

Agenda for Council

Wednesday, 15th July, 2026, 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, 15th July, 2026 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 - 43)

4 Public speaking

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5 Matters of urgency

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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 44 - 48)

9 Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports (Pages 49 - 141)

10 Local Development Scheme (Pages 142 - 152)

11 Recommendations from Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 153 - 184)

12 Recommendation from Cabinet - 9 July 2026: Financial Outturn Report 2025/2026 (Pages 185 - 200)

13 Appointment of temporary Chair for the Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Pages 201 - 205)

14 Standards Committee - Annual Report 2025/2026 (Pages 206 - 209)

15 Motion on Notice Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Vehicles - A Call for National Action (Pages 210 - 212)

Proposed by: Councillor Stuart Hughes

Seconded by: Councillor Colin Brown

Supported by: Councillors Helen Parr, Brian Bailey, Jenny Brown, John O'Leary and Iain Chubb.

Council notes:

- A recent national news report highlighted a serious incident in which a vehicle struck a pothole, causing damage to the exhaust system. This resulted in dangerous levels of carbon monoxide (CO) entering the vehicle — recorded at 180 parts per million, a level that can cause loss of consciousness and death.
- The occupants survived only because a carbon monoxide detector was fitted inside the vehicle, alerting them in time to stop and exit safely.
- Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, lethal gas, and vehicle occupants have no natural warning when exhaust systems fail or become compromised — whether through pothole damage, corrosion, or manufacturing faults.
- CO detectors are inexpensive, widely available, and already mandatory in many domestic settings due to their proven ability to save lives.

Council believes:

- The rise in pothole-related vehicle damage increases the risk of exhaust leaks and CO ingress, particularly in older vehicles.
- There is currently no requirement for carbon monoxide detection in vehicles, despite the clear and preventable danger.
- A simple, low-cost detector could prevent fatalities and should be considered as essential as smoke alarms in homes.

Council therefore resolves to write to:

- The Secretary of State for Transport,
- The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA), and
- The Local Government Association (LGA)

calling for:

1. Carbon monoxide detectors to be made mandatory in all new vehicles sold in the UK.
2. A requirement for CO detectors to be fitted to existing vehicles at the point of MOT, in the same way that other safety-critical items are checked or required.
3. A review of national vehicle safety regulations to ensure that CO detection becomes a standard, life-saving measure across the entire fleet.
4. Engagement with motoring organisations, manufacturers, and safety bodies to develop practical guidance and timelines for implementation.

Council further requests that this Motion be shared with Devon local authorities and Devon MPs, encouraging a coordinated Devon-wide approach to reducing preventable deaths from carbon monoxide exposure in vehicles and supporting wider national consideration of the issue.

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