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CABINET

Wednesday, 11th October, 2023

A meeting of the Cabinet is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Committee Suite (DAW) - County Hall to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2023, (previously circulated).

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

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

4 Announcements

5 Petitions

6 Question(s) from Members of the Council

FRAMEWORK DECISION

NIL

KEY DECISIONS

7 The Property Change programme (Pages 1 - 18)

Report of the Director of Transformation and Business Services (BSS/23/06) on proposals for Property Management, attached.

An Impact Assessment has been prepared for the attention of Members, is attached as Appendix 1 and also available at - [Published Impact Assessments - Impact Assessment \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

8 Coroners - Merger to become a Devon Wide Service (Pages 19 - 40)

Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services (LDS/23/17) seeking approval for a business case for the merge of the coronial jurisdictions of Exeter and Greater Devon and Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon, be given to the Ministry of Justice for consultation, attached.

An Impact Assessment has also been prepared for the attention of Members and is attached and available on the web at - [Published Impact Assessments - Impact Assessment \(devon.gov.uk\)](#).

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

9 Transport Capital Programme 2023/24 and 2024/25: Update and Proposed Allocation (Pages 41 - 58)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/23/66) giving an update on the Transport Capital Programme 2023/24 and the Proposed Allocation for 2024/25, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

10 Bus Service Improvement Plan: Tranche 1 Capital Schemes (Pages 59 - 98)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/23/68) on Capital Schemes (Tranche 1) of the Bus Service Improvement Plan, attached.

Two Impact Assessment have been prepared for the attention of Members at the meeting, are attached and available at -

- [Bus Services Improvement Plan Scheme Roundswell Bus Lane - Impact Assessment \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Bus Service Improvement Scheme - New North Road Exeter - Impact Assessment \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

11 Devon Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (Pages 99 - 460)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/23/69) seeking approval for three Devon Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP), attached.

The plans are attached as;

Appendix I – Heart of Teignbridge LCWIP

Appendix II - Barnstaple with Bideford and Northam LCWIP

Appendix III – Exeter LCWIP

Three Impact Assessments have been prepared for the attention of Members at the meeting, which are attached and also available at;

- [Teignbridge Local Cycling and Walking Plan - Impact Assessment \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Barnstaple with Bideford and Northam Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - Impact Assessment \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Exeter Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - Impact Assessment \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Electoral Divisions(s): All in Exeter; Ashburton & Buckfastleigh; Barnstaple North; Barnstaple South; Bideford East; Bideford West & Hartland; Bovey Rural; Broadclyst; Chulmleigh & Landkey; Fremington Rural; Ipplepen & The Kerswells; Kingsteignton & Teign Estuary; Newton Abbot North; Newton Abbot South; Northam

12 Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy (Pages 461 - 468)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/23/70) on seeking approval of the Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

MATTERS REFERRED

13 Referral from Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee, 28 September 2023 - Call-In of Cabinet Decision – Mobile Library Service (Minute *359 of 12 July 2023)

In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Chair of the Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Committee (Councillor Dewhirst) invoked the call-in procedure in relation to the decision of the Cabinet (Minute *359 of the 12 July 2023) in relation to the Mobile Library Service in Devon.

The call-in and the associated grounds were considered at the Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee on 28 September 2023.

The Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 28 September 2023 (Minute 124 refers) subsequently **RESOLVED** *‘that the Committee recommends that Cabinet:*

(a) Reconsiders the decision to decommission the mobile library vehicles and looks again at continuing to provide the mobile library service.

(b) Gets precise figures on leasing vehicles to review opportunities to continue to provide a cost effective service.

(c) Looks into opportunities to reduce cost of delivery including commercial sponsorship opportunities on vehicles, crowdfunding and or support from Parish Councils and community groups.

(d) Develops alternative library provision before taking the decision to remove services.

And reports findings back to this Committee.

The recommendation of the Cabinet will follow.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

STANDING ITEMS

14 Question(s) from Members of the Public

15 Minutes

Minutes of the bodies shown below are circulated herewith for information or endorsement as indicated therein (i.e. any unstarred minutes):

Farms Estate Committee - 11 September 2023 (Pages 469 - 474)

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16 Delegated Action/Urgent Matters

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17 Forward Plan (Pages 475 - 492)

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet is requested to review the list of forthcoming business (previously circulated) and to determine which items are to be defined as key and/or framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting.

The [Forward Plan is available on the Council's website](#).

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

18 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Recommendation: that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely, the financial or business affairs of the preferred bidder or tenderers for the provision or supply of council goods or services, and of the County Council and in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

19 Developing a Family Hubs Model in Devon and Contract Award Arrangements
(Pages 493 - 508)

(An item to be considered by the Cabinet in accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules and Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, no representations having been received to such consideration taking place under Regulation 5(5) thereof)

Report of the Deputy Director of Children's Health and Wellbeing (Interim) & Deputy Director of Children's Services and Head of Social Care (CS/23/14), attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

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