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Date: 9 February 2024
Quorum: 18

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

On:	Monday 19 February 2024	At:	6.30 pm
Venue:	Caddsdwn Business Support Centre - Caddsdwn Bideford EX39 3BE		

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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: 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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AGENDA

PART I - (OPEN SESSION)

1.	Apologies For Absence To receive apologies for absence from the meeting
2.	Public Contributions 15 minute period for public contributions. The deadline for registering to speak is by 2pm Thursday 15 February 2024. To register please email dem.services@torridge.gov.uk
3.	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.
4.	Agreement of Agenda Items Part I and II
5.	To consider correspondence or other business especially brought forward by the direction of the Chair
6.	Budget 2024/25, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 - 2028/29 (Pages 5 - 30) To receive the report of the Finance Manager (S151 Officer).
7.	Capital Programme 2024/25 - 2028/29 (Pages 31 - 38) To receive the report of the Deputy S151 Officer.
8.	Treasury Management Report and Capital Strategy (Pages 39 - 65) To receive the report of the Deputy S151 Officer.
9.	Council Tax Resolution 2024/25 (Pages 66 - 71) To receive the Report and Appendices 1, A and B of the Finance Manager (Section 151 Officer)
10.	To answer questions submitted under Procedural Rule A9
11.	Petitions To receive petitions (if any)

12.	Notices of Motion
(a)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Pennington</p> <p>I propose Torridge District Council exercises its planning functions according to the policy document.</p> <p>PROBITY IN PLANNING. Planning Committee Code of Practice.</p> <p>Particularly focusing on section 13. SITE VISITS</p> <p>I further propose this apply to the Planning Committee meeting listed for the 7th March. The</p> <p>Background : Visits were suspended during Covid from March 2020 and not reinstated.</p> <p>They are a vital tool to allow committee members to visit a site where it has been called in by elected members for a committee decision.</p> <p>Torridge is at risk of challenge by an applicant or objector if it is shown it has not followed it's own policy</p> <p>2. 2 of the code states " It could result in a decision being judicially reviewed or allegation of a breach of the Code of Conduct or a complaint of maladministration made to the Local Government Ombudsman"</p>
(b)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Pennington</p> <p>I propose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that when an elected member holds a seat on the board of Active Torridge (AT) and is a chair on any committee on Torridge, when an agenda item which affects AT comes before any committee the relevant Chair steps down for any affected agenda item. 2. The Chair to remain as a member of the relevant committee to bring insight on the business being transacted. <p>In bringing forward this motion I seek to better implement 3 Nolan principles. Objectivity, Accountability and Openness.</p>
(c)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Piper</p> <p>This council raises concern with Devon County Council over the level of maintenance of the highways, especially our 'A' routes and footpaths, across Torridge District. This goes beyond potholes, but into wider issues such as surface water drains, road markings, cats eyes and general pathway maintenance.</p> <p>We have concerns over the apparent lack of response to issues reported via DCC reporting systems, and the lack of clarity on maintenance levels across both our urban and rural areas. Here in Torridge the poor state of our roads and footpaths is resulting in considerable worry from residents over safety, even in regular weather conditions. This is leaving people feeling isolated and disconnected from vital services. At our budget meeting tonight we hear that 72% of our council tax goes to</p>

	<p>DCC and we are concerned that we are not getting the highways we need and pay for.</p> <p>I propose we send a letter to DCC Highways raising our concerns and invite them to come to our External O&S committee to explain the policies and organisation they have in place for the maintenance of roads and footpaths in Torridge and explore options to overcome admitted service shortfall.</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.	<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>
15.	<p>To answer questions submitted under Procedural Rule A9</p>
	<p>Meeting Organiser: Democratic Services</p>