

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Council held at the Ocean Suite, Ocean, Queen's Drive, Exmouth, EX8 2AY on 19 April 2023

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The meeting started at 6.11 pm and ended at 6.30 pm

70 Public speaking

The Chair welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the civic term which was being held at Ocean in Exmouth. The meeting can be viewed live online and will be recorded. Since this was a large meeting, he requested that colleagues use microphones when they speak and ensure they were muted when not in use, to avoid disturbance from background noise.

The Chair then started the meeting by doing a roll call of those present, and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

During the meeting the public would be able to participate if they had pre-registered to speak.

There were no members of the public who had pre-registered to speak at this meeting.

71 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chair invited comments from members on the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd February 2023.

Following a vote he then confirmed that the minutes of Council on 22nd February were agreed as a true record.

72 Declarations of interest

77b. Minutes of Cabinet held on 29 March 2023. Minute numbers 168 - 184.

Councillor Paul Hayward, Affects Non-registerable Interest, Cllr is a Director of the Exeter Science Park.

73 Matters of urgency

The Chair confirmed there were no matters of urgency.

74 Announcements from the Chair and Leader

The Chair wanted to say a few words in relation to the civic term coming to a close. He said that whatever took place at the elections, there would be some new faces in the Chamber in May, and some people in the meeting would no longer be EDDC Cllrs. He wanted to thank all of the membership for their hard work, time and skills during the last four years, which had thrown up multiple challenges including COVID and financial constraints amongst many others. Despite this, Council business had continued uninterrupted and there had been cooperation across the Chamber. He also wanted to thank all officers who had adapted and enabled the Council to be in a good shape for the future.

He said that there had also been sadness with the loss of former colleagues, particularly the inspiring Vice Chair and Cllr Val Ranger. All will be missed and none forgotten.

The Leader said that he was worried about a report which would be going to Devon County soon which may affect EDDC.

He went on to say that it had been a remarkable four years and he wanted to thank all Cllrs, and particularly those who had been on the Cabinet and leadership groups.

Despite inevitable disagreements, all Cllrs knew what they had done and would have cause for pride about their efforts and contributions made over the past four years. He also wanted to thank staff and all those in Town and Parish Councils.

However, despite these efforts, there were people in the district who were suffering real poverty, needing to go to food banks and struggling to pay mortgages, and he hoped that whoever was elected to lead after the elections would be able to rise to the need for public services for those requiring them.

He then thanked the Chair for the excellent job he had done in this role over recent years and endorsed all of his comments. He thanked all of the membership for their contributions.

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

There were no items to be dealt with as confidential or exempt.

76 **To answer questions asked by Members of the Council pursuant to Procedure Rules No. 9.2 and 9.5**

There were two questions received from Members of the Council for this meeting, which had been responded to in writing prior to the meeting. Since both questions were from Cllr Allen who was not present at the meeting, there were no supplementary questions.

77 **Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports**

(a) **Minutes of Cabinet held on 1 March 2023. Minute numbers 153 - 167**

The Chair invited Cllr Arnott to move the minutes.

Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.

(b) **Minutes of Cabinet held on 29 March 2023. Minute numbers 168 - 184**

The Chair invited Cllr Arnott to move the minutes.

Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.

(c) **Minutes of Scrutiny Committee held on 2 March 2023. Minute numbers 100 - 109**

The Chair invited Cllr De Saram to move the minutes.

Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.

(d) **Minutes of Scrutiny Committee held on 9 March 2023. Minute numbers 110 - 117**

The Chair invited Cllr De Saram to move the minutes.

Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed

as a true record.

- (e) Minutes of Housing Review Board held on 16 March 2023. Minute numbers 47 - 63**
In the absence of the Chair of the Housing Review Board, the Chair of Council moved the minutes.
Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.
- (f) Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee held on 14 February 2023. Minute numbers 60 - 69**
The Chair invited Cllr Ledger to move the minutes.
Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.
- (g) Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee held on 7 March 2023. Minute numbers 70 - 77**
The Chair invited Cllr Ledger to move the minutes.
Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.
- (h) Minutes of Planning Committee held on 28 February 2023. Minute numbers 96 - 103**
The Chair invited Cllr Wragg to move the minutes.
Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.
- (i) Minutes of Planning Committee held on 28 March 2023. Minute numbers 104 - 117**
The Chair invited Cllr Wragg to move the minutes.
Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.
- (j) Minutes of Licensing & Enforcement Committee held on 15 March 2023. Minute numbers 27 - 33**
The Chair invited Cllr Whibley to move the minutes.
Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.
- (k) Minutes of Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee held on 7 March 2023. Minute numbers 21 - 25**
The Chair invited Cllr Whibley to move the minutes.
Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.
- (l) Minutes of Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee held on 6 April 2023. Minute numbers 26 - 31**
The Chair invited Cllr Tom Wright to move the minutes.
Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.
- (m) Minutes of Audit & Governance Committee held on 23 March 2023. Minute numbers 27 - 39**
The Chair invited Cllr Hawkins to move the minutes.

Following a vote the Chair confirmed that the above minutes were agreed as a true record.

The Chair confirmed the end of the meeting and thanked everyone including members of the public watching on YouTube, for their attendance.

He concluded by quoting the words of one of the best football commentators in 1966, Kenneth Wolstenholme, when he said, "they think it's all over, well it is now!"

The meeting ended at 6.30pm.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

M Armstrong	D Ledger	G Pook
P Jarvis	J Loudoun	G Pratt
S Jackson	J Bailey	M Rixson
P Arnott	P Hayward	E Rylance
K Blakey	S Hawkins	B De Saram
R Lawrence	C Gardner	P Skinner
T Woodward	C Brown	B Taylor
N Hookway	M Chapman	I Thomas (Chair)
C Wright	A Dent	E Wragg
O Davey	P Faithfull	T Wright
J Whibley	M Hartnell	S Hughes
T McCollum	B Ingham	J Bonetta
V Johns	G Jung	C Burhop

Officers in attendance:

Simon Davey, Director of Finance
Anita Williams, Interim Director of Governance and Licensing and Monitoring Officer
Susan Howl, Democratic Services Manager
Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer
Andrew Hopkins, Communications Consultant

Councillor apologies:

S Chamberlain
K Bloxham
A Colman
J Rowland
D Bickley
A Moulding
D Key
D Manley
I Hall
M Howe
H Parr
P Twiss

Chair

Date: