

Agenda for an Extraordinary Virtual Meeting of Council

Wednesday, 24th June, 2020, 6.00 pm



To: All elected Members of the Council; Honorary Aldermen

Venue: Online via the Zoom App. All Councillors and registered speakers will have been sent an appointment with the meeting link.

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Extraordinary Virtual Meeting of the Council of the District of East Devon on
Wednesday, 24th June, 2020 at 6.00 pm**

You are called upon to attend the above meeting to be held online. It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers expedient.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Howl".

Chief Executive

1 Public speaking

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

2 **Apologies**

3 **Declarations of interest**

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

4 **Governance Arrangements and committee appointments for the remainder of the Civic Year (2020/21)** (Pages 4 - 18)

Report by the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer to enable the Council to formalise its governance arrangements for the remainder of the civic year following the cancellation of the Annual Meeting due to COVID-19 and the change in the ruling group of the Council.

The report recommends changes to the Constitution, seeks confirmation of the Committees and their size and terms of reference and agreement to the scheme of delegations. There is a specific requirement to agree the composition of the Standards Committee and Housing Review Board and to confirm the appointment of the Independent Person.

It deals with the allocation of seats on overview, regulatory and other committees to different political groups in accordance with the political balance of the Council along with the councillor appointments to committees together with the appointment of their Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

RECOMMENDED that Council

PART A

1. **Approves the amended Constitution to determine the committee structure, their size and terms of reference and the scheme of delegations.**

PART B

2. **Confirms the Conservative Group as the formal opposition.**

PART C

3. **Approves the allocation to different political groups of seats on the overview, regulatory and other committees as follows;**

Democratic Alliance Group	24 members	40%	46 seats
Conservative Group	20 members	33.33%	38 seats

Independent Progressive Group	7 members	11.67%	13 seats
The Independents	5 members	8.33%	10 seats
Cranbrook Voice	3 members	5%	6 seats
Independent	1	1.67%	0 seats
TOTALS	60	100	113

4. Approves the allocation of seats on individual overview, scrutiny, regulatory and other committees as set out in *Appendix 1*.

PART D

5. Agrees the Membership of the Standards Committee and Housing Review Board (as detailed in Part D of this report) and approves an extension of the appointment of the Independent Person for a further year.

PART E

6. Approves the appointments of Councillors to committees as set out in the table in *Appendix 2*.

PART F

7. Approves the appointments of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the committees as set out in *Appendix 3*.

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