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To: The Chair and Members
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CABINET

Wednesday, 10th April, 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 Declarations of Interest

Members of the Council will declare any interests they may have in any item to be considered at this meeting, prior to any discussion taking place on that item.

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For details of District and or Town and Parish Twin Hatters – please see here -
[A list of county councillors who are also district, borough, city, parish or town councillors](#)

3 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024, (previously circulated).

4 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

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

5 Announcements

6 Petitions

7 Question(s) from Members of the Council

FRAMEWORK DECISION

8 Coroners Devon Wide Service - Adoption of Functions (Pages 1 - 6)

Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services (LDS/23/16) seeking approval for adoption of functions and duties from Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon, following approval of the business case for the merger of the coronial jurisdictions of Exeter and Greater Devon and Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

KEY DECISIONS

9 Plymouth and South Devon Freeport - Delivery of Spine Road and Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge (Pages 7 - 28)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/24/25) seeking approval for delivery of a spine road and pedestrian / cycle bridge relating to the Plymouth and South Devon Freeport, attached.

An Impact Assessment has been prepared for the attention of Members and is also available on the web at - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/impact/transport-infrastructure-plymouth-and-south-devon-freeport>.

Electoral Divisions(s): Bickleigh & Wembury

- 10 Commissioning services to address Domestic Abuse in Devon (Pages 29 - 52)
- Report of the Head of Communities (SC/24/1) seeking approval to commission an Integrated Domestic Abuse Service for Devon, from April 2025, attached.
- An Impact Assessment has been prepared for the attention of Members and is also available on the web at - [Commissioning Services to address Domestic Abuse in Devon - Impact Assessment](#)
- Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*
- 11 Sexual and Reproductive Health Recommissioning (Pages 53 - 88)
- Report of the Director of Public Health. Communities and Prosperity (PH/24/05) seeking authority to recommission Sexual and Reproductive Health Services, attached.
- An Impact Assessment has been prepared for the attention of Members and is also available on the web at - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/impact/sexual-and-reproductive-health-recommissioning>
- Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*
- 12 Fostering Allowance Uplift 23/24 and 24/25 (Pages 89 - 100)
- Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (CS/24/50) seeking approval for increases to fostering allowances, attached.
- Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*
- 13 Assurance of LA delivery of duties (defined by Part 1 of Care Act (2014) by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) (Pages 101 - 114)
- Report of the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care (IASC/24/08), on the assurance of local authority delivery of its duties as defined by part one of the Care Act (2014) by the Care Quality Commission and its contribution to improving services and outcomes for people in receipt of adult social care including through self-assessment, attached.
- Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

MATTERS REFERRED

- 14 North Devon Link Service (Call in of Cabinet Decision 491 of 13 March 2024)
- In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Chair of the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Randall Johnson) invoked the call-in procedure in relation to the decision of the Cabinet (Minute *491 refers) relating to the North Devon Link Centre.

The grounds for the call-in were that there was insufficient information provided to ensure service users' future support. Scrutiny had not been given the opportunity to receive evidence and additional information to ensure service users will be provided with a person-based support.

The Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee considered this matter at its meetings on 21st March 2024 and RESOLVED that.

(i) the Committee expresses that it is satisfied with the decision of Cabinet but places on record its concerns and the need for further assurance relating to:

- the application and transition of the process as set out for people affected by the closure of link services, as soon as possible;*
- the development of community-based solutions to meet the identified needs;*
- how any gaps that have emerged have been addressed (noting that flexible resourcing was pledged);*
- the emerging long-term pattern of community-based mental health support as a result of this process;*
- and that Scrutiny would like to hear the direct experience of people as part of the reporting back; and*

(ii) that an update is provided to the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee in 6 months.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet note the recommendation of the Scrutiny Committee and its intention to monitor the position and further notes that the original decision of the Cabinet was implemented with immediate effect following the conclusion of the call-in process.

Electoral Divisions(s): All in North Devon

15 **Notice of Motion** (Pages 115 - 118)

The following Notice of Motion submitted to the County Council by the following Councillor has been referred to the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order 8(2) for consideration, to refer it to another Committee or make a recommendation back to the Council:

(a) Flexibility and Action against holiday firms exploiting families, those working in schools and the holiday industry - Councillor Biederman

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 16 Smokefree Generation: Local Stop Smoking Service and Support Grant (Pages 119 - 122)

Report of the Director of Public Health, Communities and Prosperity (PH/24/05) giving an update on the smoking grant award and progress work on tackling illegal vapes/tobacco, attached.

The Director of Public Health, Communities and Prosperity will give a presentation at the meeting.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

STANDING ITEMS

- 17 Question(s) from Members of the Public

- 18 Minutes

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

[NB: Minutes of [County Council Committees](#) are published on the Council's Website:

- a Devon Audit Partnership Committee - 14th March 2024 (Pages 123 - 124)
- b Devon Education Forum - 20th March 2024 (Pages 125 - 132)

- 19 Delegated Action/Urgent Matters

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- 20 Forward Plan (Pages 133 - 154)

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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