

# Agenda for Council

## Wednesday, 21st October, 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

**Meeting of the Council of the District of East Devon on  
Wednesday, 21st October, 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", written over a white background.

Chief Executive

### 1 **Public speaking**

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

2 **Minutes of the previous meeting** (Pages 5 - 22)

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**

Information on [matters of urgency](#) is available online

6 **Announcements from the Chairman and Leader**

7 **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, but if confidential minutes from Cabinet and/or the Council's Committees are being discussed, Officers may recommend consideration in the private part of the meeting.

8 **To answer questions asked by Members of the Council pursuant to Procedure Rules No. 9.2 and 9.5** (Pages 23 - 42)

9 **Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports** (Pages 43 - 44)

- a) Minutes of Cabinet held on 30 September 2020. Minute numbers 196 - 212 (Pages 45 - 55)
- b) Minutes of Cabinet held on 8 October 2020. Minute numbers 213 - 226 (Pages 56 - 63)
- c) Minutes of Scrutiny Committee held on 10 September 2020. Minute numbers 78 - 86 (Pages 64 - 67)
- d) Minutes of Overview Committee held on 24 September 2020. Minute numbers 59 - 65 (Pages 68 - 72)
- e) Minutes of Housing Review Board held on 17 September 2020. Minute numbers 63 - 84 (Pages 73 - 117)
- f) Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee held on 16 September 2020. Minute numbers 54 - 61 (Pages 118 - 127)
- g) Minutes of Planning Committee held on 9 September 2020. Minute numbers 145 - 152 (Pages 128 - 132)

- h) Minutes of Audit & Governance Committee held on 24 September 2020. Minute numbers 33 - 50 (Pages 133 - 137)
- i) Minutes of Licensing & Enforcement Committee held on 3 September 2020. Minute numbers 41 - 50 (Pages 138 - 141)

## 10 **Motion: Towards Gender Equality at East Devon District Council**

That Council;

- 1) Notes the gendered language within the 1972 Local Government Act and that the Council's Constitution follows the language of this legislation.
- 2) Further notes with concern new data from the Fawcett Society following the 2019 local government elections that found that women made up just 35% of councillors in England.
- 3) Acknowledges with disappointment that women make up just 30% of councillors on East Devon District Council which is below the national average.
- 4) Believes that the membership should address the Chairs of any committees, panels, forums or groups as the 'Chair' rather than Chairman
- 5) Resolves that the Constitution be appropriately revised to accommodate the title of 'Chair' rather than 'Chairman' with delegated authority given to the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary amendments.
- 6) Commits to ensuring gender neutral language is used across the Council in our internal and external communications considering it a small but necessary step to encourage more women to stand to represent East Devon.
- 7) Agrees with the Fawcett Society's call for Councils to change their maternity policies for Councillors on Special Responsibility Allowances and notes with concern that only 8% of Councils have maternity policies for senior Cabinet-level councillors and 7% for councillors who receive only the Basic Allowance.
- 8) Acknowledges that, although we have a policy for maternity pay for councillors without extended roles, our current Allowances Scheme does not extend maternity pay for councillors on a Special Responsibility Allowance with current East Devon District Council policy stating that such allowances 'cease to be paid if a councillor is unable to continue with those duties'.
- 9) Asks the Monitoring Officer / Strategic Lead for HR to write a report to the Cabinet on how we may seek to adopt the Fawcett Society's recommendation of having maternity pay for Councillors with extended roles.
- 10) Notes that Fawcett Society research has found that a third of female councillors have experienced sexist comments from their colleagues.
- 11) Refer to the Standards Committee the Fawcett Society's recommendation that new clauses in the Code of Conduct against sexism be introduced.

Proposed by: Councillor Kathy McLauchlan

Seconded by: Councillor Paul Millar

Supported by Councillors: Sarah Jackson, John Loudoun, Eleanor Rylance, Sam Hawkins, Olly Davey, Joe Whibley, Marianne Rixson and Paul Arnott.

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