

South Hams Council



Title:	Agenda																														
Date:	Thursday, 26th September, 2019																														
Time:	2.00 pm																														
Venue:	Council Chamber - Follaton House																														
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Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.																														
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1. Minutes

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to approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meetings of the Annual Council held on 16 May 2019 and the Special Council held on 25 July 2019;

2. Urgent Business

the Chairman to announce if any item not on the agenda should be considered on the basis that he considers it as a matter of urgency (any such item to be dealt with under 'Business Brought forward by the Chairman');

3. Exempt Information

to consider whether the consideration of any item of business would be likely to disclose exempt information and if so the category of such exempt information;

4. Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to declare any personal; or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting;

5. Chairman's Engagements

6. Business Brought Forward by the Chairman

to consider business (if any) brought forward by the Chairman;

7. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25

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8. Climate Change - Citizens Assembly Proposal

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9. Heart of the SW - Joint Committee Governance Arrangements

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10. Questions

to consider the following questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8:

(a) From Cllr Hodgson to Cllr Baldry, lead Executive Member for Environment

'With regard to the many public concerns that have been raised regarding the delays to the roll out of kerbside

collections and the potential impact on recycling rates the continued use of single use plastics until September 2020, would it be possible to implement a temporary arrangement with vehicles that WDBC commission to enable some of the new elements of the proposals including the switch from single use plastic bags to reusable collection bins to be implemented without further delay?’

(b) From Cllr Hodgson to Cllr Baldry, lead Executive Member for Environment

‘Please could the portfolio holder for the commissioning of waste services at SHDC report on the current levels of collection / missed bins and customer satisfaction with the new services to date?’

(c) From Cllr Hodgson to Cllr Pearce, Leader of the Council

‘Given the recent Declaration of a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency, can the contract with Fusion be amended to require that PV panels and / or Solar hot water panels be erected on the south facing roof of the Totnes Pavilions to reduce the impact of this facility on climate change and to ensure its resilience to rising energy prices and potential energy scarcity?’

(NB: a similar question was raised by myself some years ago at O&S – forerunner – when the renewal of contract was discussed and assurance was given then that this would be written into the new contract as and when it was due for renewal. TOTSOC – Totnes Renewable Energy Society – has informed me that they would like to support such an opportunity).

11. Notice of Motion

to consider the following motions received (if any) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.1

(a) By Cllrs Hodgson and Rose

“We propose that SHDC lobbies National Government to create a structure of fines that Local Authorities can impose for planning breaches. These would include illegal felling or damage to trees, illegal removal of Devon Bank and all mature hedgebanks. These fines could be imposed further to formal investigation by Enforcement officers (rather than the additional costs and time taken going through formal court proceedings).”

(b) By Cllrs Baldry and Thomas

"In the interest of public health, of our residents and of tourism there shall be no further closure of SHDC public lavatories.

This motion reverses the decision taken by the Executive on 22 November 2018 and 7 February 2019 and confirmed at Full Council on 21 February 2019 (following a Call-in to Overview and Scrutiny).

Where agreement has been reached with Parish Councils for them to take over or make a financial contribution for their lavatories, these arrangements will remain in place. Where no agreement has been reached by 31 December 2019, the lavatories listed at Resolution 3 and 4 of E.46/18 of the minutes of 22 November 2018 Executive meeting will remain open. Any change in expected Budget for 2020-21 will be taken account of in the 2020-21 Budget process."

(c) By Cllrs McKay and Birch

(Background:

There is growing recognition across the political spectrum that authorities at every level of Government can achieve savings, while at the same time giving the communities they serve a much improved experience and sense of belonging, by the simple expedient of re-thinking their relationship with these communities and working in partnership with them. Instead of a Local Authority seeing its role as delivering services to its clients/customers, its role becomes one of working with, not for, people and bringing individuals and groups together. It becomes a facilitator. It is not a complicated idea, but it is a very powerful one that could bring substantial benefits to both the Council and its Communities. This approach is often called Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) or Asset-Based Working.)

'This Council:

- 1. acknowledges that within the network of Town and Parish Councils and community-based organisations (Community Land Trusts, Community Benefit Societies, Community Interest Companies etc) there is a wealth of talent, knowledge and expertise that should be regarded as an Asset by this Council;*
- 2. acknowledges that there is a great deal of evidence to support Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) as an effective strategy and that it is at the core of the*

success of Councils like Wigan and Cornwall and is being actively investigated by many other Councils across the UK and beyond;

3. *acknowledges that by adopting the ideas and principles of ABCD, and thereby investing in these Assets, that it would be able to:*
 - *bring huge benefits to the communities it serves;*
 - *create a sense of belonging and empowerment in communities;*
 - *remove the sense of frustration and impenetrable bureaucracy felt by many; and*
 - *release resources within the District Council and reduce costs.*
4. *acknowledges that reliance on a Capital Investment Strategy alone is insufficient and that it should also be investing in People and Organisations. They too are an Asset;*
5. *acknowledges that community consultation is the key to developing these Assets and that it needs to develop a culture of dialogue and engagement;*
6. *acknowledges that the Community Involvement Statement (CIS) which the Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to publish, should reflect the desire of this Council to help its Town and Parish Councils, and other community organisations, to achieve their locally defined objectives and to support them as required;*
7. *RESOLVES to consult with its communities through a programme to be determined by a Working Group of Members with a view to assessing how Asset-Based Community Development could benefit this Council and the communities it serves. The Working Group would also examine the setting up of a Community Support Fund through which development and support of community groups could take place. The Working Group to make recommendations to Full Council in four months' time.'*

(d) By Cllrs Hodgson and Sweett

'In support of its commitment to the Climate and Biodiversity crisis, this Council will form and support a Forum of Town and Parish Councils across the District that have Declared a Climate Emergency and assist them in creating Action Plans to address and mitigate this challenge.'

12. Reports of Bodies

to receive and as may be necessary approve the minutes and recommendations of the under-mentioned Bodies

* Indicates minutes containing recommendations to Council.

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| (a) Audit Committee - 25 July 2019 | 103 - 106 |
| (b) Development Management Committee - 14 August 2019 | 107 - 114 |
| (c) Overview & Scrutiny Panel - 5 September 2019 | 115 - 126 |
| (d) Development Management Committee - 11 September 2019
To follow | |
| (e) Executive* - 19 September 2019
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