

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Council held at Online via the Zoom App on 20 August 2020

Attendance list at end of document

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 8.15 pm

79 Public speaking

The Chair welcomed members of the public and Councillors to the meeting and explained that all participants were taking part remotely and the meeting was also being viewed online and recorded.

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. Two members of the public had pre-registered.

Mr Andrew Biddiscombe spoke in support of the Council continuing to participate in the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP) and noted that the Plan was in draft and in its early stages. Mr Biddiscombe advised that a new vision and a co-ordinated partnership approach would be needed to secure large scale funding in the future.

Mr Anthony Sayers, representing the Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, advised that GESP should be sustainability led and lacked evidence to support proposed housing numbers. Mr Sayers was of the view that GESP was controlled by a small group of people and was not fit for purpose.

80 Minutes of previous Council meetings

- (a) Minutes of the previous meeting of Council on 26 February 2020**
The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 26 February 2020 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (b) Minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual meeting of Council of 28 May 2020 at 5pm Minute numbers 68- 69**
The minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual meeting of the Council held on 28 May 2020 at 5 pm were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (c) Minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual meeting of Council of 28 May at 5.30pm 2020 Minute numbers 70 - 72**
The minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual meeting of the Council held on 28 May 2020 at 5.30pm were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (d) Minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual meeting of Council of 8 June 2020 Minute numbers 73 - 75**
The minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual meeting of the Council held on 8 June 2020 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

(e) Minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual meeting of Council of 24 June 2020 Minute numbers 76-78

The minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual meeting of the Council held on 24 June 2020 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

81 Declarations of interest

86q. Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee held virtually on 23 July 2020 Minute numbers 48 - 53.

Councillor Ian Hall, Personal, Member of Devon County Council.

90. Motion: Support for Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) impacted upon by Covid-19.

Councillor Jack Rowland, Personal, Partner may be affected depending on Government action. Cllr Rowland would not vote.

90. Motion: Support for Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) impacted upon by Covid-19.

Councillor Kim Bloxham, Personal, Could potentially gain depending on Government action. Cllr Bloxham would not take part in the discussion or vote.

90. Motion: Support for Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) impacted upon by Covid-19.

Councillor Val Ranger, Personal, Could potentially gain depending on Government action.

82 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

83 Announcements from the Chairman and Leader

The Chair explained how she came to be involved in local politics which was around concerns over probity in planning. She explained that the Council needed to take positive steps and have in place robust processes going forward and for members to have behaviour beyond reproach. The Leader referred to perception around previous actions of the Council in relation to investigations and site allocations in planning and announced that with the recent Government consultations on changes to the planning regime, the Council's imminent decision on GESP and progression of a Local plan that there was a need to progress with absolute clarity and commitments to the highest standards of member and officer probity. He confirmed that he attended a meeting which the Chair had called along with the Chair of the Planning Committee, Deputy Leader, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer to discuss these matters and that there would be a further meeting following which he would formally write to the Chair and Chief Executive advising that Cabinet would receive a report to discuss how to structure work on this topic.

84 Confidential/exempt item(s)

There were no confidential/exempt items.

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

Six questions had been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 9.2. The questions and answers had been circulated with the agenda and published on the website. Councillors submitting questions are entitled to put a related supplementary question (Procedure Rule 9.5). A summary of the supplementary question asked and the response is set out below.

Q 6: Cllr Faithful asked a supplementary question regarding the approval of planning application 19/2832/MFUL and requested that the Council makes enquiries into false or misleading statements made in planning applications and the number of instances of this happening.

In response, the Chair advised that this would be considered after the meeting and a reply would be provided.

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

The Chair requested that the minutes of the following committees be received and any recommendations to Council be approved.

- (a) **Minutes of Cabinet held on 4 March 2020 Minute numbers 146-163**
Cllr Arnott presented the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 March 2020. These were agreed.
- (b) **Minutes of Cabinet held virtually on 9 June 2020 Minute numbers 164 - 169**
Cllr Arnott presented the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held virtually on 9 June 2020. These were agreed.
- (c) **Minutes of Cabinet held virtually on 18 June 2020 Minute numbers 170 - 175**
Cllr Arnott presented the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held virtually on 18 June 2020. These were agreed.
- (d) **Minutes of Cabinet held virtually on 21 July 2020 Minute numbers 176 - 195**
Cllr Arnott presented the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held virtually on 21 July 2020. These were agreed.

RESOLVED:

That Council formally ratifies the Strata Business Plan 2020/21 and beyond.

The recommendation to note and agree the programme of meetings September 2020 to May 2021 would be considered under agenda item 12.

- (e) **Minutes of Scrutiny Committee held on 5 March 2020 Minute number 60-69**

Cllr Brown presented the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 5 March 2020. These were agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the decision made by Cabinet called in by Members for scrutiny in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – Queens Drive Development Project, be referred back to Cabinet as the matter is subject to a further report and consideration.

(f) Minutes of Scrutiny Committee held virtually on 21 May 2020 Minute numbers 70 - 77

Cllr Brown presented the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held virtually on 21 May 2020. These were agreed.

(g) Minutes of Overview Committee held on 27 February 2020 Minute numbers 50-58

Cllr Hookway presented the minutes of the Overview Committee held on 27 February 2020. These were agreed.

(h) Minutes of Development Management Committee held on 3 March 2020 Minute numbers 97- 105

Cllr Wragg presented the minutes of the Development Management Committee meeting held on 3 March 2020. These were agreed.

(i) Minutes of Development Management Committee held virtually on 18 May 2020 Minute numbers 106 - 113

Cllr Wragg presented the minutes of the Development Management Committee held virtually on 18 May 2020. These were agreed.

(j) Minutes of Planning Committee held virtually on 15 July 2020 Minute numbers 114 - 126

Cllr Wragg presented the minutes of the Planning Committee held virtually on 15 July 2020. These were agreed.

(k) Minutes of Planning Committee held virtually on 22 July 2020 Minute numbers 127- 136

Cllr Wragg presented the minutes of the Planning Committee held virtually on 22 July 2020. These were agreed.

(l) Minutes of Planning Committee held virtually on 29 July 2020 Minute numbers 137- 145

Cllr Wragg presented the minutes of the Planning Committee held virtually on 29 July 2020. These were agreed.

(m) Minutes of Licensing & Enforcement Committee held virtually on 27 July 2020 Minute numbers 34 - 40

Cllr Whibley presented the minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Committee meeting held virtually on 27 July 2020. These were agreed.

(n) Minutes of Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee held on 11 March 2020 Minute numbers 17 - 21

Cllr Whibley presented the minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee meeting held on 11 March 2020. These were agreed.

(o) Minutes of Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee held virtually on 29 July Minute numbers 22 - 27

Cllr Whibley presented the minutes of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee meeting held virtually on 29 July 2020. These were agreed.

(p) Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee held on 25 February 2020 Minute numbers 39 - 47

Cllr Ledger presented the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 25 February 2020.

It was agreed to consider the recommendation at minute number 46, East Devon Local Development Scheme, following consideration of the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held virtually on 23 July 2020.

(q) Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee held virtually on 23 July 2020 Minute numbers 48 - 53

Cllr Ledger presented the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held virtually on 23 July 2020.

Arising from consideration of the minutes, the following minute was called by eight Councillors:

Minute 53 - Greater Exeter Strategic Plan: draft policies and site options consultation

Cllr Arnott confirmed that the Council would fulfil its duty to co-operate and noted that this was the first time that the GESP had been properly discussed at a full Council meeting.

Cllr Arnott proposed that the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held virtually on 23 July 2020 be agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Ryland.

Cllr Ingham advised that the lack of infrastructure was due to a lack of co-operation previously. The Government would force authorities to work together and Cllr Ingham expressed concern that this would leave Devon vulnerable to a unitary authority being imposed.

Cllr Moulding noted that GESP was not a proposal at this stage, but rather a list of sites put forward following the call for sites. Cllr Moulding stressed the need to work together and was concerned that leaving GESP would be a lost opportunity.

Cllr Dent was concerned to note that there had been little or no member input at GESP meetings and advised that it would be a mistake to reject GESP until a public consultation had been held.

Cllr de Saram noted that the public had the opportunity to comment on the draft Plan and expressed concern that halting the process would send a signal that the Council could not co-operate on planning matters.

Cllr Parr questioned what were the new plans for co-operation across boundaries and asked how the Council would control development. Cllr Parr was concerned that development would be in the wrong place with no supporting infrastructure.

Cllr Skinner was of the view that housing numbers would increase anyway and that the lack of infrastructure funding would be the biggest threat. GESP would offer a measure of protection.

Cllr Skinner proposed that a recorded vote be held.

Cllr Hall expressed the view that partnership working was a key issue and that the electorate should be consulted.

Cllr Davey advised that a constituent had contacted him to request that the vote be recorded.

Cllr Davey seconded the proposal for a recorded vote and this was agreed.

Recorded vote:

Councillors Megan Armstrong, Paul Arnott, Jess Bailey, Denise Bickley, Kevin Blakey, Kim Bloxham, Sarah Chamberlain, Andrew Colman, Olly Davey, Cathy Gardner, Sam Hawkins, Paul Hayward, Nick Hookway, Sarah Jackson, Luke Jeffery, Vicky Johns, Geoff Jung, Fabian King, Dan Ledger, John Loudoun, Dawn Manley, Tony McCollum, Cathy McLauchlan, Paul Millar, Geoff Pratt, Val Ranger, Marianne Rixson, Jack Rowland, Eleanor Rylance, Brenda Taylor, Joe Whibley, Tony Woodward and Eileen Wragg – voted for – 33

Councillors Dean Barrow, Susie Bond, Colin Brown, Fred Caygill, Maddy Chapman, Iain Chubb, Alan Dent, Bruce de Saram, Peter Faithful, Ian Hall, Mike Howe, Stuart Hughes, Ben Ingham, Paul Jarvis, David Key, Andrew Moulding, Helen Parr, Geoff Pook, Philip Skinner, Ian Thomas, Chris Wright and Tom Wright – voted against – 22

Councillor Steve Gazzard – abstained – 1

Cllr Thomas requested that minutes record his disappointment at not being allowed to speak in the debate.

RESOLVED:

That Council:

- Notifies our district partners that we are withdrawing from the GESP;
- In that letter offers assurance that we will fulfil our duty to co-operate in an ongoing and positive partnership;
- Immediately begins the process to renew our Local Plan and that the

Strategic Planning Committee meets as soon as possible to explore and define the processes involved

And that the proposed new Local Development Scheme be referred back to the Strategic Planning Committee for further consideration following the decision to withdraw from the GESP [minute 46 of Strategic Planning Committee meeting of 25 February 2020 refers].

87 **Makeup of Panels, Forums, Joint Bodies and Outside Bodies - A report from the Monitoring Officer**

Members were asked to consider a report by the Monitoring Officer and to agree appointments to Panels, Forums, Joint Bodies and Outside Bodies. The Chair invited the Monitoring Officer, Henry Gordon Lennox to present the report. It was noted that this would complete the business normally conducted at the annual meeting of the Council.

1. Makeup of Panels, Forums and Joint Bodies

RESOLVED:

That the makeup of Panels, Forums and Joint Bodies as set out in Appendix 1 be agreed.

2. Representatives on the Panels, Forums and Joint Bodies

Members were then asked to vote on those nominations to Panels, Forums and Joint Bodies where more nominations had been made than spaces were available.

Nominations for appointments to Panels, Forums and Joint Bodies 2020/21 were voted on and agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the representatives on the Panels, Forums and Joint Bodies 2020 / 21 shall be as follows:

Panels and Forums	Composition 2020/21	Appointments
Asset Management Forum (Three Cabinet Members, three Assistant Portfolio Holders and one ex officio Councillor)	Portfolio Holders: Economy & Assets (Chair) Finance Strategic Planning Assistant Portfolio Holders: Economy & Assets Finance Strategic Planning ex officio: Leader	Portfolio Holders: Economy & Assets (Chair) Finance Strategic Planning Assistant Portfolio Holders: Economy & Assets Finance Strategic Planning ex officio: Leader

<p>Community Grant Panel (One Cabinet Member and six Councillors)</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder: Finance (Chair)</p> <p>Cllrs: Six</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder: Finance (Chair)</p> <p>Jess Bailey David Key John Loudoun Paul Millar Helen Parr Geoff Pook</p>
<p>Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) Working Group (Three Cabinet Members, Vice Chair of Strategic Planning Committee, Chair & Vice Chair of Planning Committee and four Councillors)</p>	<p>Portfolio Holders: Strategic Planning Economy & Assets Sustainable Homes & Communities</p> <p>Strategic Planning Committee: Vice Chair (Chair)</p> <p>Planning Committee: Chair Vice Chair</p> <p>Cllrs: Four</p>	<p>Portfolio Holders: Strategic Planning Economy & Assets Sustainable Homes & Communities</p> <p>Strategic Planning Committee: Vice Chair (Chair)</p> <p>Planning Committee: Chair Vice Chair</p> <p>Mike Howe Geoff Pook Nick Hookway Phil Skinner</p>
<p>Budget Setting and Capital Allocations Panel (The Cabinet, Assistant Portfolio Holders plus five Councillors)</p>	<p>Leader</p> <p>Portfolio Holders: Climate Action Coast, Country & Environment Corporate Services & COVID-19 Response and Recovery Democracy and Transparency Economy & Assets Finance (Chair) Policy Co-ordination & Regional Engagement Strategic Planning Sustainable Homes & Communities</p> <p>Assistant Portfolio Holders: Climate Action Coast, County and Environment Democracy & Transparency Economy and Assets Finance</p>	<p>Leader</p> <p>Portfolio Holders: Climate Action Coast, Country & Environment Corporate Services & COVID-19 Response and Recovery Democracy and Transparency Economy & Assets Finance (Chair) Policy Co-ordination & Regional Engagement Strategic Planning Sustainable Homes & Communities</p> <p>Assistant Portfolio Holders: Climate Action Coast, County and Environment Democracy & Transparency Economy and Assets Finance</p>

	Cllrs: Five	Dean Barrow Kevin Blakey Kathy McLauchlan Andrew Moulding Geoff Pook
Member Development Working Party (Three Cabinet Members, One Assistant Portfolio Holder and five Councillors)	Portfolio Holder: Democracy & Transparency (Chair) Corporate Services and COVID-19 Response and Recovery Policy Co-ordination & Regional Engagement Assistant Portfolio Holder: Democracy & Transparency Cllrs: Five	Portfolio Holder: Democracy & Transparency (Chair) Corporate Services and COVID-19 Response and Recovery Policy Co-ordination & Regional Engagement Assistant Portfolio Holder: Democracy & Transparency Susie Bond Maddy Chapman Alan Dent Sam Hawkins Luke Jeffery
Joint Bodies	EDDC Appointees	Appointments to be made at the Council meeting
Arts and Culture Forum (One Cabinet Member, Two Assistant Portfolio Holders and four Councillors)	Portfolio Holder: Coast, County & Environment Assistant Portfolio Holders: Coast, Country & Environment Democracy & Transparency Cllrs: Four (Chair) (plus 2 Community & 7 town representatives)	Portfolio Holder: Coast, Country & Environment Assistant Portfolio Holders: Coast, Country & Environment Democracy & Transparency Olly Davey Bruce De Saram Andrew Moulding Joe Whibley (Chair)
County Committees including: East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (Three Councillors)	Cllrs: Three	Paul Hayward Mike Howe Val Ranger
Cranbrook Strategic Delivery Board (One Cabinet Member and	Portfolio Holder: Strategic Planning Ward Member:	Portfolio Holder: Strategic Planning Kim Bloxham

one Ward Member)	Cranbrook x 1	
East Devon Traveller Forum (One Cabinet Member, One Ward Member and one Councillor)	Portfolio Holder: Sustainable Homes and Communities (Chair) Ward Member: Cranbrook x 1 Cllr: One	Portfolio Holder: Sustainable Homes and Communities (Chair) Kim Bloxham Kathy McLauchlan
East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership (One Councillor)	Cllrs: One	Steve Gazzard
Exeter and East Devon Enterprise Zone Board (One Cabinet Member)	Portfolio Holder: Leader	Portfolio Holder: Leader
Exeter and Heart of Devon Growth Board (One Cabinet Member)	Leader (substitute: Deputy Leader)	Leader (substitute: Deputy Leader)
Exmouth Queens Drive Delivery Group (Four Cabinet Members and seven Ward Members)	Leader (Chair) Deputy Leader (Vice Chair) Portfolio Holders: Economy & Assets Strategic Planning Ward Members: Exmouth Brixington x1 Exmouth Halsdon x 1 Exmouth Littleham x 2 Exmouth Town x 2 Exmouth Withycombe Raleigh x 1	Leader (Chair) Deputy Leader (Vice Chair) Portfolio Holders: Economy & Assets Strategic Planning Megan Armstrong (Halsdon) Andrew Colman (Brixington) Olly Davey (Town) Nick Hookway (Littleham) Brenda Taylor (Withycombe) Joe Whibley (Town) Chris Wright (Littleham)
Heart of the South -West Joint Committee (Two Cabinet Members)	Leader Deputy Leader	Leader Deputy Leader
LED Leisure Management Ltd (Two Councillors)	Cllrs: Two	Denise Bickley Fabian King
Local Joint Panel	Leader	Leader

(Four Cabinet Members and two Councillors)	Portfolio Holders: Corporate Services & COVID-19 Response and Recovery Finance Policy Co-ordination & Regional Engagement Cllrs: Two	Portfolio Holders: Corporate Services & COVID-19 Response and Recovery Finance Policy Co-ordination & Regional Engagement John Loudoun Phil Twiss
Lower Exe Mooring Authority Management Committee (Two Councillors)	Cllrs: Two (plus substitute)	Fred Caygill Brenda Taylor Sub: Bruce De Saram
Recycling and Waste Partnership Board (Two Cabinet Members, two Assistant Portfolio Holders and two Councillors)	Portfolio Holder: Coast, Country & Environment (Chair) Climate Action Assistant Portfolio Holders: Coast, Country & Environment Climate Action Cllrs: Two	Portfolio Holder: Coast, Country & Environment (Chair) Climate Action Assistant Portfolio Holders: Coast, Country & Environment Climate Action Geoff Pook Tom Wright
Sidmouth Beach Management Plan Steering Group (Two Cabinet Members, two Assistant Portfolio Holders and four Sidmouth Ward Members)	Portfolio Holder: Coast, Country & Environment (Chair) Climate Action Assistant Portfolio Holder: Coast, Country & Environment Climate Action Ward Members: Sidmouth Town Ward Members Sidmouth Rural Sidmouth Sidford x 1	Portfolio Holder: Coast, Country & Environment (Chair) Climate Action Assistant Portfolio Holder: Coast, Country & Environment Climate Action Denise Bickley (Town) Cathy Gardner (Town) John Loudoun (Rural) Stuart Hughes (Sidford)
Sidmouth Port Royal Project Reference Group (Two Councillors representing the Sidmouth Wards)	Cllrs: Two (representing Sidmouth Wards)	Cathy Gardner Stuart Hughes
South East Devon Habitat	Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder:

Regulations Executive Committee (One Cabinet Member)	Coast, Country & Environment (substitute – Vice Chair of Strategic Planning Committee)	Coast, Country & Environment (substitute – Vice Chair of Strategic Planning Committee)
STRATA Joint Executive Committee (EDDC, Exeter City and Teignbridge authorities) (One Cabinet Member and CEO)	Leader Chief Executive (substitute: Portfolio Holder: Corporate Services & COVID-19 Response and Recovery)	Leader Chief Executive (substitute: Portfolio Holder: Corporate Services & COVID-19 Response and Recovery)
STRATA Joint Scrutiny Committee (EDDC, Exeter City and Teignbridge authorities) (Three Councillors)	Cllrs: Three (substitutes: three Councillors)	Nick Hookway Fabian King Phil Twiss (Subs: Eleanor Rylance, Denise Bickley & Chris Pepper)
Woodbury, Exmouth & Budleigh (WEB) Community Health and Wellbeing Board (One Cabinet Member)	Portfolio Holder: Sustainable Homes and Communities (substitute: Ward Member from Budleigh & Raleigh, Exmouth or Woodbury & Lympstone)	Portfolio Holder: Sustainable Homes and Communities Substitute: Tom Wright
Designated Persons		Ian Hall Paul Millar Jack Rowland

3.Representatives on the Outside Bodies

Members were then asked to vote on those nominations to the Outside Bodies where more nominations had been made than spaces were available.

Nominations for appointments to the Outside Bodies 2020/21 were voted on and agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the representatives on the Outside Bodies 2020 / 21 shall be as follows:

Name of Outside Body	Appointments 2020/21	Portfolio Holders/Lead-reporting link
APPOINTMENTS: GENERAL		
Blackdown Hills (AONB) Joint Advisory Committee	Paul Hayward	Coast, Country & Environment
Devon and Exeter Area Rail Working Party	Bruce De Saram Joe Whibley	Economy & Assets
Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee	Coast, Country & Environment Portfolio Holder Substitute: Assistant Portfolio Holder Climate Action	Coast, Country & Environment
SPACE (formerly Devon Youth Service)	Vicky Johns	Sustainable Homes & Communities
East Devon AONB Partnership	Geoff Pratt Marianne Rixson	Coast, Country & Environment
East Devon Citizens' Advice Bureau	Maddy Chapman Tony Woodward	Sustainable Homes & Communities
East Devon Transport, Research and Information Project (TRIP) Working Party/Management Group	Tony McCollum	Sustainable Homes & Communities
Action East Devon (formerly East Devon Volunteer Support Agency)	Megan Armstrong Tony McCollum	Sustainable Homes & Communities
Exe Estuary Management Group	Nick Hookway Substitute: Geoff Jung	Coast, Country & Environment
Exeter International Airport Consultative Group	Economy & Assets Portfolio Holder	Economy & Assets / Coast, Country & Environment

Exeter Science Park Board of Directors: Exeter Science Park – Shareholder representative	Economy & Assets Portfolio Holder (Director) Finance Portfolio Holder (Shareholder rep)	Finance / Economy & Assets / Strategic Planning
Queens Drive Exmouth Community Interest Company	Sam Hawkins Paul Millar	Finance / Economy & Assets / Strategic Planning
Greater Exeter Strategic Sports Board	Economy & Assets Portfolio Holder (substitute Sustainable Homes & Communities Portfolio Holder)	Economy & Assets / Sustainable Housing & Communities
Local Government Association General Assembly	Leader* (substitute: Deputy Leader) <i>*Leader is SW representative on district councillor network executive</i>	Council
Local Government Association Annual Rural Assembly	Leader (with vote) Deputy Leader (who can vote in the absence of Leader)	Council
Police and Crime Panel – Devon and Cornwall	John Loudoun Substitute: Ian Hall	Council
SWAP (South West Audit Partnership Ltd)	Audit & Governance Chairman (Shareholder) Section 151 Officer (Director)	Finance
South West Councils - including Employers' Panel	Leader Deputy: Portfolio Holder – Corporate Services and COVID-19 Response & Recovery	Council
SPARSE – Rural Special Interest Group	Leader	Council

	Substitute: Economy & Assets Portfolio Holder	
Sport England Local Delivery Plan Programme Group	Economy & Assets Portfolio Holder	Economy & Assets

88 Temporary Rules of Procedure (COVID-19) - A report from the Monitoring Officer

The Monitoring Officer had produced a report regarding governing the nature of business that the Council would expect to deal with during the coronavirus pandemic and how such meetings, as and when they occur, should be conducted.

RESOLVED:

That the Council continues to use the Temporary Rules of Procedure (COVID-19) until 7 May 2021.

89 For Members to agree the meeting programme for the remainder of the Civic Year

RESOLVED:

That the meeting programme for the remainder of the Civic Year be agreed.

90 Motion: Support for Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) impacted upon by Covid-19

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Fabian King, seconded by Councillor Val Ranger and supported by Councillors Paul Millar, Eleanor Rylance, Jack Rowland, Paul Arnott, Paul Hayward, Denise Bickley, Marianne Rixson, Eileen Wragg, Olly Davey, Luke Jeffery and Joe Whibley.

- A. East Devon District Council supports the WASPI call on Government to take urgent action to support 1950-s born women affected by the coronavirus outbreak to:
 1. Give WASPI women who would be otherwise eligible early access to Pension Credit
 2. Give WASPI women due to reach State Pension age this financial year early access to their State Pension

- B. The Leader of the Council should formally write an open letter to all our 3 MPs urging them to take up the above matter and promote it in Government. Also that this Council should provide maximum publicity about this letter.

The proposer of the motion, Cllr King, highlighted the devastating repercussions on this group of women resulting from the coronavirus pandemic which had removed their means of earning or saving money.

Cllr Ranger seconded the motion.

The Chairman invite those present to vote and the motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

- A. That East Devon District Council supports the WASPI call on Government to take urgent action to support 1950-s born women affected by the coronavirus outbreak to:
 1. Give WASPI women who would be otherwise eligible early access to Pension Credit
 2. Give WASPI women due to reach State Pension age this financial year early access to their State Pension
- B. The Leader of the Council should formally write an open letter to all our 3 MPs urging them to take up the above matter and promote it in Government. Also that this Council should provide maximum publicity about this letter.

91 **Motion: Celebrating Pride in East Devon**

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Luke Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Joe Whibley and supported by Councillors Denise Bickley, Dan Ledger, Paul Millar, Paul Arnott, Eleanor Rylance and Tony Woodward.

This Council notes with concern that across Devon the number of hate crimes against people on the basis of the sexual orientation rose by 9.6% and against transgender people hate crimes rose by 26.5% 2018-19 (Source: FOI request made to Devon and Cornwall Police by Cllr Jeffery). This Council also recognises the contribution made by LGBT+ citizens to East Devon and beyond. As a statement of solidarity with our LGBT+ community in East Devon, this Council resolves to:

- Fly the pride flag outside of Blackdown House throughout Pride Month (June) every year and on the same day as any pride events taking place within the district
- Engage with local LGBT+ charities and advocacy groups to determine how East Devon District Council could better support our LGBT+ community.

Cllr Jeffery outlined the background to the motion and his reasons for proposing it to Council. Cllr Whibley seconded the motion.

The Chairman invited those present to vote and the motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

That this Council notes with concern that across Devon the number of hate crimes against people on the basis of the sexual orientation rose by 9.6% and against transgender people hate crimes rose by 26.5% 2018-19 (Source: FOI request made to Devon and Cornwall Police by Cllr Jeffery). This Council also recognises the contribution made by LGBT+ citizens to East Devon and beyond. As a statement of solidarity with our LGBT+ community in East Devon, this Council resolves to:

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- Engage with local LGBT+ charities and advocacy groups to determine how East Devon District Council could better support our LGBT+ community.

92 **Motion: Tackling Bi-Phobia**

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Luke Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Joe Whibley and supported by Councillors Denise Bickley, Dan Ledger, Paul Millar, Paul Arnott, Eleanor Rylance and Tony Woodward.

In addition to the measures proposed to be taken by the Council to show solidarity with the LGBT+ community at large, the Council notes the specific challenges faced by the bisexual community. 45% of those who identify as bisexual experience mental health problems (compared with 25% in the wider population) and are regularly subjected to specific abuse over promiscuity or confusion over their sexuality, at times even from other members of the LGBT+ community.

As a statement of solidarity with our bisexual community in East Devon this Council resolves to ensure:

- That any equalities training includes specific information relevant to bisexuality
- That this Council flies the bisexual flag outside of Blackdown House to mark Bi Visibility Day on 23rd September every year

Cllr Jeffery outlined the reasons for the motion which was seconded by Cllr Whibley.

The Chairman invited those present to vote and the motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

That in addition to the measures proposed to be taken by the Council to show solidarity with the LGBT+ community at large, the Council notes the specific challenges faced by the bisexual community. 45% of those who identify as bisexual experience mental health problems (compared with 25% in the wider population) and are regularly subjected to specific abuse over promiscuity or confusion over their sexuality, at times even from other members of the LGBT+ community.

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Attendance List
Councillors present:

V Ranger (Vice-Chairman)	V Johns	P Faithfull
M Armstrong	D Ledger	S Gazzard
P Jarvis	J Rowland	I Hall
S Jackson	J Loudoun	M Howe
S Chamberlain	D Bickley	B Ingham
P Arnott	J Bailey	G Jung
K Blakey	K McLauchlan	H Parr
K Bloxham	P Hayward	G Pook
F King	S Hawkins	G Pratt
F Caygill	A Moulding	M Rixson
A Colman	D Key	E Rylance
P Millar	C Gardner (Chair)	B De Saram
T Woodward	S Bond	P Skinner
N Hookway	D Manley	B Taylor
C Wright	C Brown	I Thomas
O Davey	M Chapman	E Wragg
J Whibley	I Chubb	T Wright
L Jeffery	A Dent	S Hughes
T McCollum	D Barrow	

Officers in attendance:

Mark Williams, Chief Executive
Henry Gordon Lennox, Strategic Lead Governance and Licensing, Monitoring Officer
Simon Davey, Strategic Lead Finance
John Golding, Strategic Lead Housing, Health and Environment
Ed Freeman, Service Lead Strategic Planning and Development Management
Shirley Shaw, Planning Barrister
Amanda Coombes, Democratic Services Officer
Debbie Meakin, Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer

Councillor apologies:

M Allen
M Hartnell
P Twiss

Chairman

Date: