

## EAST DEVON LOCALITY (COUNTY) COMMITTEE

12 July 2018

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors C Channon, I Hall, S Hughes, R Scott, M Shaw and P Twiss

Apologies:-

Councillors P Stott, B Bailey, D Atkins, R Bloxham, S Randall-Johnson and J Trail

\* **11**      **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Trail and Scott be elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

\* **12**      **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting on 30 November 2017 be signed as a correct record.

\* **13**      **Items requiring urgent attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

\* **14**      **Blackdown Hills and East Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan Reviews**

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/18/27) on the process of the Review of the Management Plans for the Blackdown Hills and East Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and sought approval of the approach within the Draft Plans for public consultation.

Devon had five Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) within its boundaries and under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, it was a statutory requirement for local authorities to produce Management Plans for their AONBs and undertake reviews every five years.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Scott, **SECONDED** by Councillor Twiss and

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) the process and timetable for undertaking the AONB Management Plan reviews and consultation be approved;
- (b) the approach within the Consultation Drafts of the Management Plan 2019-2024 for the Blackdown Hills and East Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty be endorsed in principle;
- (c) the final agreement of any outstanding detailed issues for the Consultation Drafts be delegated to officers; and,

(d) the final version of the new Management Plans be adopted through the Cabinet Member delegated decision process in early 2019.

\* **15      Networking Opportunities, Informed Decision-Making**

The Committee considered proposals from the Locality Development Officer regarding networking opportunities and theme-based events with local communities in East Devon. Historically, there had been several community led, town based conversations which had previously focused on Health and Wellbeing in areas including Honiton, Seaton, Ottery, Sidmouth and Axminster, and proposals were being considered to support this way of working.

Local Members were encouraged to be involved with the development of these events, using existing arrangements and local relationships to help promote and become the primary local intelligence exchange between the Council, partners and citizens, enabling the use of that local knowledge to inform local and strategic planning and decision-making.

Members recognised the value of networking with local communities and providers and discussed how they could support and facilitate these local networking events through their locality budgets and indicated that they would be willing to contribute through their locality funds to help support local participation.

\* **16      Dates of future meetings**

29 November 2018 and 14 March 2019

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

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

The Meeting started at 11.05 am and finished at 11.45 am