

## **EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Council held at Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton on 10 November 2025**

#### **Attendance list at end of document**

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.48 pm

#### **57 Apologies**

A list of apologies is set out at the end of the minutes.

#### **58 Declarations of interest**

Agenda Item 8 – Cranbrook Leisure Scheme

Councillor Richard Jefferies declared an affects NRI as a Devon County Councillor and left the room during consideration of agenda item 8.

Councillors Jess Bailey and Nick Hookway declared an ORI as a Devon County Councillor.

#### **59 Public speaking**

No members of the public registered to speak.

#### **60 Matters of urgency**

None.

#### **61 Announcements from the Chairman and Leader**

There were no announcements.

#### **62 Confidential/exempt item(s)**

There was one item of confidential/exempt business dealt with under Agenda Item 8.

#### **63 Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of Press and Public**

Councillor Charlotte Fitzgerald moved a motion to pass a resolution under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the finance or business affairs of any particular person. The motion was seconded by Councillor Eleanor Rylance and having been put to the vote was unanimously carried.

**RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the finance or business affairs of any particular person.

## 64 **Cranbrook Leisure Centre Review**

The Council considered a recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 29 October 2025 relating to the Cranbrook Leisure scheme.

Council requested that a full business case for the scheme would need to be submitted and requested that endorsement of the business case was submitted to a future Council meeting.

Councillor Nick Hookway proposed the recommendation which having been seconded by Councillor Todd Olive was carried by a majority show of hands.

### **RESOLVED:**

That within the scope set out in Recommendations 1 – 3 of the Cabinet report of 29 October 2025 that Council approve a budget of up to the amount set out in the exempt report for the Cranbrook Leisure centre project including the DCC hub or up to the amount set out in the exempt report if the hub does not proceed. A further Cabinet approval will be sought to commit the Capital following completion of a Contractor Procurement exercise and subject to approval of a final business case by Cabinet and endorsement by full Council.

### **Attendance List**

#### **Councillors present:**

P Arnott	P Faithfull	R Jefferies
A Bailey	P Fernley	V Johns
B Bailey	C Fitzgerald	G Jung
J Bailey	M Goodman	J Loudoun
I Barlow	A Hall	D Mackinder
K Blakey	M Hall	M Martin
K Bloxham	S Hawkins	T Olive
C Brown	P Hayward	E Rylance
J Brown	J Heath	S Westerman
C Burhop	N Hookway	E Wragg
R Collins	S Hughes	
O Davey	S Jackson	

#### **Officers in attendance:**

Simon Davey, Director of Finance  
 Tracy Hendren, Chief Executive  
 Melanie Wellman, Director of Governance (Monitoring Officer)  
 Andrew Wood, Director of Place

#### **Councillor apologies:**

V Bonetta  
 A Bruce  
 M Chapman  
 I Chubb  
 B Collins

T Dumper  
S Gazzard  
M Hartnell  
M Howe  
F King  
D Ledger  
Y Levine  
T McCollum  
C Nicholas  
J O'Leary  
M Rixson  
J Whibley  
D Wilson

Chair .....

Date: .....