

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the consultative meeting of Cabinet held at Online via the Zoom app. on 29 June 2022

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The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.52 pm

16 Public speaking

Cllr Jess Bailey wished to report the response she had received from Cllr Andrew Leadbetter from Devon County Council, in relation to John Humphreys.

'I can confirm that the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) received a referral via the NSPCC in 2014. As part of the LADO process, our officers discussed the case with the police. The police were already aware of the individual and allegations that had been made, and advised us that there was not enough evidence to investigate further, and it was agreed that no further action would be taken. We have evaluated the response that was made in 2014 and concluded that we should have held a multiagency meeting to share information and consider what if any next steps could be taken. In the light of this, we have agreed to undertake a review of this decision making and process within the LADO service, and will be implementing the recommendations that arise from this.'

The Chair thanked Cllr Bailey for raising this issue through her role as a County Councillor and bringing it to light.

17 Declarations of interest

Min 20. Axe Valley Project and Levelling Up Fund Round 2.

Councillor Dan Ledger, Affects Non-registerable Interest, Seaton Town Councillor and attended workshops.

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Councillor Jack Rowland, Affects Non-registerable Interest, Seaton Ward Member and attended workshops.

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Councillor Marcus Hartnell, Affects Non-registerable Interest, Seaton Town and Devon County Councillor and has a business in Seaton.

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Councillor Paul Hayward, Affects Non-registerable Interest, Employee of Axminster Town Council.

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Councillor Sarah Jackson, Affects Non-registerable Interest, Sensitive interest.

Min 21. Levelling Up Fund Bid - Destination Exmouth (Dinan Way Extension and Exmouth Gateway).

Councillor Dan Ledger, Affects Non-registerable Interest, Attended workshops.

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Councillor Nick Hookway, Affects Non-registerable Interest, Attended workshops.

Min 21. Levelling Up Fund Bid - Destination Exmouth (Dinan Way Extension and Exmouth Gateway).
Councillor Steve Gazzard, Affects Non-registerable Interest, Exmouth Town Councillor.

18 **Matters of urgency**

There are two late items that the Chair agreed to be included.
LCC Live in Devon briefing report and Minute 21 Levelling Up Fund Bid – Destination Exmouth (Dinan Way Extension and Exmouth Gateway).

The Portfolio Holder Tourism, Leisure, Sport and Culture wished to thank everyone involved in getting the band McFly to perform a concert on Saturday 3 September 2022 on the Imperial Recreation Ground, Exmouth.

19 **Confidential/exempt item(s)**

None

20 **Axe Valley Project and Levelling Up Fund Round 2**

The Project Manager Place, Assets & Commercialisation provided information on bid preparation for the Axe Valley bid for Levelling Up Fund Round 2. The total cost was estimated at £15.58m. A cash contribution of £4m was being requested from the council which was greater than the minimum 10% contribution required by the LUF. This would sit alongside an in-kind contribution of £403,000 relating to land value. This resulted in a total ask of £11.18m from the Levelling up Fund.

The funding application deadline was 6 July 2022. East Devon District Council was now within the priority 2 category (up from 3 previously).

RECOMMENDED that

Senior Officers

1. Approve the inclusion of the Axe Valley projects within the Axe Valley Levelling Up Funding bid as set out at paragraph 2.1 of the report.
2. Note the removal of the Axminster Public Realm project from the bid.
3. Note the total estimated cost of the Levelling Up programme at £15.58m
4. Approve the use of Council land to enable project delivery which following valuation results in an in-kind contribution of £403,000.
5. Agrees with the cash contribution of £4m from the council subject to approval by Full Council noting that should such approval not be given, the bid submission will be withdrawn.
6. Grant delegated authority to the Service Lead for Place, Assets & Commercialisation in consultation with the Strategic Lead for Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Assets to submit the final bid documents and complete any related documentation if the bid was successful.

RECOMMENDED to Council

7. To approve the £4m commitment of funding from the Council should the bid be successful.

REASON:

To enable the Project Team to submit a Levelling Up Round 2 funding bid for Axe Valley in order to meet the funding application deadline of 6 July 2022.

21 **Levelling Up Fund Bid - Destination Exmouth (Dinan Way Extension and Exmouth Gateway)**

The Project Manager Place and Prosperity (Exmouth) informed members that a second Round of Levelling up funding was announced in late March of 2022 with a closing date for submissions by the 6 July 2022. Exmouth was moved from Category 3 status (lowest priority) in the first round to category 2 (middle priority) in the current round.

EDDC had assisted in a resubmission of a bid for Exmouth (Destination Exmouth) led by Devon County Council with the emphasis on the Dinan Way highway scheme but including an exciting 'Gateway' element, aligned more closely with Dinan Way but also evidencing a real improvement in place making / linkages to the natural environment / sustainable transport for the town centre itself.

The MP Simon Jupp had publicly supported the bid. Destination Exmouth was a package bid which included the Dinan Way extension and Exmouth Gateway improvements.

RECOMMENDED that

Senior Officers provide a formal letter of support for the Round 2 Levelling Up bid in Exmouth.

REASON:

The letter of support was needed to assist in the submission of the levelling up bid.

Attendance List

Present:

Portfolio Holders

P Arnott	Leader
P Hayward	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder Economy and Assets
G Jung	Portfolio Holder Coast, Country and Environment
D Ledger	Portfolio Holder Sustainable Homes and Communities
M Rixson	Portfolio Holder Climate Action and Emergency Response
J Rowland	Portfolio Holder Finance
S Jackson	Portfolio Holder Democracy, Transparency and Communications;
N Hookway	Portfolio Holder Tourism, Sport, Leisure and Culture

Cabinet apologies:

J Loudoun	Portfolio Holder Council and Corporate Co-ordination
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Also present (for some or all the meeting)

Councillor Jess Bailey
 Councillor Fred Caygill
 Councillor Maddy Chapman
 Councillor Peter Faithfull
 Councillor Steve Gazzard
 Councillor Marcus Hartnell
 Councillor Ben Ingham
 Councillor Vicky Johns

Councillor Jamie Kemp
Councillor Richard Lawrence
Councillor Dawn Manley
Councillor Andrew Moulding
Councillor Eleanor Rylance
Councillor Philip Skinner
Councillor Joe Whibley
Councillor Eileen Wragg

Also present:

Officers:

Tim Child, Service Lead - Place, Assets & Commercialisation
Amanda Coombes, Democratic Services Officer
Simon Davey, Strategic Lead Finance
John Golding, Strategic Lead Housing, Health and Environment
Henry Gordon Lennox, Strategic Lead Governance and Licensing (and Monitoring Officer)
Alison Hayward, Project Manager Place & Prosperity
Andrew Hopkins, Communications Consultant
Gerry Mills, Project Manager Place & Prosperity (Exmouth)
Mark Williams, Chief Executive

Chair

Date: