Forces Personnel and Veterans;*

*(ii) that Council notes the current position regarding enshrining the Covenant in Law (Armed Forces Act 2011); and*

*(iii) that Council notes the creation of the Office for Veterans Affairs.*

#### **14 Climate Emergency and the Inclusion of Ecological Emergency**

Councillor Hodgson to move:

*That DCC amends the Declaration of a Climate Emergency to include an Ecological Emergency.*

#### **15 Reconsideration of Dates for Carbon Neutrality**

Councillor Hodgson to move:

*In response to the recent Climate & ecological Emergency protests, this Council will reconsider its date for becoming carbon neutral from 2050 to a revised date of 2025.*

#### **16 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Consultation**

Councillor Shaw to move:

*This County Council expresses its concern at the failure of the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service to formally consult the Council, especially in the light of our role as partner under civil contingency legislation. This Council believes that the Service has not presented sufficiently detailed and costed proposals for additional prevention and protection work to outweigh the undoubted extra risk to many Devon residents from the closure of fire stations and removals of engines involved in the consultation proposals. In this light Council urges the members of the Fire Authority not to proceed with any of the options but to ask for further work by the Service on the future pattern of provision.*



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