

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Scrutiny Committee held at Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton on 18 April 2024

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The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 8.13 pm

91 Declarations of interest

There were none.

92 Public speaking

No members of the public had registered to speak.

93 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

94 Confidential/exempt item(s)

There was one item which officers recommended should be dealt with in this way at minute 97.

95 Decisions made by Cabinet called in by Members for scrutiny in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules

There was one decision and one recommendation made by Cabinet which has been called in in accordance with paragraph 15 of Part 4.5 of the Overview and Scrutiny procedure rules.

96 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as exempt information, of the description set out on the agenda, is likely to be disclosed and on balance the public interest is in discussing this item in private session (Part B).

97 Call-in request of Cabinet resolution on 27 March 2024 relating to Leisure and Sports Pitches Requirements - Cabinet minute 167 (2) & (5)

The Committee considered a call-in request in respect of the Cabinet resolution on 27 March 2024 relating to Leisure and Sports Pitches requirements. The call-in requested that Minute no. 167 (2) and (5) be re-considered as the Cabinet decision was based on the late submission of the item which prevented proper consideration by Cabinet

members, added to which some Cabinet member comments contained incorrect information which may have affected the decision.

The Democratic Services Manager outlined the call-in.

Cllr Kim Bloxham had submitted written representations which were read out.

Cranbrook ward members, Cllr Kevin Blakey and Cllr Sam Hawkins outlined their views.

The Assistant Director – Growth, Development & Prosperity outlined the background and context to the Cabinet decision of 27 March 2024. He and the Director of Finance provided points of clarification in response to members direct questions.

The members of the Scrutiny Committee outlined their views on the matter. The Chair commented for Cabinet, in their pre-meeting process, to ensure that all relevant facts are presented timely, within reports.

RESOLVED

The Scrutiny Committee agreed that it was content to let the Cabinet decision stand but was concerned that affected ward councillors should be actively engaged in the paper to go to Cabinet in June 2024.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

I Barlow
J Brown
M Chapman
B Collins
R Collins
M Goodman (Chair)
A Hall
J Heath
V Johns (Vice-Chair)
D Mackinder
J Whibley

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

B Bailey
K Blakey
P Faithfull
S Hawkins
R Jefferies
G Jung
N Hookway
T Olive
C Brown

Officers in attendance:

Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer
Andrew Melhuish, Democratic Services Manager
Sarah James, Democratic Services Officer
Anita Williams, Principal Solicitor (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
Andrew Wood, Assistant Director Growth Development and Prosperity
Simon Davey, Director of Finance

Councillor apologies:

S Smith
A Toye

Chair:

Date: