

*County Council
Thursday, 5th December, 2019*

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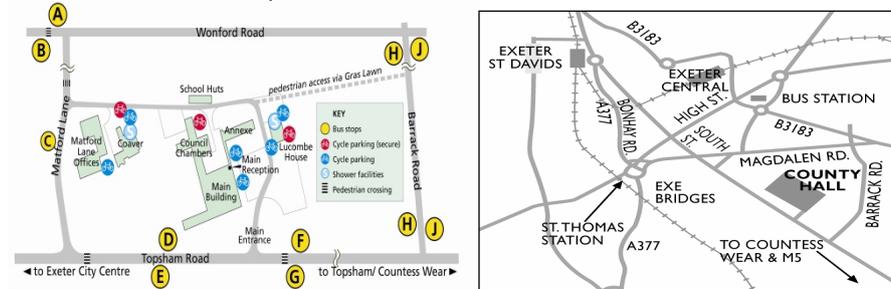
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DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

To: Members of Devon County Council

County Hall
Exeter
EX2 4QD

27 November 2019

Your attendance is requested at the Meeting of the Devon County Council to be held at County Hall, Exeter on Thursday, 5th December, 2019 at 2.15 pm.

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

Chief Executive

[Prayers will be offered by a representative of the Exeter Synagogue, 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 3 October 2019.

3 Announcements

4 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

5 Apprenticeship Offer and Ambassador Network

Members to receive a presentation on the role and activities of the Council's Apprenticeship schemes.

6 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.

7 Petitions from Members of the Council

8 Questions from Members of the Council

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

FRAMEWORK DECISIONS

9 Heart of the South West Joint Committee Governance Arrangements (Pages 1 - 10)

To receive and approve the Report of the Chief Executive (CX/19/1) with proposals for the Constituent Authorities on the Heart of the South West (HOTSW) Joint Committee's Governance Arrangements and budgetary position for 2019/20, together with the Minute [407 \(a-c\)](#) of the Cabinet held on 9 October 2019.

The Report is attached.

10 Climate Change: Devon County Council's Updated Energy and Carbon Strategy (Pages 11 - 16)

To receive and approve the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/19/35) recommending an approach setting a revised energy and carbon strategy for the Council's (DCC) operations in response to the climate emergency, together with the Minute [408 \(a and b\)](#) of the Cabinet held on 9 October 2019.

The Report is attached.

OTHER MATTERS

11 Cabinet Member Reports

To consider reports from Cabinet Members.

12 Minutes

To receive and approve the Minutes of the under mentioned Committees

- a** Appeals Committee - 16 October 2019 (Pages 17 - 18)
- b** Development Management Committee - 16 October 2019 (Pages 19 - 20)
- c** Standards Committee - 4 November 2019 (Pages 21 - 26)
- d** Procedures Committee - 7 November 2019 (Pages 27 - 30)
- e** Public Rights of Way Committee - 12 November 2019 (Pages 31 - 34)
- f** Audit Committee - 14 November 2019 (Pages 35 - 36)
- g** Investment and Pension Fund Committee - 15 November 2019 (Pages 37 - 42)
- h** Children's Scrutiny Committee - 18 November 2019 (Pages 43 - 46)
- i** Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee - 26 November 2019

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

- j Development Management Committee - 27 November 2019
These minutes will be published [here](#) shortly.
- k Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee - 28 November 2019
The minutes will be published [here](#) shortly.
- l Appeals Committee - 2 December 2019
The minutes will be published [here](#) shortly.

NOTICES OF MOTION

13 Climate Emergency and the Inclusion of Ecological Emergency (Minute 239 - 3 October 2019)

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet (Minute 422(a)) as an amendment to the following Notice of Motion submitted previously to the Council by Councillor Hodgson and referred thereto in accordance with Standing Order 8(2), namely:

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

Having had regard to the aforementioned, any factual briefing/position statement on the matter set out in Report (CSO/19/25) and other suggestions or alternatives considered at that meeting **the Cabinet subsequently resolved:**

that Council be advised that no further action need be taken, given that agreement on this issue has already been reached through the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group.

14 Reconsideration of Dates for Carbon Neutrality (minute 240 - 3 October 2019)

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet (Minute 422(b)) as an amendment to the following Notice of Motion submitted previously to the Council by Councillor Hodgson and referred thereto in accordance with Standing Order 8(2), namely:

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.

Having had regard to the aforementioned, any factual briefing/position statement on the matter set out in Report (CSO/19/25) and other suggestions or alternatives considered at that meeting **the Cabinet subsequently resolved:**

that the Council ratifies the target date, recently endorsed by Cabinet, of 2030 for this authority to achieve carbon neutrality and, through its role in the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group, encourages the Net-Zero Task Force to be ambitious in its drafting of the Devon Carbon Plan.

15 LGBT+ Inclusive Relationship and Sex Education

Councillor Hannaford to move:

This Council notes that LGBT+ inclusive relationships and sex education is crucial to the development of young LGBT+ people, and in creating a more tolerant, caring and open society.

Council notes with concern that the current climate for LGBT+ people in the UK means that that nearly half - including 64 per cent of trans pupils - are bullied for being LGBT+ in Britain's schools.

Council notes that the repeal of Section 28 was a pivotal moment for LGBT+ rights, and that the UK must never move backwards on LGBT+ rights by stopping LGBT+ inclusive education in schools.

Council notes that people of all faiths and none are LGBT+ and it is vital that all children receive comprehensive and inclusive age appropriate relationships and sex education.

Council welcomes the introduction of statutory Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which all primary and secondary schools in England respectively will be required to teach from September 2020.

Council affirms unequivocally its support for compulsory LGBT+ inclusive Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education in all state funded primary and secondary schools.

Council commits to ensuring that schools are delivering RSE in line with new Government guidance.

16 Care Leavers Council Tax Exemption

Councillor Hannaford to move:

This Council notes that:

1. Last year 780 young people (aged 16 or over) left the care of Devon County Council and began the difficult transition out of care and into adulthood.

2. A 2016 report by The Children's Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation they begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time. The report showed that care leavers can find this extremely challenging and with no family to support them and insufficient financial education, are falling into debt and financial difficulty.

3. Research from The Centre for Social Justice found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care.

4. The local authority has statutory corporate parenting responsibilities towards young people who have left care up until the age of 25.

5. The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places corporate parenting responsibilities on district councils for the first time, requiring them to have regard to children in care and care leavers when carrying out their functions.

This Council believes that:

1. To ensure that the transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible, and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, they should be exempt from paying council tax until they are 25.

2. Care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group for council tax debt.

This Council, therefore, resolves:

1. To use the county council's convening powers and expertise in corporate parenting to work with all council tax collecting authorities to exempt all care leavers in the county from council tax up to the age of 25, sharing any arising costs proportionately.

17 Artificial Light Pollution

Councillor Shaw to move:

This County Council is concerned by scientific findings showing that artificial light pollution is a major factor in the decline of insect populations, and resolves to review the appropriateness of all external lighting for which the Council is responsible in the light of this concern, in conjunction with its Climate Emergency planning.

18 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service - Consultation and Options for Change

Councillor Shaw to move:

This County Council notes that the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service have carried out a public consultation on 7 options for change, all of which include the closure of fire stations at Appledore, Ashburton, Budleigh Salterton, Colyton, Kingston, Porlock, Topsham and Woolacombe, as well as the removal of engines from other stations, and that, while a potential overall improvement in safety has been claimed as a result of these options, all are likely to result in increased risk for the substantial proportion of Devon's population who live near the affected stations.

This County Council notes that divisional members representing affected stations who are not members of the Fire and Rescue Authority, while having had the opportunity to submit written representations to the consultation, would not normally be able under the Authority's Standing Orders to address the Authority's decision-making meeting, This Council therefore requests the Authority to provide an opportunity, Standing Orders notwithstanding, for any affected members who wish so to speak.

This County Council also regrets the failure of the Fire and Rescue Service to consult directly with the Council as a partner Category 1 responder organisation in

the provision of emergency services under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, and notes that detailed discussion of the impact on civil contingencies such as flooding was not provided in the consultation. The Council therefore resolves to communicate its concern to the Service about this aspect of the consultation.

19 Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health and the 'Every Mind Matters' Campaign

Councillor Scott to move:

DCC to sign the Prevention Concordat for better mental health.

Recognises and commits to support The Every Mind Matters campaign.

Supports the mental health of all DCC employees and contractors, this is key to providing first class services and leadership in Devon.

Understands the need to prevent mental health problems and promote good mental health through the lived experience of people who have suffered mental health problems.

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