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Date: 29 March 2024
Quorum: 18

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

On:	Monday 8 April 2024	At:	6.30 pm
Venue:	Caddstown Business Support Centre - Caddstown 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) 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)

1.	Apologies For Absence To receive apologies for absence from the meeting
2.	Council Minutes (Pages 4 - 18) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 February 2024, Budget Special and Extraordinary meeting on 11 March 2024
3.	Public Contributions 15 minute period for public contributions. The deadline for registering to speak is by 2pm Thursday 4 th April 2024. 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.	Private Sector Leases (addition to capital programme) (Pages 19 - 29) To receive the report of the Deputy Section 151 Officer
8.	Public Space Protection Order - Antisocial Behaviour and Alcohol Consumption (Pages 30 - 38) To receive the report of the Public Health & Community Safety Manager.
9.	Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct (Pages 39 - 66) To receive the report of the Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer)
10.	Pay Policy Requirement of the Localism Act (Pages 67 - 72) To receive the report of the Leader of the Council and HR & Communications Manager.
11.	Appledore Maritime Innovation Centre Update To receive an update from the Chief Executive
12.	To answer questions submitted under Procedural Rule A9

13.	<p>Petitions</p> <p>To receive petitions (if any)</p>
14.	<p>Notices of Motion</p>
(a)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Thomas</p> <p>Our current First Past The Post (FPTP) system originated when voting was restricted to property-owning men. Under FPTP, votes do not have equal weight and many are wasted. This leads to voter apathy and disconnection from national and local democracy.</p> <p>Proportional Representation (PR) ensures that all votes count, have equal value, and that seats won match votes cast.</p> <p>The Single Transferable Vote (STV) variant of PR is already in use for local elections in Scotland and Northern Ireland.</p> <p>In 2021, the Welsh Assembly agreed to allow local authorities to choose to change their voting system to the STV system.</p> <p>The introduction of PR for local elections in Scotland led to an increase in turnout, which was 44.8% at the last elections, held in 2022. In contrast, turnout for Torridge was 33% in the 2023 local district elections.</p> <p>I propose that this Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request the UK Government brings forward legislation to allow local elections in England to be run by a proportionally representative voting system. 2. Write to the Leader of the Opposition asking them to support the government if legislation is brought forward for the introduction of PR.
(b)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Hames</p> <p>Given this Council's support for a revival of the Bideford to Barnstaple railway link it is proposed that, in common with other local councils, we now help to further that aim by joining the North Devon Railway Development Alliance.</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>Items which may be taken in the absence of the public and press on the grounds that exempt information may be disclosed.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Organiser: Democratic Services</p>