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Date: 10 February 2023

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

On:	Monday 20 February 2023	At:	6.30 pm
Venue:	Caddstown Business Support Centre - Bideford		

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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, 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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AGENDA PART I - (OPEN SESSION)

1.	Apologies For Absence To receive apologies for absence from the meeting
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2.	<p>Public Contributions</p> <p>15 minute period for public contributions. The deadline for registering to speak is by 2pm Thursday 16 February 2023. To register please email dem.services@torridge.gov.uk</p>
3.	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>Members with interests to declare should refer to the Agenda item and describe the nature of their interest when the item is being discussed.</p>
4.	<p>Agreement of Agenda Items Part I and II</p>
5.	<p>To consider correspondence or other business especially brought forward by the direction of the Chair</p>
6.	<p>Budget 2023 - 24, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 - 2027/28 (Pages 5 - 27)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Finance Manager (S151 Officer)</p>
7.	<p>Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2027/28 (Pages 28 - 36)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Deputy S151 Officer</p>
8.	<p>Treasury Management & Capital Strategy (Pages 37 - 65)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Deputy S151 Officer</p>
9.	<p>Council Tax Resolution (Pages 66 - 72)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Finance Manager (S151 Officer)</p>
10.	<p>Revision to Financial Procedures (Pages 73 - 76)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Finance Manager (S151 Officer)</p>
11.	<p>Petitions</p> <p>To receive petitions (if any)</p>
12.	<p>Notices of Motion</p>
(a)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Cottle-Hunkin</p> <p>Torridge District Council expresses its deep concern over the loss of the right to wild camp on Dartmoor.</p> <p>In particular, this council is concerned over the impact this will have on the young people of Torridge District who wish to take part in Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh training and events in future years. We recognise the life-changing importance of these types of expeditions in teaching life skills to our young people.</p>

	<p>This council supports Dartmoor National Park in its rightful defence of the right to wild camp, which is based on the principle of 'leave no trace'. It is an historic right enjoyed by generations of local people and visitors, and we recognise the mental and physical health benefits that it brings.</p> <p>We are concerned for future generations and do not believe that the current "permissive agreement" is a sustainable long-term solution. We call on the Leader and Chief Executive of Torrridge District Council to write in the strongest terms to our MP, the relevant Secretaries of State, and the Prime Minister, urging them to enact legislation to reinstate wild camping and protect the rights of people to fully enjoy Dartmoor</p>
(b)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Dart</p> <p>I would like us to revisit, and, ultimately revoke, the decision to remove the 20% rate relief for Parish and village halls.</p> <p>The argument put forward at the full council in September, was utterly ludicrous!</p> <p>The COVID grants were given to the halls because they had to cease income generation owing to the government stipulations with regard to COVID. This money was vital to keep these halls afloat.</p> <p>This is most certainly a decision which adversely penalises the rural communities more than those with higher populations supporting and surrounding them.</p> <p>Most of the parishes I represent run their halls on a knife edge financially, their viability is constantly a challenge for devoted volunteers to overcome, and yet their benefit to the surrounding sparse and quite isolated communities is absolutely unquestionable.</p> <p>Young and old use these halls, social integration, warm spaces, clubs and fund raising all take place within they aren't just buildings, they are community hubs, quite often the only space that parishes have that communities can come together in.</p> <p>I implore you to revisit this debate and overturn this unequivocally wrong decision.</p> <p>The benefit to Torrridge finances will be minimal.....the impact on our communities will be severe!!</p>
13.	<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>

14.	PART II - (CLOSED SESSION) Items which may be taken in the absence of the public and press on the grounds that exempt information may be disclosed.
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