

Summary of recommendations being presented to Council that will resolve in an action being taken:

22 February 2023 (Minutes in full have been circulated and are available on line.)

Cabinet – 4 January 2023	
127 Devon Housing Commission	
RECOMMENDED	to Council: To identify a budget of £9,000 to enable EDDC to participate in the Devon Housing Commission and support the work of a comprehensive investigation into the housing market and report on the research findings.
129 Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/24	
RECOMMENDED	1. To consider fully the equality impact assessment in relation the scheme. 2. To adopt the new Council Tax Income banded scheme as set out in the report under sections 1.7 and 1.8 from 1 April 2023
130 Council Tax Charges for Second Homes & Empty Properties	
RECOMMENDED	to Council: to resolve to implement the following upon the legislative provisions coming into force: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The application of a premium of 100% for all dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (empty dwellings) after a period of one year rather than the current 2 with effect from 1st April 2024; b) The application of a premium of 100% for all dwellings which are unoccupied but substantially furnished (second homes) with effect from 1st April 2024; and c) That the Service Lead for Revenues, Benefits, Corporate Customer Access is given delegated powers to implement the policy in line with the Council's requirements and having regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State. d) That a letter is written to our local MPs to ensure their support for the bill so it receives royal assent prior to April 2023. <p>To communicate to all other councils in Devon to encourage a unified Devon policy on the increase in rates for empty or second homes.</p>
133 Member Development Working Party update	
RECOMMENDED	To Council to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. That the Member Code of Conduct be revised so that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. paragraph 5.8.1 incorporates reference to 'the mandatory training identified as part of the adopted Member Development Plan' in place of 'Code of

	<p>Conduct' (assuming Code of Conduct training remains identified as mandatory) to ensure that any failure to attend mandatory training would constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct,</p> <p>b. paragraph 5.8.5.3 be deleted as the penalty for not attending mandatory training would now be dealt with through Code of Conduct complaints.</p>
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Cabinet – 1 February 2023	
145 Revenue and Capital Budgets 2023/24	
RECOMMENDED	<p>To Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To propose the Net Expenditure Revenue General Fund Budget for 2023/24 of £21.597m (as given in the adopted draft budget presented to Cabinet on 4th January 2023). 2. A Council Tax increase is approved of £5 a year giving a Band D council tax of £161.78 a year for 2023/24. 3. That the Housing Revenue Account Estimates with a net surplus of £0.268m is approved with a 7% increase on Council dwelling rents and garages. 4. That the Net Capital Budget totalling £10.216m for 2023/24 is approved.
146 Capital Strategy 2023/24 - 2026/27	
RECOMMENDED	<p>To Council:</p> <p>That the Capital Strategy 2023/24 – 2026/27 be adopted.</p>
147 Treasury Management, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2023/24	
RECOMMENDED	<p>To Council that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Treasury Management Strategy including the Prudential Indicators for 2023/24 be adopted; 2. the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement be approved; 3. the Annual Investment Strategy, creditworthiness criteria and updated list of counterparties be approved, and 4. the 2021-22 Annual Treasury Management Report and 2022-23 Mid-Year Review Report provided in the links to background information be noted.
149 Sidmouth and East Beach BMP - OBC approval, Risk Gap Funding, Project Board Reinstatement and Detailed Design Tender Stage	
RECOMMENDED	<p>To Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that £1.7m of funding is allocated to the Sidmouth and East Beach Project to complete funding within risk budget subject

	to the caveats detailed in the report, as outlined in annual budget papers.
151 Approval to purchase the hardware and associated equipment for hybrid meetings at BDH	
RECOMMENDED	To Council: 3 That the budget in the sum of £45,000 in respect of the preferred solution be approved.
152 Programme of Meetings 2023/2024	
RECOMMENDED	To Council: that the draft meetings timetable be referred for approval to the annual meeting of the Council.

Personnel Committee – 6 February 2023	
64 Pay Policy Statement annual review	
RECOMMENDED	To Council: that the Pay Policy Statement 2023/24 be adopted.
65 Apprentice Pay Policy revisions proposal	
RECOMMENDED	To Council: that new recruit apprentices are paid at 90% of the standard National Joint Council (NJC) rates as set out in the Council's pay and grading structure, with a minimum rate equivalent to the Real Living Wage.
Interviewing (Chief Officers) Sub-Committee – 7 February 2023	
3 Recommendation to Council	
RECOMMENDED	To Council: to appoint Melanie Jane Wellman to the post of Director of Governance and Licensing (Monitoring Officer).