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To: The Chair and Members
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CABINET

Friday, 9th February, 2024

A meeting of the Cabinet is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am in the 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 10 January 2024 and the special meeting of 2 February 2024, (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

7 Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/2025 - 2027/2028 and the Capital Programme for 2024/2025 - 2028/2029

The Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DFP/24/15) on the Council's Budget and Service Budgets for 2024/25 will follow.

Cabinet is also asked to note the role of the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee on 25th January 2024 (Minute *151) in reviewing and endorsing the Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DFP/24/06) on the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy for 2024/25 and commending it to the Cabinet, alongside the recognition of the significant work of the Treasury Team.

The Cabinet will accordingly also consider:

- (a) Budget 2024/25 Impact Assessment' – previously circulated and available at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/impact/budget-2024-2025/>, attached.
- (b) Outcomes of the Budget Consultation Meetings with representatives of the Devon Business Community, the Voluntary Sector and Trade Unions (LDS/24/11), attached.
- (c) Overview and Scrutiny Budget Recommendations (LDS/24/10), attached.
- (d) Minute 118(e) of the Devon Education (Schools) Forum, held on 24 January 2024. The Cabinet is asked to note that the transfer of 0.25% (£1.3 million) between blocks for 2024-25, to support the Safety Valve plans to manage the high needs funding sustainably and meet the needs of children and young people earlier was approved.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

- a Budget 2024/25 Impact Assessment (Pages 1 - 24)
- b Outcomes of the Budget Consultation Meetings with representatives of the Devon Business Community, the Voluntary Sector and Trade Unions (Pages 25 - 28)
- c Scrutiny Budget Recommendations (Pages 29 - 34)

KEY DECISIONS

8 School Admissions Policies for 2025/26 (Pages 35 - 80)

Report of the Deputy Director, Education and Learning (CS/24/05), outlining the School Admission Policies for 2025/2026, attached.

An Impact Assessment has also been prepared for the attention of Members at the meeting, which is available at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/impact/published/>, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

9 Integration of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (Pages 81 - 104)

Report of the Interim Director of Performance and Partnerships, (PP/24/1) on the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership and Integration thereof, attached.

An Impact Assessment has been prepared for the attention of Members, is available at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/impact/published/> and is attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

10 Matford Offices - Public Open Space (Pages 105 - 112)

Report of the Director of Transformation and Business Services (TBS/24/1) seeking approval to proceed with the disposal of the former Matford offices site, including necessary curtilage, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

STANDING ITEMS

11 Question(s) from Members of the Public

12 Minutes

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

a Farms Estate Committee (Interviewing) - 18 January 2024 (Pages 113 - 114)

b Farms Estate Committee (Interviewing) - 19 January 2024 (Pages 115 - 116)

c Devon Education Forum - 24 January 2024 (Pages 117 - 126)

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14 Forward Plan (Pages 127 - 150)

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](#).

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