

Proposal form for items for consideration by Overview Committee



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Item for Consideration: [Beach Hut arrangements and charging review of current agreed policy](#)

Expected outcome (i.e. new policy, new action, new partnership, improve the performance of other public bodies or of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or service areas)

[The Policy has been in action for some years \(approx. 8 years,\) with minor changes and adjustments.](#)

[Key issues to consider](#)

[We have different arrangements for each beach and fees with differing set up and removal dates.](#)

[There was some concern on damage sustained on several owner's beach huts in 2024 just after they were required to be set up, but an unseasonable storm then came in. \(Dates have been modified and it would be good to review how this has worked.\)](#)

[We have also changed arrangements for the short term hire huts at Budleigh, with replacement huts and storage arrangements and requirements to erect and takedown. Also, there is the maintenance costs, and the charging arrangements with Budleigh Tourist volunteer group.](#)

[We have had to close the waiting list at some beaches and there has been a suggestion that a solution would be increase the fees substantially to generate income and to encourage more churn.](#)

Priority for matter to be considered (please tick):

High (up to 3 months)	
Medium (3 to 6 months)	Yes
Low (over 9 months)	

Basis on which priority has been set:

The suggested item should be included in future programme(s) because: (please tick as appropriate)

a) It is a district level function over which the district has some control	Yes
b) It is a new policy area or service area of activity to be developed and introduced	No
c) It is a policy area which has been required for some time and is due for development	No
d) It is a major proposal for change	No
e) It is an issue raised via complaints received	Yes

f) It is an area of public concern	Yes
g) It would be of benefit to residents of the district	Yes

Which of the Council's objectives does the issue address? [StreetScene and Estates](#)

[It covers a range of Portfolios, with Finance, coast Country and Environment and Tourism](#)

Is there a deadline for the Council to make a decision? (If so, when and why?):

[Prior to signing off next year's Budget 2026/27 so any changes to the budget can be actioned](#)

Members are requested to provide information on the following: -

What do you wish to achieve from the review?

[To review the Beach Hut charging, and procedures, have we got it right or do we need to adjust or change](#)

Are the desired outcomes likely to be achievable?

[Yes](#)

Will it change/increase efficiency and cost effectiveness?

[Hopefully become more effective](#)

Additional information – an explanatory sentence or paragraph to be provided below to support each box which has been ticked:

[We have not had a review for some time but various changes to holiday habits and our handling of the beach huts have changed in some locations.](#)

[Most members were not on the Council when the current policy was agreed and subject to a lot of debate and press coverage.](#)

Please can you return the completed form to Democratic Services via email to democraticservices@eastdevon.gov.uk.

MONITORING OFFICER COMMENTS

Approved

Date:16/05/2025