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To: The Chair and Members
of the Procedures
Committee

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PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 17th November, 2020

A meeting of the Procedures Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Virtual meeting. To view and watch the meeting, the link will appear below in due course. to consider the following matters.

Phil Norrey
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies for absence

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2020.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

3 Items requiring urgent attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

4 Council Meetings (1 January 2021 to 7 May 2021)

In line with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, the Council previously agreed to utilise those regulations to run remote meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic until the end of the year.

The regulations are in place until 7 May 2021, therefore the Committee is asked to consider continuing to conduct remote meetings until the expiry of the regulations, in line with the recent advice from the Director of Public Health.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

5 Notice Of Motion - Remote Meetings and the Future (Pages 1 - 6)

At the Council meeting on 23 July, Councillor Biederman submitted a Notice of Motion relating to the Council's future working practices relating to Member meetings.

'That Devon County Council make a commitment to holding more virtual meetings, briefings and task groups post Covid-19. They have clearly been very successful, have made a huge saving to the Council in budgetary terms and they also help in the Council's climate emergency aims, by reducing our carbon footprint. Council therefore asks the Procedures Committee to consider a Report on meetings in the future and what Committees, briefings and task groups could meet virtually.'

Report of the County Solicitor (CSO/20/18), responding to the Motion is attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

6 Devon Day and Patron Saints (Pages 7 - 12)

At the Procedures Committee on the 15th September 2020, the Leader asked that the Committee undertake a piece of research to review how the current date of the 4th June was chosen for Devon Day, the link to St Petrock's Day and also St Boniface. The Committee RESOLVED that the issue be investigated and a Report brought back to the Committee in due course.

Report of the County Solicitor relating to Devon Day, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

NIL

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