

Agenda for Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 7th February, 2019, 6.00 pm

Members of Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: R Giles (Chairman), C Nicholas (Vice-Chairman), B Bailey, Chapman, C Gardner, G Godbeer, S Grundy, S Hughes, D Nicholas, V Ranger, M Rixson, E Rylance, B de Saram and E Wragg

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1 Public speaking

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

2 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 4 - 14)

3 Apologies

4 Declarations of interest

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

5 Matters of urgency

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6 Confidential/exempt item(s)

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There is one item that officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

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

There are no items identified

8 East Devon Public Health Strategic Plan 2019/23

The East Devon Public Health Strategic Plan 2019/23 was presented to Cabinet on 2 January 2019 by the Strategic Lead for Housing, Health and Environment, the Service Lead for Environmental Health and Car Parks and the Public Health Project Officer. The Plan sets out how the Council would encourage and assist services across the Council each to support and improve health and wellbeing across the District.

Information about the evidence used to support the Strategic Plan was to be provided to Scrutiny.

This item is for members to consider how the priorities outlined in the plan will be progressed.

9 Disposal of furniture at the Knowle

The purpose of this report is to provide an update for the Scrutiny Committee on the process put in place to dispose of the furniture at the Knowle as a result of re-location to Blackdown House in Honiton

10 Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees' meeting on 16 January

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny committees met on 16th January 2019 to consider the Draft Revenue & Capital Budget 2019/20, and associated Draft Service Plans 2019/20, in line with the Council's Constitution (Part 2, Article 7). Recommendations were proposed separately for each committee.

This item is for Members to debate the process involved in Budget setting and service planning and consider whether they wish to make recommendations for consideration by the Strategic Management Team. [Minutes](#) of the meeting refer.

11 Scrutiny Forward Plan

Private meeting: Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

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12 The Vice Chairman to move the following:

"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)".

13 Scrutinising the Portfolio Holder decision regarding a Discretionary Home Stay Grant repayment (Pages 15 - 16)

To advise members of the Scrutiny Committee of information available to the Portfolio Holder who made the decision and to the subsequent Councillors' queries so that the committee can scrutinise the Portfolio Holder's decision.

Appendices 1 - 5 Portfolio Holder report, Home Stay Grant provisions and the Grant Conditions.

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