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MEETING OF EXTERNAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

On:	Wednesday 14 September 2022	At:	6.00 pm
Venue:	Caddsdwn Business Support Centre - Bideford		

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To:	Councillor J Manley (Chair) Councillor C Cottle-Hunkin (Vice-Chair) Councillors: S Harding, C Hawkins, S Langford, C Leather, P Pennington, R Wiseman and C Woodhouse Non elected Members: K Baker and L Bach
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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.	Minutes (Pages 3 - 5) Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2022.
3.	Public Participation 15 minute period for public contributions

4.	Action List (Page 6) To review the action list.
5.	Declaration Of Interests Members with interests should refer to the agenda item and describe the nature of their interest when the item is considered.
6.	Agreement Of Agenda Items Part I and II
7.	ICS, Link Centres & Mental Health Provision An opportunity to hear from Netti Pearson in relation to provision in the Torridge area.
8.	Urgent Matters Brought Forward With the Permission Of The Chair
9.	Consideration Of The Forward Plan (Page 7) To review the forward plan.
10.	Exclusion Of The Public The Chair to move:- That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
	Meeting Organiser: Democratic Services
	Centre for Public Scrutiny – website http://www.cfps.org.uk/

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXTERNAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MEETING

Caddsdow Business Support Centre - Bideford

Wednesday, 20 July 2022 - 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor J Manley (Chair)

Councillor C Cottle-Hunkin (Vice-Chair)

Councillors S Harding, C Hawkins, S Langford, C Leather and P Pennington

Independent Members L Bach and K Baker

ALSO PRESENT

S Dorey	- Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer)
J Williams	- Public Health & Housing Manager
T Vanstone	- Senior Electoral & Democratic Services Officer
K Hewlett	- Electoral and Democratic Services Officer

Councillors C Hodson, K James and N Laws

148. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Woodhouse.

149. MINUTES

Chair reviewed the minutes with members. Members queried whether a response had been received from DEFRA, and it was confirmed no response had been received at the time of the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Harding, seconded by Councillor Pennington and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 01 June 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

(Vote: Yes - 8, Abstentions - 1, No - 0)

Following the vote it was queried when the Annual Report for External would be presented at Full Council. It was confirmed that the report would be added to the agenda for the September meeting.

150. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests for public participation were received.

151. ACTION LIST

Chair reviewed and updated the action plan with members.

In relation to Minute 118 of the action list, the Head of Legal and Governance (& Monitoring Officer) it was explained the Citizen's Advice uplift in funding went to Full Council for agreement and was signed off as part of budget setting.

In relation to Minute 5 of the action plan, Councillor Cottle-Hunkin confirmed that an email had been circulated to members of the Joint Planning Policy Committee and agreed that Climate Change would be added to each agenda.

Following a discussion on the action related to Bucks Mills it was agreed that this action would remain on the action list as ongoing.

152. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded that declarations of interest should be made as and when the specific agenda item to which they related was under discussion.

153. AGREEMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS PART I AND II

There were no Part II items.

154. URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Chair raised that a response had been received from the Commissioning Team for NHS England and South West. It was explained that they were unable to accept the invite to attend External in September due to work commitments, it was further explained that the Commissioning Team already report to several Scrutiny Committees in the region.

The Commissioning Team had offered to share a report with members, and this would be forwarded once received. It was also stated that they attend Devon Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee, which County Councillor Linda Hellyer attends.

It was requested that an action to distribute the report be added to the action list.

Members also suggested that the Committee could link up with Councillor Hellyer and forward on any questions or concerns to her as a representative on the Devon Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee.

155. LINK CENTRES & MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION

With agreement of the Chair, it was suggested that this item be adjourned till the September Committee meeting.

156. CONSIDERATION OF THE FORWARD PLAN

There was a lengthy discussion regarding a request to invite Pollyfield to attend Committee to present their forward plans and take questions. The Head of Legal and Governance (& Monitoring Officer) provided some background to the lease agreement and the length and agreed that this could be shared with members.

Following a discussion regarding the reasons for this request and the scope of the invitation the Head of Legal and Governance (& Monitoring Officer) reminded members of the role of External Overview & Scrutiny Committee in inviting Community Centres to highlight their work, and explained that queries in relation to Leases and Property would sit with Community & Resources Committee.

Following discussions members felt that the request may sit outside the function of the Committee and it was suggested that the Town Council could be approached.

It was agreed that the representatives for the Link Centres would be invited to the September Committee.

Following a discussion on the merger of the Health Trusts and the expected pressures on health provision it was agreed they would be invited to the Committee in March / April 2023.

There was a further discussion regarding an invite to the South West Ambulance Service given the current issues being experienced. It was also requested that an update on First Responders be explored. It was suggested that Democratic Services look to how SWAS report to DCC.

During discussion it was agreed that a list of organisations that TDC fund would be shared with members.

It was agreed that the next External Overview & Scrutiny Committee time would change to 6pm.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and closed at 6.42 pm

ACTION LIST

Overview & Scrutiny (External) Committee – 20 July 2022

Minute No.	Raised by	Action	Allocated To	Progress Update	Status
137.	Members	South West Water to provide a copy of the presentation slides and written responses to questions submitted before the meeting, along with a response to questions that were not answered in the meeting.	Alan Burrows, South West Water	Update provided on 20 th July and agreement to keep this action open.	Ongoing
145.	Cllr Pennington	Letter to be written to Sec of State for DEFRA and Sir Geoffrey Cox MP asking for clear direction in regard to future land usage, with particular focus on ELMS.	Democratic Services and Chair	A letter was received from MP Sir Geoffrey Cox, but a response from DEFRA still awaited. Letter received 29 th July.	Ongoing
154.	Cllr Cottle-Hunkin	A copy of the report from Dentistry Commissioning Team be chased up.	Democratic Services	Both contacts have been chased, but no report has been received.	Ongoing
156.	Louis Bach	A list of organisations funded by TDC to be shared with members.	Democratic Services.	Sent on 21 July 2022	Complete

EXTERNAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FORWARD PLAN 2022/2023

Cycle 1 01 June 2022 2pm	Cycle 2 20 July 2022 6pm	Cycle 3 14 September 2022 6pm	Cycle 4 01 November 2022 1pm	Cycle 5 7 December 2022 2pm	Cycle 6 01 February 2023 6pm	Cycle 7 15 March 2023 2pm	Cycle 8
<p>Natural Devon – speak to their letter to Torridge District Council.</p> <p>Annual Report</p>	<p>Link Centres & Mental Health service provision</p>	<p>Dentistry – Invite Clinical Commissioning Lead</p> <p>Link Centres & Mental Health service provision</p>	<p>Joint Meeting with North Devon – Community Safety Partnership Update</p>	<p>Burton Art Gallery</p>	<p>Play Strategy Update – Adrian Avery</p>	<p>Healthcare Trust – Update on the merger of the local Health Boards</p>	
<p>To be invited 2022-23 cycle:</p> <p>South West Ambulance Service and First Responders service.</p> <p>Alabare North Devon</p> <p>Biosphere funding update – Rob Passmore (following TDC award of £18k to progress projects)</p>							