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Date: 21 July 2023

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

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| On: | Monday 31 July 2023 | At: | 6.30 pm |
| Venue: | Caddsdwn Business Support Centre - Caddsdwn Bideford EX39 3BE | | |

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<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

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| To: | Councillor D Bushby (Chair) Councillor P Christie (Vice-Chair) Councillors: S Andrews, L Bach, A Brenton, D Brenton, C Bright, L Bright, C Cottle-Hunkin, J Craigie, A Dart, T Elliott, L Ford, S Gibson, J Gubb, P Hackett, P Hames, S Harding, C Hawkins, K Hepple, R Hicks, C Hodson, S Inch, K James, T Johns, C Leather, W Lo-Vel, R Lock, S Newton, P Pennington, L Piper, P Shepherd, D Smith, H Thomas, C Wheatley and J Whittaker |
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Members are requested to turn off their mobile phones for the duration of the meeting

AGENDA

PART I - (OPEN SESSION)

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| 1. | Apologies For Absence To receive apologies for absence from the meeting |
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| 2. | <p>Council Minutes (Pages 5 - 17)</p> <p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 June 2023.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Public Contributions</p> <p>15 minute period for public contributions. The deadline for registering to speak is by 2pm Thursday 27 July 2023. To register please email dem.services@torridge.gov.uk</p> |
| 4. | <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> |
| 5. | <p>Agreement of Agenda Items Part I and II</p> |
| 6. | <p>To consider correspondence or other business especially brought forward by the direction of the Chair</p> |
| 7. | <p>Joint Protocol for dealing with Unauthorised Encampments (Pages 18 - 44)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Head of Legal & Governance (& Monitoring Officer)</p> |
| 8. | <p>Appointment of Members to Working Groups (Pages 45 - 46)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Chief Executive</p> |
| 9. | <p>Strategic Plan Update (Pages 47 - 53)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Leader and Chief Executive</p> |
| 10. | <p>Updating the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan (Pages 54 - 61)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Planning Manager</p> |
| 11. | <p>Housing (Pages 62 - 71)</p> <p>To receive the report of the Chief Executive and Leader</p> |
| 12. | <p>To answer questions submitted under Procedural Rule A9</p> |
| 13. | <p>South Street Car Park, Gt Torrington (Petition)</p> <p><u>Petition 1</u></p> <p>The Petition strenuously opposed the planning proposal for South Street Car Park, Gt. Torrington. The Petition stated that the car park is critical to the commercial viability and survival of Gt. Torrington town centre and is in constant use. It is regularly full to capacity and rather than reducing parking spaces, Torridge District Council would be better using its time and efforts by investigating ways to increase parking capacity within Gt. Torrington. Proposals to remove parking for visiting busses completely are ill conceived, as there are no alternative spaces within the vicinity. Housing needs in Gt. Torrington are currently being addressed by a number</p> |

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Petition 2

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Petition 3

Save South Street car park.

14. Notices of Motion

(a) **Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Pennington**

I propose that when Full Council is meeting at Caddsdwn when members are speaking they are given access to microphones.

Cllr P Pennington
21 July 2023

(b) **Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Bushby**

Over the last few years I have become increasingly concerned by the perceived neglect of some of our most important public spaces. Whether it be because of staffing shortage or initiatives like No Mow May I find it unacceptable that our parks, prominent verges and busy public spaces are not maintained as a priority.

Where areas of grass or verge are left to grow, they not only become unsightly, but they gather litter, dog mess and become inaccessible to our taxpayers. When they are then eventually cut it takes a far greater effort to bring them back to a condition that they should be in. The financial savings, habitat and biodiversity benefits of not maintaining these spaces are negligible but the negative pride of place, economic and health and wellbeing impacts are huge.

I propose a notice of motion that ensures that our parks, prominent public spaces are maintained to make them accessible to all at all times of the years and that initiatives to reduce carbon footprint or improve habitat and biodiversity are concentrated in the numerous pieces of land that the Council owns that are not so important to communities and the economy.

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| (c) | <p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Bushby</p> <p>Following the recent unauthorised traveller encampment on Victoria Park in Bideford that caused so many problems for Bideford residents and resulted in the early exit of the fair from town, I propose that all efforts are made as a matter of urgency, to secure the perimeter of the park to prevent further encampments.</p> |
| 15. | <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> |
| 16. | <p>PART II - (CLOSED SESSION)</p> <p>There are no Part II items.</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Organiser: Democratic Services</p> |