

**Summary of recommendations being presented to Council
18 October 2023**

(Minutes in full have been circulated and are available online)

Cabinet 6th September 2023

Minute 41 - Nature Recovery Declaration for East Devon

RECOMMENDED

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1. To adopt the Nature Recovery Declaration for East Devon;
2. To support DCC as the 'Responsible Authority' in developing a Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy in our role as a 'Supporting Authority' as defined by the Environment Act 2021;
3. To develop a Local Nature Recovery Plan and Local Habitat Map for East Devon as a 'Supporting Authority' as defined by the Environment Act 2021.

REASON:

This would enable East Devon DC to fulfil its role as a Supporting Authority as defined in the Environment Act 2021 and support Devon CC in developing a Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). It would also enable EDDC to prepare a Local Nature Recovery Plan and Local Habitats Map that would develop the district's Nature Recovery Network and improve those habitats and species most under threat.

Minute 42 – Application for Local Authority Housing Fund for Afghan Refugee Resettlement

RECOMMENDED

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1. The Approval of £750K from the Local Authority Housing Fund to enable the provision of temporary accommodation for Afghan Refugees and others in need of temporary accommodation;
2. The Approval of a Housing Revenue Account capital budget of £975,000 as match funding for the project if required.

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| | <p>REASON:</p> <p>The LAHF round 2 had been specifically designed to help those Afghani citizens who assisted us during the conflict in their country. All local authorities had been encouraged to participate in this national effort to ensure that accommodation and support to those individuals be provided.</p> <p>EDDC did not have sufficient appropriate accommodation for large families. Whilst this funding would initially only provide one property for general needs temporary accommodation, the properties originally allocated to assist with Afghan resettlement can revert to general needs housing once the need for refugee resettlement had been satisfied. This fund would therefore enable the council to either bring back into use or purchase family-sized accommodation that would assist local families in need both in the short and long term.</p> |
| <p>Minute 44 – Proposals for a Place and Prosperity Framework for EDDC</p> | |
| <p>RECOMMENDED</p> | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adoption of the Place and Prosperity Framework as amended to include the Chair of Overview as an additional non-executive member at Stage 1 of the Framework process. 2. The borrowing of up to £20,000,000 as a first tranche from Public Works Loan Board to deliver investments in accordance with the adopted Framework. <p>REASON:</p> <p>To allow the Framework to move forward for consideration through the democratic process and, subject to agreement, onwards to the implementation phase.</p> |
| <p>Minute 45 – Assistant Payroll Officer Funding Request</p> | |
| <p>RECOMMENDED</p> | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval is given to increase the Human Resources Service team budget by £34,344 per annum to facilitate a |

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| | <p>new post of Assistant Payroll Officer to support the existing payroll resource provision.</p> <p>2. That the HR Manager reviews the arrangements for the provision of payroll to external organisations to assess whether further costs can be recouped.</p> <p>REASON:</p> <p>To ensure there was sufficient resource to operate an effective payroll.</p> |
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Minute 46 - Annual Treasury Management Review 2022/23 - 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

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| RECOMMENDED | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <p>That the investment values and performance for the year to 31 March 2023 be noted.</p> <p>REASON:</p> <p>The Council was required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 and the Code of Practice on Treasury Management in Public Services published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accounting (CIPFA) to produce an annual review of its treasury management activities and performance.</p> |
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Minute 48 – Corporate Peer Challenge

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| RECOMMENDED | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <p>1. That a budget of £25k be met from the Transformation Reserve to meet actions already adopted by Council.</p> <p>REASON:</p> <p>To meet the adopted Motion of Council as outlined in the report. [Council minute 23 19th July 2023]</p> |
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Minute 51 – Seaton Jurassic**RECOMMENDED****RECOMMENDED to Council:**

1. The capital receipt being ring fenced for delivery of those types of projects outlined in the report.

REASON:

To progress a way forward to ensure occupation of the site and its continued use as an Interpretation Centre linked to the broad requirements and expectations of the funding agreements and original intentions of the Centre.

Cabinet 10th October 2023**Minute 63 - Council Tax - Local Discount for Care Leavers****RECOMMENDED****RECOMMENDED to Council:**

1. To agree to a Care Leavers discount scheme of up to 100% relief until their 25th birthday where Devon County Council has acted as their corporate parent. Scheme to apply from 1 October 2023 using our provision under S13A (1) (C) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

REASON:

Care leavers face the challenge of having to cope with the demands of living on their own at a young age. They must manage finances, maintain a home and manage their lives independently, without the support from their families. Whilst not mitigating the impact of all the disadvantages that care leavers have experienced, a council tax discount can provide a positive financial measure.

Minute 65 – Financial Plan 2023 - 2024**RECOMMENDED****RECOMMENDED to Council:**

To consider the draft Financial Plan 2024 – 2034 and recommend its adoption.

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| | <p>REASON:</p> <p>It was essential the Council considered its financial resources in advance to allow time to make necessary amendments in its service provision to ensure balance budgets were maintained.</p> |
| <p>Minute 67 – Enterprise Zone</p> | |
| <p>RECOMMENDED</p> | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that up to £250k is borrowed against future ring-fenced business rate income to support the ongoing progression of the Interconnector Project. <p>REASON:</p> <p>To ensure that Cabinet was aware of the progress to date with the Enterprise Zone designation. To provide context for further investment decisions that would be reported to Cabinet in the coming months. To support the ongoing development of the Interconnector Project.</p> |
| <p>Minute 69 - Recycling & Waste Contract extension</p> | |
| <p>RECOMMENDED</p> | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That an additional budget be allowed for 23/24 and future budget implications be modelled through annual budget setting or 24/25. 2. That a Portfolio Team be convened to take forward the preparation work for contract replacement from 2026, building on initial investigation work undertaken by the department, to commission the scope of future services required to meet legislative and budgetary changes. The team to be politically balanced and consist of no more than 7 Members plus Portfolio Holder. <p>REASON:</p> <p>Approval of the EDDC contract extension terms would allow the successful partnership to remain in place for the full available contract term of ten years, taking it up to June 2026. It would also provide continuity to allow the Recycling & Waste team to continue to appraise the forthcoming changes to the recycling and waste sector as DEFRA issue more information and thus prepare EDDC for implementation of the changes from 2025</p> |

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| | onwards. Along with scoping and building a clearer specification for contract replacement in 2026. |
| Minute 70 – Review of Lifeguard provision 2023 | |
| RECOMMENDED | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a budget be approved for this service for Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton in 2024/25, to be confirmed through the budget setting process. <p>REASON:</p> <p>As covered in the report lifeguarding provision was essential to meet the council’s health and safety and water safety responsibilities.</p> |
| Minute 71 - Review of the Home Safeguard Service | |
| RECOMMENDED | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The authority to procure a new call handling system and agree the additional resources for IT improvements identified in this report to support the service. 2. That the amendments to the permanent and new interim structure, at the recommended grades (subject to job evaluation), for an 18-month period to enable the service to carry out IT implementation and carry out the reviews outlined in this report, be agreed. <p>REASON:</p> <p>Home Safeguard provided a 24/7 monitoring and support service to approximately 1400 tenants and 2000 private sector residents. It provided support and guidance at point of need at all hours of the day and night. It was a statutory requirement for the Authority to provide an Out of Hours service to deal with emergencies and Home Safeguard performed this role for EDDC and Teignbridge District Council.</p> |

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| | <p>The service previously had not been running as a commercial entity and the review would investigate the options and opportunities this could present.</p> |
| <p><u>Strategic Planning Committee 5th September 2023</u></p> | |
| <p>Minute 24 – Section 106 and CIL Resources and Processes</p> | |
| <p>RECOMMENDED</p> | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That these charges be applied with effect to Section 106 agreements associated with planning applications received once the new charges have been published on the Council’s website. 2. That the proposed Planning Obligations Team incorporating the existing COL and Section 106 Officer posts and the proposed new Planning Obligations Manager and Planning Obligations Support Officer posts be created with the new posts to be funded from S106 Monitoring Fees and CIL admin funds be approved. |
| <p><u>Licensing and Enforcement Committee 19th July 2023</u></p> | |
| <p>Minute 7 – Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy</p> | |
| <p>RECOMMENDED</p> | <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy, as amended, is adopted at the meeting on 18th October 2023. <p>REASON:</p> <p>The legislation does not require the Council to have a policy relating to the licensing of hackney carriages, private hire vehicles, their drivers and private hire operators, however it is regarded as good practice to have a policy to indicate the Authority’s approach to taxi licensing within its area.</p> |