

Agenda for Cabinet

Wednesday, 3rd February, 2021, 6.00 pm



Members of Cabinet

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1 Public speaking

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

2 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

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 which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

- 7 Forward Plan (Pages 11 - 12)
- 8 Minutes of Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee held on 11 January 2021 (Pages 13 - 16)
- 9 Minutes of Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee held on 13 & 14 January 2021 (Pages 17 - 34)
- 10 Minutes of Poverty Working Panel held on 18 January 2021 (Pages 35 - 41)
- 11 Minutes of the Recycling and Waste Partnership Board held on 20 January 2021 (Pages 42 - 49)
- 12 Minutes of Housing Revenue Board held on 21 January 2021 (Pages 50 - 60)

Matters for Decision

- 13 **Supporting Economic Recovery** (Pages 61 - 70)
The report sets out proposals to launch a Fund aimed at supporting businesses and other organisations to adapt to the post pandemic landscape and associated changes in operating conditions.
- 14 **Revenue and Capital Budgets 2021/22** (Pages 71 - 76)
Cabinet adopted the draft Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2021/22 at its meeting on 6 January 2021. A joint meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees reviewed those budgets on 14 January 2021 and the Housing Review Board considered the Housing Revenue Account budgets on 21 January 2021.
- 15 **Capital Strategy 2021/22 - 2024/25** (Pages 77 - 78)
The draft Capital Strategy is presented for consideration, this forms part of the annual budget setting approval process.
- 16 **Treasury Management, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2021/22** (Pages 79 - 87)
Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2020/21 – 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020. This report details the overall position and performance of the Council's investment portfolio for the first six months of 2020/21 as well as the Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22.
- 17 **Programme of Meetings 2021-2022** (Page 88)

To consider the draft programme of meetings for the next civic year. This programme will be referred to the Annual Meeting of the Council. Members are asked to agree to the proposed date of Wednesday 12 May 2021 for the Annual Meeting.

This arrangement is to meet the legal requirement to hold an Annual Meeting and also such other meetings as are necessary for the conduct of the Council's business in accordance with its Constitution.

18 Interim Devon Carbon Plan (Pages 89 - 94)

Devon County Council have been leading work on the production of a Carbon Plan for the county. This work has been developed with a range of partners and is part of the commitment in the Climate Change Emergency Declaration. The interim Plan is out for consultation and will be finalised following a virtual Citizens Assembly process, incorporating comments from consultees.

19 Proposed Independent Review of Council Management Structure (Pages 95 - 100)

At the December 2020 Cabinet meeting the Leader announced that he wished to initiate an independent review of the Council Management Structure and the Chief Executive was instructed to prepare a report. Accordingly this report sets out the procurement considerations for Cabinet and Council to consider.

20 Hayne Lane Site, Honiton (Pages 101 - 103)

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the use of the Business Rate Pilot Reserve Fund as the council's contribution towards the costs of undertaking a masterplan exercise for a site in Honiton.

21 Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report (Pages 104 - 116)

The report provides feedback and sets out proposed changes following the examination of the Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan.

22 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public

The Vice Chair 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)”.

Part B Matters for Decision

23 COVID-19 Suez claim (Pages 117 - 125)

During the pandemic response through 2020 there has been record tonnages of recycling collected at the kerbside, due to large parts of the population being at home either through lockdown or working arrangements. For the reasons set out in the report the additional costs incurred as a result of this cannot reasonably be expected to be absorbed by Suez as part of the existing contract.

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