

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Council held at Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton on 15 April 2026

Attendance list at end of document

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.45 pm

108 Apologies

Apologies for absence are set out at the end of the minutes.

109 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

110 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2026 were confirmed as a correct record.

111 Public speaking

Three members of the public had registered to speak.

Agenda Item 9 – Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports.

Speaker 1: Mr John Hamill

Mr Hamill addressed the council regarding his concerns about the draft local plan and the Exmo_20 site allocation. The speaker raised the following key points:

- **Habitats Regulation Assessment:** The speaker argued that technical work, specifically regarding pollution mitigation for 700 proposed houses and increased vehicle traffic (2,536 daily journeys), should have been completed before the site was formally allocated.
- **Lack of Mitigation Strategy:** The speaker expressed frustration that the current report lacked a definitive mitigation strategy, suggesting only vague ideas like encouraging electric vehicles or changing farming practices.
- **Accountability and Scrutiny:** The speaker voiced concerns that if technical details were released at the last minute, neither the public nor elected councillors would have sufficient time to understand or challenge them, potentially leaving the responsibility of finding deficiencies solely to a government-appointed inspector.

Mr Hamill concluded by urging the council not to endorse the plan "at any cost," calling for a strategy that properly considered the countryside, local communities, and the environment and that the plan should be fit for purpose.

Speaker 2: Mr Nigel Humphrey

Mr Humphrey made the following statement:

This council will be asked very soon to approve the new Draft Local Plan.

I would like to highlight that for over 6 months now, I have been asking the SPC to prove that they were actively seeking to engage with, and listening to the public, unfortunately with no success.

So, who do they listen to?

Obviously, the planning officers and the developers as

- No changes can be made to the Draft Local Plan in case they are classed as "significant". But they do not even know what would be classed as significant.
- We still do not have an agreed HRA, or Air Quality Mitigation report. But we can continue on the premise that these will be produced soon and will provide the required results. What if they do not? They have not been satisfactory so far, so why would they be in a few months? Will the public be given the opportunity to comment on these documents?
- Developers say that they can overcome any obstacles, everyone will walk and cycle, access is not an issue, proximity to protected natural landscapes is not a problem, they have their own reports to prove it, etc

Why listen to them, but not us? Time is limited, but examples being

- This plan includes sites that failed HELAA. Which should not have been in Reg 18, never mind available for allocation in Reg 19. This is according to your own Site Selection Methodology processes, procedures and documentation.
- The fact that these sites failed HELAA, was not even mentioned whilst these sites were being allocated, nor any justification provided.
- 34 new sites created 6 days before the Reg 18 consultation. Yet these sites were never discussed/agreed by the SPC and are not even mentioned in the key evidence documents in Reg 18.
- The Spatial Strategy being unrealistic. Exmouth may be the largest town in East Devon. But why must it take the highest level of growth? We should be asking - Can it take the highest level of growth? Instead of just assuming that it can!! Exmouth's unique location, and the fact that there are only two access routes in and out of the area, which are already running at, if not beyond, their capacity. Cannot and should not be ignored.

With regards to site Exmo_20 itself:

- Over 2600 objections to Exmo_20 from the public. Which accounts for approximately 40% of the total Reg 19 comments. Which are effectively being ignored.
- The development identified as Exmo_20, was rejected for inclusion in the current Local Plan as it was not suitable, sustainable or viable. Nothing has improved over the last 10 years or so. Except that more issues have been identified.

Finally, we have been told to "Have our say". We have had our say, this full council has the opportunity to prove that you are listening to us. Seriously reconsider the plan and Exmo_20 before it is too late, please do not let the public down.

In response to the statement the Vice Chair of Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

The Council has been very proactive in engaging with the community over production of the Local Plan. We have undertaken a total of 5 major public consultations on the Local Plan since the start of 2021 culminating in the second Reg 19 consultation which ended in January. Each of these consultations have been well publicised and in total generated tens of thousands of comments that have informed production of the plan.

All decisions on the Local Plan have been made in public sessions of our Strategic Planning Committee which has considered the Local Plan and its supporting evidence at over 60 public meetings including public speaking. All reasonable options for site allocation have been openly considered by the committee and government guidance on plan production has been followed.

The issue of whether to allocate Exmo_020 has been considered by the Committee on several occasions and on each the views expressed through consultation and by the public speakers at the meetings have been fully considered but the committee has resolved to allocate the site. That is not because views have been ignored, nor that the Committee were not sympathetic with the views expressed but simply that having carefully considered the plan as a whole it was decided that Exmo_020 should be allocated.

Strategic Planning Committee will receive a further update on Local Plan work including the Habitat Regulations Assessment and Air Quality Mitigation work when they next meet on 5th May where the work programme for the plan will be reviewed. Ultimately the plan will be examined in public by a government appointed inspector and those who maintain an objection to the plan will have an opportunity to be heard.

Speaker 3: Mr Thomas Shillitoe asked the following question: Why does this authority believes it can pick which UK laws to follow, for example your editing of recorded evidence and disregard of the Derbyshire Principle, which protects the public's right of freedom of speech to publicly criticise a Local Authority?

In response to the question the Monitoring Officer said may I reassure you that the minutes and recording still include the concerns raised about the steps taken by the Council. The redactions were entirely in accordance with our duty to prevent reputational harm to individuals and to protect the legal interests of this Council.

The Director of Place became aware of comments made during the public speaking session of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on the afternoon of the 3rd March. Subsequently the Director of Place highlighted his concerns about the nature of some of the comments that were made in relation to officers, with myself as Monitoring Officer. The footage was therefore removed from YouTube to enable me to review the footage. I subsequently reviewed the footage and authorised making redactions in line with our duty of care to staff and to protect the legal interests of this council. We did not redact the concerns raised by the public about the Council itself and the decisions it has or was taking. We redacted personal comments made about officers. The recording was re-uploaded on the evening of the 13th March. Subsequently a statement was added to the description section on the 17th March to explain that the recording had been edited, highlighting the relevant sections and the reason for why this was necessary.

We also encouraged those raising the concerns during the meeting to do so through our complaints procedures and where a complaint was not forthcoming, we took it upon

ourselves to treat their comments during the meeting as a formal complaint, so that the matters raised could be investigated.

The Council is permitted in UK law to protect its staff from reputational harm and the Council from libel claims. At no stage has the Council sought to prevent any public speakers from criticising the authority itself and indeed the Council welcomes feedback from the public, provided those comments do not make personal attacks on individuals.

The Chair of Council thanked the three public speakers for their attendance at the meeting and the points raised.

112 **Matters of urgency**

There were no matters of urgency.

113 **Announcements from the Chairman and Leader**

There were no announcements from the Leader of Council or the Chair of Council.

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

There were no items of confidential/exempt business conducted at the meeting.

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

The following Questions on Notice had been submitted and the responses to those questions were submitted to Council.

Question	Question from	Question	Response
1	Cllr Stuart Hughes	Question to Portfolio Holder for Finance Annual Car Parking Permit Renewals and Lack of Reminder Notices A Sidmouth resident, (aged 86), recently renewed their annual car parking permit but received no reminder from the council prior to its expiry on 17 March. They were subsequently informed that EDDC no longer issues renewal reminders and that the process is now entirely computer-based. The resident is concerned that, had they received a penalty during the period of unintentional lapse, it would have caused them significant financial hardship. They also highlight that many	Response from Portfolio Holder for Finance Most of our car parking permit interactions are digital, with permit holders managing their account online, and receiving reminders of their permit expiry by email. We do also provide a phone service for those who do not have access to the internet and prefer to buy their permit by speaking with one of our call centre team. For those who buy a permit over the phone and do not have access to an online account, written courtesy reminders of permit expiry are sent out via post. Following a recent digital upgrade in February, there

		older residents in Sidmouth do not use computers and have not been informed that reminders have been discontinued. Can the Portfolio Holder outline the rationale for ending reminder notices, what assessment has been made of the impact on non-digital residents, and whether the council will review this policy to ensure that older and digitally-excluded residents are not unfairly disadvantaged?	was a short period of disruption to some parking services, which affected the permit reminder function amongst other services. I am pleased to confirm that this temporary issue has been resolved, and we will continue to send out postal reminders to those who do not have access to our online services. We apologise for any inconvenience to customers who were affected during this short period, and we would ask that customers contact our parking team directly should they have any questions regarding their permit.
2	Cllr Mike Goodman	Question to Leader of Council At the full council on February 26th a motion proposed by the Leader and agreed by this council asked the Leader to - Urgently review the value and efficiency of its existing outsourced highway maintenance contract, - Urgently reconsider its decision to continue with “business as usual” at the earliest possible opportunity, inviting genuine consultation with partner authorities and communities through that process. This was to be a letter to Devon County Council can the Leader confirm what the answers were and what progress has been made on the state of our roads.	Response from Leader of Council The motion was did not involve a letter being written from EDDC to DCC. It stated: At Council on 26 February 2025 Council in respect of the Motion on Highways resolved: That Council: - Asks that the Leader call on Devon County Council to: - Urgently review the value and efficiency of its existing outsourced highway maintenance contract, - Urgently reconsider its decision to continue with “business as usual” at the earliest possible opportunity, inviting genuine consultation with partner authorities and communities through that process; - Requests that the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning: - Invite the relevant Director

			at Devon County Council to attend a discussion with East Devon District Councillors to air concerns regarding Highways' input into the planning process, and to raise these concerns with the relevant Devon County Council Scrutiny Committee following that meeting, b. Invite relevant Devon Highways officers to provide a briefing for East Devon District Councillors and Town & Parish Councillors regarding how they assess planning applications and provide consultation responses, and c. Following the requested briefing session, to invite East Devon District Council's Development Management team to consult with members regarding how the information provided in Devon Highways' responses to consultation requests could be improved to provide additional reassurance to Members and the public; and 3. Recommends that East Devon District Council's Scrutiny Committee consider undertaking an investigation of these issues in support of and in addition to the above measures. As far as I am aware this work has not yet been discussed at Cllr Goodman's Scrutiny committee
3	Cllr Mike Goodman	Question to Leader of Council At the full Council meeting on the 25th of February having asked a question on potholes the Leader replied to my supplementary question of how many road schemes had been delayed or stopped in Devon	Response from Leader of Council As Cllr Goodman knows this is a matter for the County Council. This remains the case.

		and he suggested that I write to the Portfolio Holder for Highways at Devon County Council. On the 26th February I took his advice and emailed the Portfolio Holder and copied him in. Despite several follow up emails I have not had a reply to this question which directly relates to the motion by the Leader in 2025. Would the Leader confirm that the only way I will receive a reply is via a freedom of information request.	
4	Cllr Mike Goodman	Question to Leader of Council At the full council on the 25th of February I asked if the Leader in proposing to write to the secretary of state asking for LGR to be postponed and not to happen in 2027 was he aware of the effect this would have on services in East Devon. This council were not given an answer could I ask him again. A simple answer was he aware or not.	Response from Leader of Council • I answered this question fully as is recorded in the minutes • Since then through parliamentary statements from the Sec of State, and published correspondence in the FT from the "cathedral cities", the risk that for Devon the enlarged Exeter proposal will be chosen in July is existential, leaving the majority of East Devon residents in a non-viable "Rural & Coastal" devised by Labour Exeter and Plymouth. • The Sec of State has also stated he is minded to take the powers of the boundaries commission unto himself. Many perceive this as reckless, akin to the cancellation and uncancellation of local elections in Exeter As Cllr Goodman will know, many other councils in England have joined Norfolk in questioning the entire project, including Sussex and Kent. All

			three are in the "Devo Priority" cohort running a year ahead of us. The likelihood of legal challenge and consequentially delay is high as of today. If there is to be a delay, it will be up to government to make financial provision for services.
5	Cllr Mike Goodman	Question to Leader of Council When the Leader wrote to the Secretary of State requesting postponing the election what was the answer from the Secretary of State.	Response from Leader of Council No letter has been sent from Devon councils yet as the context following recent announcements from the Sec of State and challenges arising is evolving weekly.
6	Cllr Mike Goodman	Question to Leader of Council Is the Leader of Council aware of the devastating affect the implementation of a tourist tax as had on Scotland and the damage a similar tax if introduced in East Devon would have on tourism trade and other business in East Devon. Is the Leader of Council aware of the devastating affect the implementation of a tourist tax as had on Scotland and the damage a similar tax if introduced in East Devon would have on tourism trade and other business in East Devon.	Response from Leader of Council A "tourism tax" has not to the best of my knowledge been discussed at either EDDC or DCC.
7	Cllr Mike Goodman	Question to Leader of Council In late 2025 the government allowed councils to introduce a tourist tax, Cornwall Council are actively considering introducing a tourist tax. Will the Leader and the administration agree with me that no such tax should be imposed in East Devon.	Response from Leader of Council As above, this is not being considered. If any suggestion came forward, it would be a matter for the new unitaries or a possible Strategic Mayoral Authority. Cllr Goodman's personal view against is noted.

Follow up questions:

Question 1:

Councillor Stuart Hughes thanked the Portfolio Holder for their response and did not raise a follow up question.

Question 2:

Councillor Mike Goodman asked the Leader of Council to confirm what activity had been undertaken since the matter raised in the original motion on notice. In response the Leader of Council referred Councillor Goodman to the response contained in Question 2.

Question 3:

Councillor Mike Goodman confirmed that a Freedom of Information request had been made to Devon County Council.

Question 4:

Councillor Mike Goodman asked for clarification on whether the Leader was aware that delaying LGR would necessitate service reductions in East Devon. The Leader of Council referred Councillor Goodman to the response already given to the question on notice.

Question 5:

Councillor Mike Goodman did not raise a follow up question.

Question 6:

Councillor Mike Goodman asked what the impacts on East Devon would be from a tourism tax. The Leader of Council referred Councillor Goodman to the response already given on notice.

Question 7:

Councillor Mike Goodman raised concerns from businesses on the impact of a tourist tax. The Leader of Council confirmed that a tourism tax was not under consideration in East Devon.

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

The minutes from the following meetings were noted:

- Cabinet – 4 March and 1 April 2026
- Licensing and Enforcement Committee – 11 February 2026
- Planning Committee – 24 February and 24 March 2026
- Strategic Planning Committee – 3 March 2026
- Scrutiny Committee – 5 February 2026
- Overview Committee – 26 March 2026
- Audit & Governance Committee – 19 March 2026
- Placemaking in Exmouth Town& Seafront Group – 17 March 2026

There were no called minutes.

RESOLVED: That Council notes the minutes of the meetings set out above.

117 **Recommendation from Strata Joint Executive Committee - Strata Business Plan 2026/2027**

The Council received a report from the Strata Joint Executive Committee relating to the Strata Business Plan for 2026/2027.

The Council acknowledged that Strata had embarked on ambitious plans to set a blueprint for the future of modern councils. The work set out in the business plan laid the

foundation for future reorganisation ensuring that their technology remained scalable and forward thinking in light of LGR.

Council supported the Strata Business Plan and Councillor Paul Arnott proposed the recommendation and having been seconded by Councillor Yehudi Levine was carried by a majority show of hands.

RESOLVED: That the Strata Business Plan for 2026/2027 is approved.

118 **Recommendation from Constitution Working Group - Part 2:
Delegated Powers of Committees**

The Portfolio Holder for Communications and Democracy and Chair of the Constitution Working Group presented a report setting out a number of proposed changes to the Delegated Powers of Committees (Part 2).

Council noted that the changes included:

General

Member(s) changed to Councillor(s) and terminology changed i.e. He/she/him/her changed to they/them.

1.1.5 Cabinet

Clarified that Cabinet may take decisions including those referred by Portfolio Holders or officers, replacing previous wording restricting decisions to “non-delegated” matters. Deletion of historical text that limited key decisions solely to Cabinet.

1.1.11 Terms of Reference Clarified

(d) To determine key decisions unless delegated to Portfolio Holders or Officers.

1.1.12 Leaders’s Scheme of Delegation to Portfolio Holders

Delete (i) as this is not required. Renumber (i – vi).

1.1.12 Leader’s Scheme of Delegation to Portfolio Holders – General Delegations to all Portfolio Holders

c) Tender acceptance threshold increased to £200,000, based on best value rather than lowest tender. Updated delegations for leases, licences, asset disposals and covenants, with financial thresholds increased up to £200,000 and responsibilities shifted to the Director of Place.

1.1.16 Specific Delegations to the Portfolio Holder for Finance

b) Delete – authority to accept the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as this is a function for full Council (Part 4 Council Procedure Rules).

c) Delete – authority to agree the establishment of an Interview Panel as this is a function for full Council.

1.1.17 Portfolio Teams

New wording to give more flexibility for setting up informal teams by Portfolio Holders.

1.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Existing Terms of Reference for Overview Committee, Scrutiny Committee and Housing Review Board deleted and replaced by a new section (a separate agenda item sets out the details of the proposed new terms of reference – Article 7).

1.5 Licensing and Enforcement Committee

New restriction on membership – only one councillor from the same household.

1.6 Standards Committee Membership:

Membership number should be 7 councillors, plus 2 non-voting Town/Parish Councillor representatives and 2 non-voting Independent Persons and 2 non-voting independent representatives.

1.6.4 Terms of Reference – Standards Committee

New responsibility added:

(d) Advise on the content of documents relating to ethical governance and receive regular updates on declarations of interest and the declaring of gifts and hospitality.

1.6.12 Assessment Sub Committee

Terms of Reference updated wording to clarify roles e.g., Assessment Sub-Committee now explicitly considers complaints rather than only investigation reports). Clearer rules on substitutes, membership eligibility, and alignment with officer employment procedures

1.8 Planning Committee

The Chair and Vice Chair shall not be elected to the same ward.

New restriction on membership – only one councillor from the same household.

No more than 4 serving members of Cabinet are eligible to serve and no member of Cabinet shall be the Chair or Vice Chair of the Planning Committee.

1.11 Panels and Forums

Clarifies when Cabinet members may or not participate.

1.12 Joint Bodies

Updated list of Joint Bodies to reflect current joint bodies.

The Council thanked the Constitution Working Group and officers for their work in submitting this document to Council.

Councillor Sarah Jackson proposed the recommendation and having been seconded by Councillor Mike Goodman was carried by a majority show of hands.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council approves the Terms of Reference and delegated powers of committee Part 2 to be included in the Council's Constitution.
2. That Council delegates authority to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communications and Democracy to make any minor drafting changes to the Terms of Reference prior to publication on the Council's website.

119 Recommendation from Constitution Working Group - LATCo Terms of Reference

The Portfolio Holder for Communications and Democracy and Chair of the Constitution Working Group presented a report setting out the Terms of Reference of the LATCo Shareholder Committee (SHC).

Council noted that the SHC had been established to carry out necessary functions of the Council in its capacity as owner of the company EdenServ (East Devon Environmental

Services Limited) to deliver waste and recycling services on behalf of East Devon District Council.

Council noted that the Terms of Reference covered the following areas:

- Membership of the LATCo SHC;
- Meeting frequency;
- Reserves (substitute members);
- Quorum;
- Competency;
- Functions of the LATCo SHC.

Council welcomed the Terms of Reference which ensured the Council's interests as the owner of the company were met, including providing strategic oversight and assurance to the Cabinet that the company was compliant with the Constitution, rules and procedures, its corporate objectives and achieving best value and being fit for purpose.

Councillor Sarah Jackson proposed the recommendations and having been seconded by Councillor Chris Burhop were unanimously carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council approves the LATCo Shareholder Committee Terms of Reference to be included in the Council's Constitution.
2. That delegated authority is granted to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communications and Democracy to make any minor drafting changes to the Terms of Reference prior to publication on the Council's website.

120 **Recommendation from Constitution Working Group - Overview and Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference**

The Portfolio Holder for Communications and Democracy and Chair of the Constitution Working Group presented a report setting out proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the three overview and scrutiny committees.

Council noted that the changes included:

Membership of committees

Proposed that all committees have 15 seats. Currently each committee has a different number of seats.

Frequency of meetings

The frequency of meetings for Scrutiny Committee 6 meetings per year, Overview Committee and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee to meet 4 times per year (further meetings can be called where required).

Quorum of meetings

5 councillors (no change to existing).

Restrictions on membership

That Cabinet members cannot be a member of a committee, this is in line with the current wording in the Constitution.

Restrictions on Chair/Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice Chair may be any councillor of the committee.
The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee cannot be from the ruling group.

Housing Review Board

Rename to Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The details around the non-councillor membership remain unchanged i.e. tenant representatives.

Overview and Scrutiny functions

The wording in the proposed Terms of Reference remain unchanged from the current Constitution.

Role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

The role of the Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been amended to cover all aspects of the landlord and housing management functions.

Role of the Overview Committee

The role of the Overview Committee has been amended to provide greater clarity to the role and function of the committee.

Role of the Scrutiny Committee

The role of the Scrutiny Committee has been amended to provide greater clarity to the role and function of the committee.

Excluded Matters

New section added setting out what the overview and scrutiny committees are not able to review due to legislative requirements, i.e. planning matters.

Council welcomed the proposed changes which followed recommendations from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny included in the Scrutiny Improvement Plan that the current structure of the three committees is maintained but that work takes place to ensure that they operate in a complementary manner.

Councillor Sarah Jackson proposed the recommendations and having been seconded by Councillor John Loudoun were unanimously carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council approves the Terms of Reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (Article 7 and Part 2) to be included in the Council's Constitution.
2. That delegated authority is granted to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communications and Democracy to make any minor drafting changes to the Terms of Reference prior to publication on the Council's website.

121 Motion on Notice - Protection of Terrestrial Television Access

Motion 1: Protection of Terrestrial Television Access

Proposed by: Councillor Stuart Hughes

Seconded by: Councillor Colin Brown

Supported by: Councillors Mike Goodman, Jenny Brown, Iain Chubb, Helen Parr, Ben Ingham and Brian Bailey

This Council notes:

- Ongoing national discussions regarding the potential future switch-off of terrestrial television services in the UK.
- That a significant number of residents in East Devon — particularly older people, those on low incomes, and those in rural areas — rely on terrestrial TV as their primary means of accessing news, public information, and entertainment.
- That many households do not have access to reliable, affordable broadband and would face financial or practical barriers in transitioning to internet-based television services.

This Council believes:

- That access to public service broadcasting is a vital public good.
- That any transition away from terrestrial TV must not disadvantage vulnerable residents or deepen digital exclusion.
- That Government must ensure universal, affordable alternatives are in place before any switch-off is considered.

This Council resolves to:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport expressing this Council's concerns and requesting clarity on the Government's long-term plans for terrestrial TV.
2. Urge the Government to guarantee that no switch-off will occur until reliable, affordable broadband and suitable equipment are available to all households.
3. Request that Government commits to fully funded support for residents who would face financial or practical barriers in transitioning to digital-only services.
4. Share this motion with East Devon's Members of Parliament, inviting their support and asking them to raise the issue in Parliament.

The Council considered a Motion on Notice - Protection of Terrestrial Television Access.

In speaking to the motion Councillor Hughes councillors to support the motion urging the government to ensure residents of East Devon were not disadvantaged by a potential switch off of terrestrial television.

Councillor Paul Hayward proposed an amendment to refer the matter to the Overview Committee to gather evidence to support what was being requested in the motion on notice, Councillor Peter Faithfull seconded the amendment and having put to the vote the amendment was lost.

The substantive motion having been put and seconded was carried by a majority show of hands.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

1. Writes to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport expressing this Council's concerns and requesting clarity on the Government's long-term plans for terrestrial TV.
2. Urges the Government to guarantee the principle that no switch-off will occur until reliable, affordable broadband and suitable equipment are available to all households.
3. Requests that Government commits to fully funded support for residents who would face financial or practical barriers in transitioning to digital-only services.
4. Shares this motion with East Devon's Members of Parliament, inviting their support and asking them to raise the issue in Parliament.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

P Arnott	T Dumper	V Johns
B Bailey	P Faithfull	G Jung
J Bailey	C Fitzgerald	F King
I Barlow	S Gazzard	Y Levine
K Blakey	M Goodman	J Loudoun
K Bloxham	M Hartnell	D Mackinder
C Brown	S Hawkins	M Martin
J Brown	P Hayward	T McCollum
A Bruce	J Heath	J O'Leary
C Burhop	N Hookway	H Parr
S Chamberlain	M Howe	E Rylance
M Chapman	S Hughes	S Westerman
B Collins	B Ingham	E Wragg
R Collins	S Jackson	
O Davey	R Jefferies	

Officers in attendance:

Simon Davey, Director of Finance

Melanie Wellman, Director of Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Councillor apologies:

A Bailey
V Bonetta
P Fernley
A Hall
M Hall
D Ledger
C Nicholas
T Olive
H Riddell
M Rixson
S Smith
J Whibley
D Wilson

Chair

Date: