

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group held at Online via Zoom app on 10 February 2025

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The meeting started at 9.38 am and ended at 10.28 am

18 Declarations of interest

Cllr N Hookway – Minute 22; Affects Non-Registerable Interest: Member of Exmouth Town Council.

Cllr O Davey – Minutes 22; Affects Non-Registerable Interest: Member of Exmouth Town Council.

Cllr T Dumper – Minute 22; Affects Non-Registerable Interest: Member of Exmouth Town Council and Chair of the Local Transport Partnership in Exmouth.

19 Public speaking

One Member of the public, Mrs Ann Membery, had registered to speak at the meeting. The Chair read out a summary of the statement provided by Mrs Membery in which she had expressed concern that the Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront (PETS) Group did not engage more with the public and did not use Commonplace engagement, as other EDDC committees do.

The Chair responded that the PETS Group was open and transparent and had engaged extensively with the public. The Group would use Commonplace when it was necessary to do so.

20 Matters of urgency

There was one matter of urgency (minute 22 refers).

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

RESOLVED 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).

22 Investment/Placemaking Opportunity in Exmouth

The Assistant Director – Place, Assets & Commercialisation presented this report which set out a proposal for an investment opportunity in Exmouth consistent with the wider Placemaking strategy for the town. He outlined the rationale for the proposal and the risks around not progressing with it at this time.

Members discussed relevant considerations at length and asked direct questions.

Following the discussion, members voted in favour of the recommendations to Cabinet set out within the report.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

P Arnott (Vice-Chair)
A Bailey
O Davey
T Dumper
A Hall
P Hayward
N Hookway (Chair)
T Olive
G Deasy (Exmouth Town Council)

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

C Nicholas

Officers in attendance:

Tim Child, Assistant Director Place, Assets & Commercialisation
Naomi Harnett, Corporate Lead (Interim) – Major Projects & Programmes
Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer
Sarah James, Democratic Services Officer
Andrew Wood, Director of Place
Anne Mountjoy, Growth Point Communications Officer
Doug Stanton, Project Manager Estates
Anita Williams, Principal Solicitor (Deputy Monitoring Officer)

Councillor apologies:

M Hall
J Whibley (Exmouth Town Council)

Chair:

Date: