

Agenda for Council Tuesday, 27th July, 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 Tuesday, 27th July, 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 - 34)

Minutes of the Annual Council meeting on 25th May 2021.

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 Chair 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 35 - 37)**

9 **Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports (Pages 38 - 42)**

- a) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 May 2021. Minute numbers 382 - 400 (Pages 43 - 49)
- b) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 May 2021. Minute numbers 401 - 413 (Pages 50 - 58)
- c) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 9 June 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 18 (Pages 59 - 65)
- d) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 14 July 2021. Minute numbers 19 - 43 (Pages 66 - 77)
- e) Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 8 April 2021. Minute numbers 140 - 147 (Pages 78 - 83)
- f) Minutes of the Housing Review Board meeting held on 29 April 2021. Minute numbers 102 - 121 (Pages 84 - 93)
- g) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 27 April 2021. Minute numbers 124 - 134 (Pages 94 - 104)

- h) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 22 June 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 13 (Pages 105 - 120)
- i) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 5 May 2021. Minute numbers 255 - 264 (Pages 121 - 125)
- j) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 June 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 9 (Pages 126 - 130)
- k) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14 June 2021. Minute numbers 10 - 17 (Pages 131 - 134)
- l) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 July 2021. Minute numbers 18 - 27 (Pages 135 - 138)
- m) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee held on 21 April 2021. Minute numbers 37 - 41 (Pages 139 - 145)
- n) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 May 2021. Minute numbers 42 - 47 (Pages 146 - 151)
- o) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee meeting held on 16 June 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 5 (Pages 152 - 154)
- p) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee meeting held on 7 July 2021. Minute numbers 6 - 10 (Pages 155 - 159)
- q) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Committee held on 21 July 2021. Minute numbers 1 - 9 (Pages 160 - 164)

10 **Changes to Governance arrangements - A report from the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 165 - 168)

11 **Motion: Role of 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

12 Motion: Nationally Described Space Standards

As a district council we are responsible for approving or rejecting planning applications for housing. On 27 March 2015 the central government published the Technical Housing Standards – nationally described space standards (available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technical-housing-standards-nationally-described-space-standard>

as part of the housing standards review package. It was left to councils to put in place our own policies to be included with-in the Local Plan. At an earlier Planning Meeting it was pointed out that we do not have a policy on Nationally Described Space Standards. I therefore propose that we put in place a policy to cover this subject as part of our review of our Local Plan.

Proposed by Cllr Peter Faithfull

Seconded by Cllr Vicky Johns

Supported by Cllrs; Megan Armstrong, Tony McCollum, Geoff Jung and Mike Howe.

13 Motion: Trees

This council recognizes the immense contribution that trees make to our District - shaping the landscape, providing a vital habitat for wildlife, sequestering carbon to help combat climate change and playing an essential role in the eco-system by absorbing rainwater and preventing erosion.

Trees are also vital to our communities enhancing well-being, connecting people with their natural environment, providing shade and peace, cooling the streets, marking the seasons and giving our communities a sense of 'place'.

In light of the key role of trees this council will:

1. Agree a robust tree policy which includes pro-actively making Tree Protection Orders, particularly in view of unscrupulous developers who remove trees ahead of submitting planning applications
2. Commission a detailed district wide report which identifies ways of enhancing and improving the existing treescape
3. Implement a community engagement scheme to support town and parish councils in protecting and enhancing trees at the most local level

This council acknowledges that these proposals will increase the workload of the tree officers and additional tree officer capacity will be required in order to give effect to this motion. The Council will use its general fund balance in the current year and will commit to ongoing costs being met in the 2022/23 budget round.

Proposed by Cllr Jess Bailey

Seconded by Cllr Megan Armstrong

Supported by Cllrs; Denise Bickley, Olly Davey, Paul Jarvis, Vicky Johns, Geoff Pratt, Tony Woodward and Chris Wright

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