

# Agenda for Cabinet

## Wednesday, 30th September, 2020, 6.00 pm



### Members of Cabinet

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1 Public speaking

Information on [public speaking is available online](#)

2 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 5 - 14)

3 Apologies

4 Declarations of interest

Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)

5 Late items

Late items have been submitted, and included on the agenda with the approval of the Leader.

These are:

- Minutes from the Overview Committee of 24 September 2020, listed under item 24;
- Report on the Acquisition of Ocean Blue, The Esplanade, Exmouth – Process followed and business case for acquisition, listed under item 25;
- Minutes from the Housing Review Board of 17 September 2020, listed under item 26.

6 Confidential/exempt item(s)

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the Press) have been excluded. There are no items which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

7 Forward Plan (Pages 15 - 16)

8 Minutes of Scrutiny Committee held on 21 May 2020 (Pages 17 - 21)

9 Minutes of Community Grant Panel held on 1 September 2020 (Pages 22 - 23)

10 Minutes of Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee held on 8 September 2020 (Pages 24 - 33)

11 Minutes of Budget Setting and Capital Allocation Panel held on 16 September 2020 (Pages 34 - 36)

### **Matters for Decision - Key Decisions**

12 **Exeter & East Devon Enterprise Zone** (Pages 37 - 47)

To provide an updated on the financial position of the Enterprise Zone and seek approval for additional borrowing against future ring fenced business rate income. The additional borrowing will allow further investment in supporting delivery of new commercial space and jobs in the Enterprise Zone, supporting recovery from Covid 19 and providing opportunities for green growth.

13 **COVID-19 Recovery planning** (Pages 48 - 54)

This report outlines the work that has and is being progressed to produce a cohesive approach to East Devon DC's recovery planning as the district emerges from the Response stage of Covid-19.

14 **Towards Zero Carbon Development in the West End** (Pages 55 - 62)

To set out the key issues associated with achieving large scale zero carbon development in the West End of the District. To provide an overview of the results of a recently completed feasibility study and to seek endorsement for the principle of submitting a funding application to the Heat Network Investment Programme.

15 **Nature Recovery Networks & Re-Wilding projects** (Pages 63 - 76)

This report promotes the wider coverage of nature recovery networks and re-wilding projects, building on the work undertaken already in some of our green spaces. It takes the form of a review document with a series of recommendations to form a policy on nature recovery networks and re-wilding activity.

**Matters for Decision**

16 Financial Strategy 2021 - 2031 (Pages 77 - 98)

17 Revenue and Capital Outturn Report 2019-2020 (Pages 99 - 107)

During 2019/20 budget monitoring reports have informed members of budget variations and the anticipated year-end financial position. This report contains the final position for the year and compares this outturn position against the budgets set.

18 Financial Monitoring Report 2020/21 (Pages 108 - 113)

This report gives a summary of the Council's overall financial position for 2020/21 at the end of month five (31 August 2020).

19 Exeter Airport (Pages 114 - 122)

This report provides an overview of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the operation of Exeter Airport and sets out a package of support for the Airport.

20 Member Champions (Pages 123 - 129)

For members to consider the possibility of the reintroduction of a small number of Member Champions.

21 Complaints to the Ombudsman during 2019/20 (Pages 130 - 133)

This report provides information on complaints referred to and decided by the Local Government and Housing Ombudsman during 2019/20.

22 Protocol for Members Advisory Panels on Planning Matters update (Pages 134 - 138)

The report seeks to review the protocol for Members Advisory Panels on planning matters to ensure that the protocol is up to date and reflects good practice.

23 Leader's annual report on urgent executive decisions

There were no urgent key decisions taken in the last year.

- 24 Minutes of the Overview Committee 24 September 2020 (Pages 139 - 143)  
Recommendations from the Overview Committee of 24 September 2020 are detailed below.

**Minute 64 Update on referral of the Cabinet meeting 21 July 2020 (Local Authority Mental Health Challenge and the Healthy Weight Declaration)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That Cabinet notes that our Public Health Strategic Plan already recognises the importance of mental as well as physical health
  2. That during the Covid-recovery phase we continue to work with our partners within existing parameters
  3. That Cabinet notes that specialist skill sets are required for mental health interventions; this is the role of the Devon Partnership Trust and other agencies. EDDC does not have dedicated or experienced officer resource for mental health
  4. As an interim measure to ensure that Members and Officers are signposted to appropriate support if necessary
  5. That surveys are sent to Members and Officers to capture information on the current state of mental health
  6. That Cabinet is requested to consider appointing a lead Officer for mental health in the organisation in conjunction with the request for a mental health Officer from the housing service and that Cabinet agrees the recommendation to appoint a Member Champion for mental health
  7. That bespoke training for Members and Officers be provided on mental health.
  8. That Cabinet notes the contribution that our activities identified in our Public Health Strategic Plan make towards encouraging healthy weight
  9. That during the Covid-recovery phase we continue to work with our partners within existing parameters
  10. That Cabinet recognises that our partners' priorities are also changing in response to Covid-recovery
  11. That Cabinet notes that our current priorities do not offer us the scope to afford additional resourcing at this time, but that this is reviewed after six months
- 25 Acquisition of Ocean Blue, The Esplanade, Exmouth - Process Followed and Business Case for Acquisition (Pages 144 - 151)
- 26 Minutes of the Housing Review Board 17 September 2020 (Pages 152 - 161)  
Recommendations summary and full minutes.

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