

Agenda for Overview Committee

Thursday, 28th March, 2019, 6.00 pm



Members of Overview Committee

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1 Public Speaking

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2 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 4 - 16)

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview Committee held on the 15 November 2018; and those of the joint meeting with the Scrutiny Committee on 16 January 2019.

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 press) have been excluded. There are **no** items that officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

Matters for debate

7 **Digital East Devon - Firmstep presentation**

As part of the Digital Strategy, the Council will be implementing new software to provide a step change in the delivery of digital services – Firmstep. The Service Lead for Organisational Development and Transformation will give an introduction, before a demonstration of the customer experience through Firmstep is provided by Hilary Jones. Hilary will also talk through her own experience of implementation at Scarborough District Council.

8 **Poverty, homelessness, human rights and health and wellbeing in East Devon - scoping report** (Pages 17 - 25)

In December a motion was put to full Council - "Following the findings of both the UK Equalities and Human Rights Commission and the UN Special Rapporteur on the impact of benefits changes and other spending cuts on people living in the UK, this Council will receive a report on the potential impacts on residents in East Devon and the need for further support from this Council, for example in supporting the roll-out of Universal Credit, homelessness prevention or for local food banks."

This report, presented to Cabinet on 6 March 2019, attempts to scope the subject and suggest themes for further investigation to provide a locally meaningful analysis of poverty and interventions that we can influence/action to alleviate the impact of poverty on individuals and communities.

Cabinet resolved that the themes for a localised investigation and analysis of poverty and related social welfare issues, working with Devon County Council, and report back on the findings, be agreed.

9 **Environmental sustainability and climate change emergency** (Pages 26 - 31)

This report, prepared for Cabinet on 3 April 2019, has been written to explore, highlight and refresh our environmental commitments and contributions towards addressing climate change.

As a council we are well placed to influence, promote and lead local initiatives to protect and enhance our environment, which is consistent with our valuing the outstanding environment theme in the Council Plan. There is logic in all local authorities working together on this agenda and the report proposes that we work with Devon County Council following their recent consideration of a climate change emergency motion.

10 **Overview Draft Annual Report** (Pages 32 - 33)

Draft Annual Report of the work of the committee in the current civic term, to present to Annual Council on the 25 May 2019. It is recommended that the report, subject to comments made at this meeting, and including information about this meeting, be agreed between the Chairman and Vice Chairman for submission to Annual Council on behalf of the committee.

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