West Devon Council



Title:	Summons
Date:	Tuesday, 22nd November, 2022
Time:	4.00 pm
Venue:	Chamber - Kilworthy Park
Full Members:	Mayor Cllr Mott
	Deputy Mayor Cllr Pearce
	Members: Clir Ball Clir Leech Clir Blackman Clir Moody Clir Bolton Clir Moyse Clir Bridgewater Clir Ratcliffe Clir Cheadle Clir Renders Clir Coulson Clir Ridgers Clir Crozier Clir Samuel Clir Davies Clir Sellis Clir Daniel Clir Southcott Clir Edmonds Clir Spettigue Clir Ewings Clir Turnbull Clir Heyworth Clir Vachon Clir Jory Clir Wood Clir Kemp Clir Kimber
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.
Committee administrator:	Democratic.Services@swdevon.gov.uk

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Confirmation of Minutes

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To approve and adopt as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 27 September 2022

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests and Non-Registerable Interests including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting;

- 4. Business brought forward by or with the consent of the Mayor
- 5. The Mayor or person presiding to answer questions which people in West Devon can ask and to receive deputations or petitions under Council Procedure Rule 21
- 6. To consider (any) questions submitted under Council Procedure Rule 21
- 7. To consider (any) Motions of which notice has been duly submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15
- 8. To receive the Minutes of the following Committees, to 7 42 note the delegated decisions and to consider the adoption of those Minutes which require approval:
 - (i) Audit Committee

Meeting held on 5 July 2022

Meeting held on 6 September 2022

(ii) Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting held on 26 July 2022

Meeting held on 4 October 2022

(iii) Hub Committee

Meeting held on 27 September 2022

Recommendation to agree:

HC 38/22 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2025/26

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** to:

- 1. continue to respond to Government consultations on Business Rates Reform;
- continue to actively lobby and engage with the Government, Devon MPs, South West Councils and other sector bodies such as the District Councils' Network and the Rural Services Network, for a realistic business rates baseline to be set for the Council for 2024 onwards, when the business rates reset is predicted to happen (NB. this is the earliest date it might happen);
- 3. continue to lobby in support of the Government eliminating Negative Revenue Support Grant in 2023/24 (and thereafter) and continues to lobby for Rural Services Delivery Grant allocations which adequately reflect the cost of rural service provision;
- note the Council's strategic intention with its Council Tax setting strategy (as set out in paragraph 3.6 of the published agenda report). (NB. the actual council tax for 2023/24 will be decided by Council in February 2023); and
- 5. approve the use of the Revenue Grant Earmarked Reserve to fund the Council's share of the costs of a two-year fixed term post that will be responsible for driving improved customer service and operational efficiency by exploiting technology and transformation (as set out in Appendix D, section 1.9 of the presented agenda report to the Hub Committee). (The total cost for West Devon is £80,000).

Meeting held on 1 November 2022

Recommendations to agree:

HC.49/22 Key Partnership Agreements

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** to:

- 1. agree to extend the funding for the following key partners for a further two years as follows:
 - West Devon CVS £5,100;

- OCRA Sport £1,333;
- Okehampton Community Transport £6,533;
- Tavistock Community Transport £6,533;
- Young Devon £2,500; and
- World Heritage Site £4,000;
- agree an increase in funding for each of the next two years' in recognition of the additional support required by Citizens Advice;
- 4. note the decision taken at its last meeting held on 27 September 2022 to continue to financially contribute £8,835 to the Tamar Valley AONB Partnership.

HC.55/22 Devon Carbon Plan

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** to:

- 1. note the ambition and objectives set out within the Devon Carbon Plan, and
- 2. revise its Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan and assess the financial and resource implications required to show how it would contribute to delivering the Devon Carbon Plan.

(iv) Development Management & Licensing Committee

Meeting held on 11 October 2022

9. Scheme of Members' Allowances: Review

To follow;

10. Annual Review of Health and Safety Policy Statement

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11. Exclusion of Public and Press

in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the Act is involved

12. Waste & Recycling Services Contract Update

To follow.