#### **EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the meeting of the Council held

# at Knowle, Sidmouth on 25 February 2015

## Attendance list at end of document

The meeting started at 6.30pm and ended at 8.40pm.

#### \*47 Councillor Derek Button

The Chairman formally announced with great sadness that Derek Button, a serving member of the Council had passed away last month. Derek was much respected and would be greatly missed.

Derek was elected in 1984 and had represented Broadclyst for 31 years. He was a strong member of the largest opposition group and was its leader from 1998 until ill health forced him to relinquish that role. He had served on a number of Committees over the years but had always been involved with planning. Planning was an issue that Derek had felt passionately about and was one of his main reasons for standing for election in the first place – he wanted to ensure that a local voice was heard in the planning process.

Derek had debated hard against the new town but, when permission was finally granted, he made sure that Cranbrook was the best that it could be for the benefit of the local community and East Devon as a whole. He managed to balance strategic decision making with grass roots involvement. For example, he served on the Rural Aid Committee and Rate Relief Committee, recognising the effectiveness of targeted help at a local level. He could be a formidable debater at meetings and was a man of high principles.

All those who had worked with Derek had witnessed and respected his brave fight against illness and his resilience. He is a loss to this Council and sympathy and best wishes were extended to his friends and family.

The Chairman invited Councillor Brenda Taylor, Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group to address the Council. Councillor Taylor referred to Derek as a 'good guy' and a driving force in the late 1980s and 1990s. He was passionate and sincere and he would be greatly missed.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Giles said that Derek's passing was a devastating shock and a loss to the Council and East Devon as a whole. He referred to him as a wonderful councillor.

The Chairman invited Members to stand in silence as a mark of respect.

### \*48 **Public Speaking**

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and invited their questions.

Richard Eley spoke against the proposed office relocation. He said that there were errors in the energy predictions and site measurements and that the true size of the

newer buildings at Knowle was exactly right for the Council's needs. He said that a better option would be to stay put as if there was a future reorganisation of local government, Exeter would be the logical centre for its headquarters. He said that the decision should not be made on inaccurate data and that Councillors should look again at their decision with an open mind.

In response Mark Williams, Chief Executive advised that the Council did not agree Mr Eley's position and had addressed the matter in correspondence with him.

Paul Freeman questioned why the motion at agenda item 12 relating to the Local Plan was not going to be debated that evening. He read out the Council Chairman's purpose and role as set out in EDDC's Constitution and said that allowing debate on the motion was consistent with the Chairman's responsibilities.

The Chief Executive advised that the first part of the motion was already going to be considered by the Corporate Business Portfolio Holder Think Tank and Overview and Scrutiny Committee. However, he said that Councillors had the opportunity to ask for the motion to be debated this evening if they felt that sufficient research had been carried out into the matter for it to be considered in a relevant and informed way. He said that had the proposer of the motion contacted him before submitting the motion, he could have given advice on wording.

The Chairman recommended Mr Freeman to attend other meetings of the Council, such as Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny, to listen to debates.

Marianne Rixson asked why meetings had been brought forward to decide on office relocation when she understood at the December meeting of the Council that the decision would be delayed until after the May elections.

In response, the Chief Executive advised that the agenda for the 11 March Cabinet would set out the office relocation proposals and this would give reassurance.

#### \*49 Minutes

The minutes meeting of the Council held on 17 December 2014 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

#### \*50 **Declarations**

Cllr Jill Elson – Min no. 52

Personal interest

Reason: Trustee and Chair of Exmouth and District Community Transport Group

Cllr Trevor Cope – Min no. 52

Personal interest

Reason: Trustee of Exmouth and District Community Transport Group

Cllr Trevor Cope – Min no. 54

Personal interest

Reason: Education Authority employee

#### \*51 Chairman/Leader notices/announcements

The Chairman asked Members to note dates of forthcoming meetings:

The Cabinet meeting, scheduled for 18 March, had been brought forward a week and would now be held on **Wednesday 11 March at 5.30 pm.** 

A joint meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee would be held on **Thursday 12 March at 5pm.** This was an additional single-issue meeting to discuss and make recommendations on the office relocation report, which will have been discussed by Cabinet the previous evening. The recommendations of Cabinet would be referred to that joint meeting. The Chief Executive would be issuing detailed arrangements for this joint meeting in due course.

An Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council was going to be held on **Wednesday 25 March at 6.30 pm** to make a decision on the office relocation proposals.

Recommendations from Cabinet and the combined Overview and Scrutiny and Audit and Governance Committee would be reported to that meeting.

# \*52 Revenue Estimates, Capital Programme and Council Tax 2015/16

The Chairman advised that in line with legislation that came into force on 25 February 2014, The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote would be taken on the budget decision.

Members considered the report of the Section 151 Finance Officer and the recommendations of the Cabinet from its meeting on 11 February 2015 relating to the Revenue and Capital Estimates – the purpose of the report was to enable the Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2015/16.

The precepts from Devon County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority and town and parish councils (preceptors) had been added to EDDC's Council Tax requirement. This Council, as billing authority would formally set the Council Tax for the area to include all the amounts to be collected.

The Chairman invited the Leader of the Council, Councillor Diviani, to present the Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme together with proposals for the Council Tax for 2015/16.

Councillor Diviani thanked Officers for preparing the budget and the excellent work undertaken throughout the year to provide Councillors with regular updates on expenditure and revenue generation to help with budget monitoring. Particular thanks were also paid to Councillor Cox, Finance Portfolio Holder. The valued work of Cabinet and the Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny, Licensing and Enforcement, and Audit and Governance was also acknowledged.

The Leader advised that this was the first time since he had taken office that there had been an increase in overall central Government funding to the Council; this increase equated to 2.7%. However, he reminded that we were still in austere times and this was unlikely to change for the next few years, therefore firm measures were required to respond to anticipated future cuts to Government funding.

The budget presented was the Council's continued defence against any economic downturn; to ensure we were well-placed to take advantage of any upturns in the economy when they arose. It was recognised that the Public Sector needed to work more closely together for the benefit of all by reducing running costs, sharing services and systems, where a dedicated local team can best deliver.

During his presentation the Leader referred to the following:

- Revenue Income The Council's income was made up of roughly a quarter in Council Tax, a quarter in Central Government Grant, and just over half in fees and charges.
- Council Tax For the sixth year, Council Tax was recommended to be frozen at the 2010 level, with the Council continuing to deliver a wide range of important services to the communities in the district. The Council had the lowest Council Tax in Devon and was currently the 15th lowest in the country.
- Members' Allowances It was recommended that Members' allowances be frozen for a further year.
- Central Government Grant East Devon, as a sparsely populated rural Authority, had been penalised by the Government formula, which favoured urban areas. MP Neil Parish had been at the forefront in pressing Government for fairer funding. There was an indication that Government expected councils to move away from reliance on government grant towards self-sufficiency through use of the New Homes Bonus (NHB) monies and the business rate, NNDR.
- ➤ Capital Developments & the New Growth Point A Capital budget of £9.860m was proposed for approval. The NHB contributed £1.031m this year; housing delivery in the New Growth Point was accelerating. In the next few months 1000 homes would be occupied, together with delivery of some key infrastructure and community facilities. The second stage in housing and the town centre would be the next challenge.
- Economy Skypark, Science Park and the new super computer at the Met Office were all proceeding despite difficult times.
   96 % of invoices received by the Council were paid within 10 days, mostly to local firms.
  - The Council's record on appeals was one of the best in the country at 75%. Credit was paid to the Chairman of Development Management Committee and the planning teams for achieving this result.
  - Visitors to the area contributed significant amounts to East Devon's economy and investment in both the Countryside and AONB Teams recognised the importance of providing access to and enhancement of the district's nationally and internationally important landscape.
  - The Council also supported Tourist Information Centres (TICs) throughout the District by funding the premises and NNDR costs of locally operated TICs. In Exmouth funding had been made available from the Council to local management groups to sustain this activity in the current financial year. Examples of where the Council had looked to use its assets to generate renewal, investment and economic were outlined.
- Recycling The budget presented made provision for the expansion of recycling and improving collection levels. The waste collection contract was due for renewal next year; the Council's aspiration for kerbside collection of plastic and cardboard was likely to form an integral part of the tendering process.
- ➤ Culture A Council Grant of £40,000 had been received by the Thelma Hulbert Gallery to continue and expand their award winning work with schools and

- community groups (including hard-to-reach audiences). The Manor Pavilion Theatre also continued to achieve great success.
- ➤ Housing Council houses continued to be built, helping to reduce waiting times and homelessness. Thanks were paid to the Strategic Lead for Housing and his teams for all their work on the Health and Wellbeing agenda.

In conclusion, the Leader thanked Officers and Councillors for their co-operation and input into the preparation of this budget, which aimed to give the people of East Devon the best possible service at the lowest possible price.

The Leader proposed that the Council Tax requirement for 2015/16 be set at £6.73m with a resulting Council Tax Band D of £121.78 and that the budget be agreed as presented in the Council papers and moved the printed recommendations set out in Appendix A to the report.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor David Cox, Portfolio Holder – Finance who was pleased to support the budget as presented. He highlighted the Council's achievement in freezing the EDDC's Council Tax precept for a sixth consecutive year. The Council would benefit from directly associated Government grants and reported that this funding would be added to future grant allocation. However, the Government's Deficit Reduction Programme affected the Formula Grant and because of this on-going reduction and increasing demand for services, the Council had to plan for future austerity. He spoke out against the unfair allocation of Government Grant – rural authorities were underfunded compared with urban authorities and questioned why this was the case when rural workers were generally lower paid.

He said that effective work had been carried out by the finance team, Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committee to deliver a balanced budget for 2015/16. He said that the budget process was much more transparent and inclusive than in the past. More detailed information had been made available and helpfully presented. However, looking ahead, the predicted increasing budget gap to 2020/21 would mean that the Council had to adopt new ways of working and make tough choices so that essential services would continue to be delivered.

In supporting the proposal, Councillor Ken Potter, Chairman of Audit and Governance Committee and his Vice Chairman, Peter Bowden, highlighted the very positive comments made in the Annual Audit letter. This stated that the Council had achieved value for money and showed a good record of financial management. Councillor Potter thanked those involved with this achievement, the good housekeeping, and referred to the detailed and thorough work carried out by his Committee.

## Other points raised included:

- > The increase in the civic budget reflected a different apportionment of overheads; the actual cash value of the budget remained as in previous years.
- Money was being wasted on the proposed relocation.
- ➤ Being able to retain a Council Tax freeze whilst maintaining service delivery was regarded as a real achievement in difficult times.
- ➤ Improvement to the budget process increased transparency including information on the number of people employed, clarification of discretionary and non-discretionary activities and extent of use of external consultants.
- Credit was given to the Strategic Lead Finance and his team for their work on the budgets and the way financial information had been presented.

- The Council's prudent approach to financial management had enabled a balanced budget to be presented and allowed the Council to progress a number of projects despite challenging financial times.
- ➤ Homes being delivered in Cranbrook were helping to serve the rest of the district's housing needs; the Council was benefiting from new homes bonus monies as a result.
- ➤ The proposal to increase the in-house legal team would help to reduce the requirement to buy-in legal advice.

The proposal as printed in Appendix A to the report was put to the vote and carried.

#### RESOLVED:

- 1. that it be noted that on 7 January 2015 the Cabinet (minute reference 143 refers) calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16
- a) for the whole Council area as 55,289 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
- for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as detailed in Schedule 1 attached.
- 2. that as a preliminary step, calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts) is £6,733,090
- 3. that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Act
  - a) £92,015,137 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - b) £82,955,508 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - c) £9,059,629 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
  - d) £163.86 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
  - e) £2,326,539 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Schedule 1).
  - f) 121.78 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
  - g) The amounts stated in column 5 of the schedule 1 attached given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 divided in each case by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with
    - Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area set out in column 1 of Schedule 1 to which one or more special items relate.

- h) The amounts set out in Schedule 2 attached given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.
- 4. That it be noted that for the year 2015/2016 Devon County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall and Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the District Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

# **Precepting Authority**

Valuation	Devon	Police and	Devon & Somerset
Bands	County	Crime	Fire & Rescue
	Council	Commissioner	
		for Devon &	
		Cornwall	
Α	£774.18	£112.98	£52.28
В	£903.21	£131.81	£60.99
С	£1,032.24	£150.64	£69.71
<u>D</u>	£1,161.27	£169.47	£78.42
E	£1,419.33	£207.13	£95.85
F	£1,677.39	£244.79	£113.27
G	£1,935.45	£282.45	£130.70
Н	£2,322.54	£338.94	£156.84

- 5. that, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3 (h) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts set out in Schedule 3 attached as the amounts of council tax for the year 2015/2016 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Schedule 3.
- 6. that the Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2015/16 is **not** excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. As the billing authority, the Council has **not** been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2015/16 is excessive and therefore the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

# Recorded vote on the budget:

(in compliance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014)

Councillors Susie Bond, Peter Burrows, Trevor Cope, Martin Gammell, Roger Giles, Douglas Hull, Ben Ingham, Brenda Taylor and Claire Wright voted against the proposal - (9).

Councillors Bob Buxton and Graham Troman abstained from voting - (2). All other Councillors present voted in favour of the budget (Majority – 39)

# \*53 Questions (Procedure Rules 9.2 and 9.5)

Eleven questions had been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 9.2 - the printed <u>questions and answers</u> were circulated at the meeting. Councillors submitting questions are entitled to put a related supplementary question (Procedure Rule 9.5). The responses to the supplementary questions are set out below.

- a) Question 7 In response to a supplementary question about the future opening of the Chine Cafe in Seaton, the Chairman advised Councillor Peter Burrows that he would contact the relevant officer and ask her to send a response to him direct.
- b) Question 10 In response to a supplementary question about tourism activity, Councillor Sheila Kerridge, Member Champion for Tourism advised that she had attended a presentation in July 2012 at Seaton Town Hall given by the Jurassic Coast Marine Heritage Team promoting the Jurassic Coast Marine Link. Councillor Kerridge had subsequently met with the now retired Economic Development Manager to discuss holding a meeting at Knowle to which all interested Stakeholders including East Devon's Chambers of Commerce could be invited. For various reasons, this meeting has yet to be held and so to progress the initiative, Councillor Kerridge had now asked for the Jurassic Coast Marine Heritage Link presentation to be included on the agenda of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. All Members and interested parties would be invited to attend.

# \*54 Minutes of Cabinet and Committees RESOLVED

1. that the under-mentioned minutes be received and the recommendations approved

#### Cabinet

Minutes 134 - 155, 156 - 180

**Development Management Committee** 

Minutes 41 - 46, 47 - 51, 52 - 56

**Planning Inspections Committee** 

Minutes 19 - 21

**Standards Committee** 

Minutes 11 - 18

**Audit and Governance Committee** 

Minutes 36 - 45

**Licensing and Enforcement Sub Committee** 

Minutes 17 - 19, 20 - 22, 23 - 25

#### **RESOLVED**

2. that the under-mentioned minutes be received.

Cabinet (minutes 163, 164) had noted or accepted the following Overview/Scrutiny Committees' recommendations with or without amendment.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes 55 – 57, 58 - 67 Housing Review Board Minutes 57 - 73

# Arising from consideration of the above minutes:-

a) Office relocation update (Minute 61 Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
Councillor Claire Wright questioned why the decision to relocate the Council offices was being considered before the May elections. She said that costs were escalating and that there were inaccuracies in the base data – including in respect of the site footprint and predicted energy costs. She said that there had been insufficient consultation and that not enough information had been made publicly available. She asked for the decision to be deferred until after the elections.

Councillor Tim Wood, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee assured Members that the joint Committee on 12 March 2015 would objectively scrutinise the whole relocation project and confirmed that the item would be considered in public. Internal and external auditors would be present to answer questions on financial information and governance. There would be a full and detailed debate on the merits or otherwise of the proposed relocation.

# b) Housing Review Board

In presenting the minutes, Chairman, Councillor Pauline Stott said that the Council was meeting its housing priority by increasing the housing stock and number of affordable homes within the district. She invited Councillors to help local people put their names on the waiting list for Council accommodation so that they could benefit from the Devon Home Choice scheme if they met the necessary criteria. Councillor Stott also referred to the valued Men's Shed initiative in Exmouth, which was directly benefiting the community.

#### c) Development Management Committee

In presenting the minutes, Chairman, Councillor Helen Parr referred to the Council's successful record in winning appeals made against its planning decisions. She said that the statistics were very impressive and clearly indicated Planning Inspectorate support for decisions made and the Council's effective use of sound planning reasons and policy. The Council's position would be further strengthened when the Local Plan was approved and in place.

# d) Implications of changes to Government guidance on infrastructure contributions through planning obligations (Minute 43 Development Management Committee)

Councillor Helen Parr advised that despite the Council's robust opposition to the proposed changes during the consultation process, Government had made changes to guidance on infrastructure contributions.

The Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Homes and Communities advised that she had advised the local MPs of the Council's concerns about this change in guidance and asked for their support in trying to get contributions through planning obligations reinstated for the benefit of local communities. She added that the greatest impact was on rural areas and spoke of the need to sustain communities and the viability of schools. However, she advised that alternative funding to extend and refurbish schools was available and gave examples within the district.

# e) Councillor attendance at committee meetings (Minute 17 Standards Committee)

#### RESOLVED

that the proposal to find a suitable system for recording Councillor attendance at committee meetings be referred to the Corporate Business Task and Finish Forum to be considered as part of the wider work on improving and modernising the Council's meetings' procedures.

## f) Audit and Governance Committee

In presenting the minutes, Chairman, Councillor Ken Potter advised that the Annual Audit Letter was positive with unqualified opinion in respect of Council's accountancy function, its delivery of value for money and its benefits systems. This put the Council in a unique position of which Councillors should be duly proud. Councillor Potter proposed that the Strategic Lead – Finance and his teams be congratulated for their excellent work on the Council's behalf.

# g) Office Relocation project assurance (Minute 42 Audit and Governance Committee)

Councillor Potter confirmed that office relocation cost details would be included in the reports taken to the Combined Committee meeting on 12 March.

# h) Licensing and Enforcement Committee

In presenting the minutes, Chairman, Councillor Steve Hall said that licensing and enforcement was a vital function of the Council. The Council's licensing team had excellent relations with the Police, other local authorities and licensed businesses. He was proud to announce that the licensing service had been awarded Customer Service Excellence for an unprecedented sixth consecutive year running. Feedback had praised the commitment of the team across the board and included seven areas of Compliance Plus.

Councillor Hall also referred to the successful challenge of the veracity of supermarket employees' members' clubs. This had gained the interest and support of the Gambling Commission who, as a result, was seeking talks with the main supermarket chains to provide guidance.

Councillor Hall complimented the team for their valued efforts and for maintaining such high standards.

# \*55 Motion – East Devon District Council Scrutiny

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Ben Ingham, seconded by Councillor Roger Giles and supported by Councillors Susie Bond, Trevor Cope and Claire Wright

"This council strongly recommends a future district council (after 7th May 2015) to create a new committee to deal with development strategy for East Devon. Its primary ongoing role will be to ensure East Devon has an adopted local plan in place at all times and which will ensure that housing development takes account of local need, the desires of local people, and environmental and other constraints. The new strategic planning committee should as a matter of the utmost urgency address the previous administration's failure to deliver an adopted local plan, which has placed East Devon under threat from rapacious developers, and has resulted in inappropriate development in many parts of East Devon."

#### **RESOLVED**

that in the light of changes made to the Council's Constitution at the annual meeting of the Council in May 2014 and similar deliberations already being undertaken by the Corporate Business Think Tank and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the first part of this motion be considered by these meetings within the wider brief of reviewing and modernising committee procedures.

# \*56 STRATA Joint Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED

that Councillors Mike Allen and Mike Howe (Conservative Group), Steve Gazzard (Liberal Democrats Group) and Geoff Pook (Independent) be appointed as substitute members of the STRATA Joint Scrutiny Committee

(The Committee's constitution allowed use of substitute members if at least 24 hours notice has been given to the Proper Officer.)

#### **Attendance list**

# **Councillors present:**

Graham Godbeer, Chairman

Christine Drew, Vice Chairman

**David Atkins** 

Ray Bloxham

Susie Bond

Peter Bowden

**Peter Burrows** 

**Bob Buxton** 

David Chapman

Maddy Chapman

Iain Chubb

Trevor Cope

David Cox

Alan Dent

Paul Diviani

Vivien Duval Steer

Jill Elson

Martin Gammell

Steve Gazzard

Roger Giles

Pat Graham

Steve Hall

**Tony Howard** 

Mike Howe

Stuart Hughes

Douglas Hull

John Humphreys

Ben Ingham

Stephanie Jones

Sheila Kerridge

David Key

Jim Knight

**Andrew Moulding** 

Frances Newth

John O'Leary

Helen Parr

Geoff Pook

Ken Potter

Pauline Stott

Peter Sullivan

Brenda Taylor

Ian Thomas

Graham Troman

Phil Twiss

Mark Williamson

Tim Wood

Eileen Wragg

Steve Wragg

Claire Wright

Tom Wright

## Officers:

Mark Williams, Chief Executive
Richard Cohen, Deputy Chief Executive
Simon Davey, Strategic Lead – Finance
John Golding, Strategic Lead – Housing and Environment
Rachel Pocock, Corporate Legal and Democratic Services Manager
Henry Gordon Lennox, Service Lead – Legal
Diana Vernon, Democratic Services Manager
Hannah Whitfield, Democratic Services Officer

# Councillor apologies:

Mike Allen Roger Boote Geoff Chamberlain Deborah Custance Baker Peter Halse John Jeffery Philip Skinner Chris Wale

# **Honorary Aldermen apologies:**

Vivienne Ash Ann Liverton Graham Liverton Bob Peachey

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Chairman	 Date