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To: The Chair and Members of the  
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## **NORTH DEVON LOCALITY (COUNTY) COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 27th June, 2019

A meeting of the North Devon Locality (County) Committee is to be held on the above date at 11.45 am (or at the rising of the HATOC) at Taw View, Civic Centre, North Walk, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1EE to consider the following matters.

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## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1 - OPEN COMMITTEE**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)  
Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 November 2018, attached
- 3 Items requiring urgent attention  
Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.
- 4 Local Member Updates  
An opportunity for Members to update the Committee on community initiatives and responses to service changes in the own Division.
- 5 Dates of Future Meetings  
31 October 2019 and 30 March 2020

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

Nil

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<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p><u>County Councillors</u></p> <p>Councillors F Biederman, C Chugg, P Crabb, A Davis, R Edgell, J Mathews and J Yabsley,</p> <p><u>District Council / DAPC</u></p> <p>Councillors Derek Spear, Knight and D Chalmers</p>
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<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b></p> <p>Members are reminded that they must declare any interest they may have in any item to be considered at this meeting, prior to any discussion taking place on that item.</p>
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## NORTH DEVON LOCALITY (COUNTY) COMMITTEE

13 November 2018

Present: -

Devon County Council: -

Councillors J Mathews (Chairman), F Biederman, C Chugg, A Davis, R Edgell, J Mathews and J Yabsley

North Devon District Council

Councillor G Lane

Apologies: -

Councillors J Chester's, D Chalmers and P Crabb

\* **10**      **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**RESOLVED** that Councillors J Mathews and C Chugg be elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

\* **11**      **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2017 be signed as a correct record.

\* **12**      **Items requiring urgent attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

\* **13**      **North Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**

(Councillor A Davis declared a personal interest in this matter by her Membership of the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership)

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/18/48) on the process of the Review of the Management Plan for the North Devon Areas 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. There was to be a 'light touch' review pending new policies as a result of leaving the EU, with a 5 -year Management plan containing priority actions and an annual delivery plan.

Members emphasised the need to highlight the wildlife aspects of the Plan within the Biodiversity section, noting that the Partnership worked closely with the Biosphere Partnership in the area.

# Agenda Item 2

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Davis, **SECONDED** by Councillor Lane, 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;

(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.

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## **Dates of Future Meetings**

15 March 2019, 27 June, 31 October 2019 and 30 March 2020

The County Council Calendar of meetings was available on the County Council website:

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

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

The Meeting started at 12.45 pm and finished at 1.40 pm