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Date: 1 April 2022

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

On:	Monday 11 April 2022	At:	6.30 pm
Venue:	Caddstown Business Support Centre, Clovelly Road, Bideford - Bideford		

From the 7 May 2021, the law requires all councils to hold formal meetings in person. The Council is also required to follow Government guidance and ensure that all venues used are Covid secure and that all appropriate measures are put in place. Members of the public will be able to attend the meeting in person if they are registered to speak under public participation. Any members of the public who want to view the meeting will be able to watch through the Councils YouTube Channel <https://tinyurl.com/TorrigeYouTube>

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to the Meeting of the District Council at the aforementioned date and time

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Chief Executive

To:	Councillor D Bushby (Chair) Councillor P Christie (Vice-Chair) Councillors: R Boughton, D Brenton, C Bright, M Brown, R Clarke, C Cottle-Hunkin, R Craigie, A Dart, L Ford, J Gubb, P Hackett, P Hames, S Harding, C Hawkins, K Hepple, R Hicks, C Hodson, D Hurley, J Hutchings, T Inch, K James, D Jones, S Langford, N Laws, C Leather, R Lock, J Manley, D McGeough, J McKenzie, S Newton, P Pennington, P Watson, R Wiseman and C Woodhouse
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Members are requested to turn off their mobile phones for the duration of the meeting

AGENDA

PART I - (OPEN SESSION)

1.	Apologies For Absence To receive apologies for absence from the meeting
2.	Council Minutes (Pages 5 - 24) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meetings held 31 st January and Budget Special meeting held 21 st February 2022.
3.	Public Contributions 15 minute period for public contributions. The deadline for registering to speak is by 2pm Thursday 7 April 2022. To register please email dem.services@torridge.gov.uk
4.	Declarations of interest Members with interests to declare should refer to the Agenda item and describe the nature of their interest when the item is being discussed.
5.	Agreement of Agenda Items Part I and II
6.	To consider correspondence or other business especially brought forward by the direction of the Chair
7.	To answer questions submitted under Procedural Rule A9
8.	Petitions To receive petitions (if any)
9.	Presentation from Bideford Railway Heritage Centre To receive a presentation from Tim Steer, director of Bideford Railway Heritage Centre.
10.	Presentation from North Devon Biosphere To receive a presentation from Nicola Corrigan from North Devon Biosphere.
11.	Member Budget Options Working Group (Pages 25 - 27) To receive the report of the Leader of Council.
12.	Gym Equipment/Mobilisation Costs - Active Torridge (Pages 28 - 30) To receive the report of the Finance Manager (Section 151 Officer).
13.	Dog PSPO (Pages 31 - 75) To receive the report of the Public Health and Housing Manager.

14.	<p>Armed Forces Covenant (Pages 76 - 84)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Public Health and Housing Manager</p>
15.	<p>Notices of Motion</p>
(a)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Inch</p> <p>That a DCC Councillor be invited to attend on a rotating basis, each Full Council meeting to report on their division and to be allocated a slot of 10 minutes.</p>
(b)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Hodson</p> <p>Council are requested to support the expansion of the qualifying criteria for applicants to the Member's Council Grant funding for 2022/23. The scheme is not prescribed by legislation but is determined and set in this Council's policy.</p> <p>The current guidance allows for grants to be made for specific projects.</p> <p>With the increasing financial pressures that our community is experiencing the proposal is that any application for funding from any non-commercial constituted organisation to deliver goods or services to alleviate hardship or address health inequalities, becomes eligible for assistance.</p>
(c)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Hodson</p> <p>Motion for the Ocean to help this Council play their part in realising a clean, healthy and productive ocean and all of the direct economic, health and wellbeing benefits it will bring.</p> <p>This Council agrees to declare an urgent need for Ocean Recovery and adopts the Motion for the Ocean by committing to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review within twelve months the actions and projects that have been undertaken to promote ocean recovery for the coast of Torridge District. 2. Consider Ocean recovery in our strategic decisions, plans, budgets and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills and economic policy), 3. Ensure that the North Devon Biosphere Nature Recovery Plan strives to support ocean recovery. 4. Work with partners locally to deliver increased sustainability in marine industries and develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity. 5. Promotes communication through our social media of actions which are being taken to aid ocean recovery progress, signpost ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges. 6. Writes to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 endorsing the requests for action listed in the circulated documentation.

(d)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Ford</p> <p>It is not compulsory for TDC Members to have DBS checks and in light of recent convictions of Councillors from other Authorities, I propose that TDC approach Devon wide Councils in relation to their DBS Policy and with a view to the possibility of joint working to see if we could firm up our Policy on DBS checks for Members.</p>
(e)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Craigie</p> <p>In recognition of the housing crisis and the market failure to provide affordable and social housing, TDC should immediately implement an Empty Homes Policy. It is a dereliction of duty for TDC not to be utilising all the powers under the Housing Act 2004, which includes forced sale, compulsory purchase and Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Empty Homes Council Tax Premium should be ring fenced to employ an Empty Homes Officer(s). 2. Community Groups should be enabled to do the refurbishment and retrofitting of houses under the Empty Dwelling Management Orders to provide homes for local people. 3. The avoidance of Empty Homes Council Tax premium should be tackled by properly investigating and recording empty dwellings around the district <p>Empty and abandoned buildings are a blight on the area and the local community and have a significant negative impact on our vital tourism industry. We as a council must do all within our power to change the current situation of neglect.</p>
16.	<p>Exclusion of Public</p> <p>The Chair to move:</p> <p>“That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972”</p>
17.	<p>PART II - (CLOSED SESSION)</p> <p>Items which may be taken in the absence of the public and press on the grounds that exempt information may be disclosed.</p>
18.	<p>Temporary Accommodation (Pages 85 - 101)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Public Health and Housing Manager.</p>
	<p>Meeting Organiser: Democratic Services</p>