

# **Agenda for Council**

## **Wednesday, 10th December, 2025, 6.00 pm**

To: All elected Members of the Council; Honorary Aldermen

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Meeting of the Council of the District of East Devon on Wednesday, 10th December, 2025 at 6.00 pm**

You are called upon to attend the above meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton. 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 that reads "T. Hendren".

Tracy Hendren, Chief Executive

#### **1 Apologies**

#### **2 Declarations of interest**

Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)

#### **3 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 5 - 24)**

**4 Public speaking**

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

**5 Matters of urgency**

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**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 25 - 36)**

**9 Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports (Pages 37 - 111)**

**10 Cranbrook and Surrounding Development Areas Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations (Pages 112 - 145)**

**11 Recommendation from Licensing & Enforcement Committee - Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy 2026 - 2031 (Pages 146 - 229)**

**12 Recommendation from Cabinet - Leisure Strategy - Addendum (Pages 230 - 252)**

**13 Recommendation from Constitution Working Group - Part 3 Officer Scheme of Delegation (Pages 253 - 293)**

**14 Recommendation from Constitution Working Group - Part 5 - Codes & Protocols: Council's Petition Scheme (Pages 294 - 301)**

**15 Recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 302 - 306)**

**16 Broadband in East Devon (Pages 307 - 322)**

**17 Motion on Notice - Motion for the Ocean (Pages 323 - 325)**

## **Motion 1: Motion for the Ocean**

**Proposed by: Cllr John Heath**

**Seconded by: Cllr Aurora Bailey**

**Motion signed by: Cllrs Geoff Jung, Tim Dumper, Paula Fernley, Olly Davey, Brian Bailey, Charlotte Fitzgerald, Alasdair Bruce, and Marianne Rixon.**

It is the UN Ocean Decade, and the tide is turning on Ocean neglect. Our Ocean and climate are in a state of emergency, and whilst many local authorities have already declared a climate emergency, the Ocean is still missing from many of our climate action plans. By supporting this evidence-based Motion, based on Dr Pamela Buchan's pioneering research on marine citizenship, we can help local and national governments take action to improve Ocean health.

A model 'Ocean Recovery Declaration' – or Motion for the Ocean – seeks to help ALL local governments recognise that the world's Ocean is a fundamental part of climate regulation and that it must be considered as part of an effective climate emergency response. It is vital to ensure that local Councils commit to supporting a more ecologically healthy sea and to rethink how Ocean is taken into account in planning and decision-making at local level.

Many councils up and down the country have supported this important motion. They are too numerous to mention, and I believe that EDDC should add its name to the list. The councils that have so far affiliated to the motion are listed under Motion for the Ocean [Motion-for-the-Ocean-coastal-councils.pdf](#).

We welcome the opportunity to support Devon County Council colleagues in protecting our Oceans, and will work in conjunction with all signatories to play our continued part in improving our seas and oceans.

## **18 Appointment of representatives to the Standards Committee (Pages 326 - 329)**

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