

Agenda for Council

Wednesday, 28th April, 2021, 6.00 pm

To: All elected Members of the Council; Honorary Aldermen

Venue: Online via the Zoom App

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Dear Sir/Madam

Meeting of the Council of the District of East Devon on Wednesday, 28th April, 2021 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 in a cursive style.

Chief Executive

- 1 **Public speaking**
Information on [public speaking](#) is available online
- 2 **Minutes of the previous meeting** (Pages 6 - 21)

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 22 - 30)**

9 **Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports (Pages 31 - 34)**

- a) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 3 March 2021. Minute numbers 332 - 350 (Pages 35 - 45)
- b) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 March 2021. Minute numbers 351 - 356 (Pages 46 - 49)
- c) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 31 March 2021. Minute numbers 357 - 381 (Pages 50 - 60)
- d) Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 4 March 2021. Minute numbers 131 - 139 (Pages 61 - 69)
- e) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 23 February 2021. Minute numbers 103 - 113 (Pages 70 - 77)
- f) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 30 March 2021. Minute numbers 114 - 123 (Pages 78 - 84)
- g) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 February 2021. Minute numbers 213 - 221 (Pages 85 - 90)

- h) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10 March 2021. Minute numbers 222 - 232 (Pages 91 - 99)
- i) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17 March 2021. Minute numbers 233 - 242 (Pages 100 - 104)
- j) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 April 2021. Minute numbers 243 - 254 (Pages 105 - 110)
- k) Minutes of the Audit & Governance Committee meeting held on 18 March 2021. Minute numbers 75 - 86 (Pages 111 - 114)
- l) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Committee meeting held on 17 February 2021. Minute numbers 60 - 67 (Pages 115 - 118)
- m) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee meeting held on 24 February 2021. Minute numbers 32 - 36 (Pages 119 - 121)

10 **Learning Review - Report from the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 122 - 123)

11 **Standards Complaints Procedure** (Pages 124 - 154)

12 **Motion: To Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill**

Preamble;

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. Global temperatures have increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2 levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm) and continue to rise. This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity.

Without more significant and sustained action, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit between 2030 and 2040. Therefore the current UK target of net zero by 2050 is not satisfactory. It is too little too late.

The increase in harm caused by a rise of 2°C rather than 1.5°C is significant. This is described by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published in October 2018. According to the IPCC, limiting heating to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities. The costs of failing to address this crisis will far outstrip the investments required to prevent it. Investing now will bring many benefits in the form of good jobs, breathable cities and thriving communities.

Council notes that;

- (i) This council has declared a climate emergency;
- (ii) Many local authorities have established Citizens' Assemblies that are playing an important role in assisting them in their plans to achieve net zero by 2030 or before; and that
- (iii) There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the "Climate and Ecology Bill")—according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
 - (a) requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas

- emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
- (b) ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
 - (c) includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
 - (d) protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
 - (e) restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO₂ and their resistance to climate heating;
 - (f) sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
- (ii) Inform the local media of this decision;
- (iii) Write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and
- (iv) Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk)

Proposed by; Cllr Olly Davey

Seconded by; Cllr Tony Woodward

Supported by Cllrs; Denise Bickley, Steve Gazzard, Paul Hayward, Sarah Jackson, Val Ranger.

13 **Motion: Role of the Chair of Council**

ref Article 5 page 19 to be modified as per section b shown in italics:-

- b) The Chair shall be elected annually by the Council. The Chair will have the following responsibilities:
 - 1. To uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary having regard to appropriate advice;
 - 2. To preside over meetings of the Council so that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to the rights of Councillors and the interests of the community;
 - 3. To ensure that at the Council meeting Councillors who are not on the Cabinet or who are not Chairmen of Committees are able to hold the Cabinet and Committee Chairmen to account.
 - 4. Generally, to be the conscience of the Council
 - 5. ***Shall exercise neutrality and be an exemplar of the highest standards of conduct and ethics consistent with the Council's Code of Conduct and by promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors, co-opted Members and Council officers to serve the best interests of the Community***

Proposed by; Cllr Mike Allen

Seconded by; Cllr Philip Skinner

Supported by Cllrs; Andrew Moulding, Bruce de Sarum, Ben Ingham

14 **Motion: Future of our High Streets**

In the light of the positive response from Simon Jupp MP to the recent letter we sent to him about the Future of our High Streets in East Devon like Exmouth, we recommend to Council the implementation as soon as possible of a cross party TAFF whose membership will be determined by the monitoring Officer in the usual manner in order for our District to get a strong bid in for the government's multi-billion-pound Levelling Up Fund and Community Renewal Funds. We are all aware that The Levelling Up Fund is currently open for applications of up to £20 million to regenerate and improve High Streets in places like Exmouth. It's fantastic to see that the new funds build on the work of the smaller schemes which predate the pandemic, including the Future High Streets Fund. As Exmouth members Cllr Caygill, Cllr Chapman and myself urge this Council to set up this TAFF and work with Simon Jupp MP so that ultimately, we put in a successful bid for the benefit and wellbeing of all our residents at this time of great need"

Proposer Cllr Bruce De Saram

Seconder Cllr Fred Caygill

Supporters Cllrs; Maddy Chapman, Alan Dent, Helen Parr, Ben Ingham and Andrew Moulding.

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