

# Agenda for consultative meeting of the Council Monday, 21st February, 2022, 6.00 pm



## Members of Council

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## 1 Public speaking

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

2 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 5 - 15)

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 16 - 17)

9 Report on the Council Tax Resolution 2022/2023 (Pages 18 - 27)

10 Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports (Pages 28 - 31)

a) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 January 2022. Minute numbers 126 - 148 (Pages 32 - 40)

b) Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 2 February 2022. Minute numbers 149 - 171 (Pages 41 - 52)

c) Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 2 December 2021. Minute numbers 20 - 30 (Pages 53 - 59)

d) Minutes of the Joint Budget meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committees held on 12 January 2022. Minute numbers 31 - 37 (Pages 60 - 70)

e) Minutes of the Joint Budget meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committees held on 17 January 2022. Minute numbers 38 - 44 (Pages 71 - 84)

f) Minutes of the Housing Review Board meeting held on 13 January 2022. Minute numbers 16 - 28 (Pages 85 - 91)

g) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 14 December 2021. Minute numbers 51 - 57 (Pages 92 - 118)

h) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 11 January 2022. Minute numbers 58 - 65 (Pages 119 - 134)

i) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 25 January 2022. Minute numbers 66 - 67 (Pages 135 - 148)

j) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 26 January 2022. Minute numbers 68 - 69 (Pages 149 - 159)

- k) Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 8 February 2022. Minute numbers 70 - 75 (Pages 160 - 174)
  - l) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 December 2021. Minute numbers 77 - 87 (Pages 175 - 180)
  - m) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 January 2022. Minute numbers 88 - 100 (Pages 181 - 185)
  - n) Minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee meeting held on 9 February 2022. Minute numbers 26 - 30 (Pages 186 - 188)
  - o) Minutes of the Audit & Governance Committee meeting held on 20 January 2022. Minute numbers 27 - 38 (Pages 189 - 193)
  - p) Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 27 January 2022. Minute numbers 17 - 25 (Pages 194 - 197)
  - q) Minutes of the Extraordinary Personnel Committee meeting held on 18 February 2022. Minute numbers 26 - 31 (Pages 198 - 199)
  - r) Minutes of the Strata Joint Executive Committee held on 19 January 2022. Minute numbers 1-8 (Pages 200 - 202)
- 11 Report - Changes to Governance arrangements (Pages 203 - 206)
- 12 Motion: Housing requirements in local authority areas

On the 22 June 2021 the Strategic Planning Committee resolved:

1. 'That the need for robust evidence on housing need and supply to justify strategic policy on housing requirement provision to include in the local plan be endorsed in principle.
2. That the transparent and timely use of that evidence through the plan making process to justify local plan policy on housing requirement provision be endorsed.
3. That the questions raised in paragraph 6.3 of the report were considered and commented on and the consideration to not challenge government standard methodology at this time to help to inform officers' work in developing a housing strategy for the new local plan was agreed'.

This resolution has been the basis of the work done to date on preparing a draft Local Plan for the district for the period 2020-2040.

It is however apparent from consideration of the draft Local Plan to date that the implications of pursuing this approach are not acceptable to the communities of East Devon and therefore officers should be instructed to prepare a revised draft version of the Local Plan with greater weight being given to the views of members on housing need rather than the government standard methodology.

Accordingly, this Council believes that because local authorities are best placed to know how many houses need to be provided within their area the time is now right to challenge the government standard methodology.

Proposed by Cllr Jess Bailey

Seconded by Cllr Vicky Johns

Supported by Cllrs; Megan Armstrong, Paul Millar, Geoff Pratt

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