

Agenda for the consultative meeting of the Council

Wednesday, 20th October, 2021, 6.00 pm



To: All elected Members of the Council; Honorary Aldermen

Venue: Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton

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Between 27th July 2021 to 17th January 2022, the Council has delegated much of the decision making to officers. Any officer decisions arising from recommendations from this consultative meeting will be published on the webpage for this meeting in due course. All meetings held can be found via the [Browse Meetings](#) webpage.

Dear Sir/Madam

**Meeting of the Council of the District of East Devon on
Wednesday, 20th October, 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".

Chief Executive

1 **Public speaking**

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

2 **Minutes of the previous meetings** (Pages 5 - 29)

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**

There is one matter of urgency which the Chair has agreed to address under item 11.

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 30 - 35)

9 **Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports** (Pages 36 - 38)

- a) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 July 2021. Minute numbers 44 - 53 (Pages 39 - 46)
- b) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 September 2021. Minute numbers 54 - 58. (Pages 47 - 49)
- c) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 8 September 2021. Minute numbers 59 - 74. (Pages 50 - 55)
- d) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 6 October 2021. Minute numbers 75 - 93 (Pages 56 - 64)

- e) Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 29 July 2021. Minute numbers 1 -10. (Pages 65 - 68)
- f) Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 7 October 2021. Minute numbers 11- 19. (Pages 69 - 72)
- g) Minutes of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees meeting held on 16 September 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 6. (Pages 73 - 77)
- h) Minutes of the Housing Review Board meeting held on 16 September 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 15. (Pages 78 - 85)
- i) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 20 July 2021. Minute numbers 14 - 21. (Pages 86 - 95)
- j) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on 7 September 2021. Minute numbers 22 - 32. (Pages 96 - 105)
- k) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on 5 October 2021. Minute numbers 33 - 41 (Pages 106 - 114)
- l) Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4 August 2021. Minute numbers 28 - 37. (Pages 115 - 119)
- m) Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 September 2021. Minute numbers 38 - 47. (Pages 120 - 124)
- n) Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 29 September 2021. Minute numbers 48 - 56. (Pages 125 - 128)
- o) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub-committee meeting on 11 August 2021. Minute numbers 11 - 15. (Pages 129 - 132)
- p) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub-committee meeting on 8 September 2021. Minute numbers 16 - 20. (Pages 133 - 136)
- q) Minutes of the Audit & Governance Committee meeting held on 23 September 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 16. (Pages 137 - 140)
- r) Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 2 September 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 6. (Pages 141 - 144)
- s) Minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 14 September 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 6. (Pages 145 - 146)

- 10 **Change to Councillor appointments** (Pages 147 - 148)
- 11 **Proposed Temporary Car Park Management Arrangements, Webster's Garage site, Axminster** (Pages 149 - 152)
- 12 **Motion: Universal Credit Cut** (Page 153)

Government cuts in financial support to the most vulnerable

Our Council recognises the significant impact on residents, particularly children and young people, of the deplorable decision of the Government to remove the Uplift provision for those on Universal Credit that will push many struggling families further into poverty.

This Council will therefore

- Ensure we are doing all we can to work with our partners to more visibly promote take up of Schemes such as Kickstart, and are actively signposting local businesses to two new Devon programmes, 'SMART SKILLS' and 'Skills Support for the Workforce', in order to support those at risk of financial difficulties by offering solutions to local employers, and including those aged 16 - 24 on Universal Credit, to gain employment for a minimum of 6 months.
- Request an urgent report to a forthcoming Cabinet meeting setting out potential options for directing additional resources into the Anti-Poverty Strategy to support the District in helping the most vulnerable residents this winter, in the light of unexpected rising living costs.
- Write to the Chancellor and Prime Minister (copying in the District MPs) calling for the government to re-introduce this payment as a matter of urgency to the thousands of individuals, families and their children in East Devon that will be adversely affected by this cut in financial support to the most vulnerable.

Proposed by Cllr Paul Millar

Seconded by Cllr Jake Bonetta

Supported by Cllrs; Val Ranger, Sam Hawkins, Mike Allen, Steve Gazzard and Tony Woodward

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