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Date: 28 November 2023
Quorum: 6

MEETING OF EXTERNAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

On:	Wednesday 6 December 2023	At:	10.00 am
Venue:	Town Hall - Bridge Street, Bideford, EX39 2HS		

NOTICE OF MEETING

The meeting will be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the YouTube channel - <https://tinyurl.com/TorrigeYouTube>

To:	Councillor C Cottle-Hunkin (Chair) Councillor A Brenton (Vice-Chair) Councillors: L Bach, J Craigie, S Harding, C Hawkins, P Shepherd, D Smith and H Thomas Non elected Members: Vacancy
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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 No minutes to sign off.
3.	Public Participation 15 minute period for public contributions. The deadline for registering to speak is by 2pm Monday 4 December 2023.

4.	<p>Declaration Of Interests</p> <p>Members with interests should refer to the agenda item and describe the nature of their interest when the item is considered.</p>
5.	<p>Agreement Of Agenda Items Part I and II</p>
6.	<p>Lendology</p> <p>An opportunity to hear from CEO, Emma Lower, and Service Delivery Manager, Harriet Del Rey regarding the work of Lendology and the support to Torridge District Council.</p>
7.	<p>Urgent Matters Brought Forward With the Permission Of The Chair</p>
8.	<p>Action List (Pages 3 - 4)</p> <p>To review the action list.</p>
9.	<p>Consideration Of The Forward Plan (Pages 5 - 6)</p> <p>To review the forward plan.</p>
10.	<p>Exclusion Of The Public</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Meeting Organiser: Democratic Services</p>
	<p>Centre for Public Scrutiny – website http://www.cfps.org.uk/</p>

ACTION LIST

Overview & Scrutiny (External) Committee – 01 November 2023

Minute No.	Raised by	Action	Allocated To	Progress Update	Status
195.	Cllr Cottle-Hunkin	Look into reorganising the Police bitesize training for members / wider Council.	Dem Services	<p>Emailed North Devon and D&C Police for more information. Nathan Walker (Community Safety Sargeant) responded to advised there is not currently the resource to put together a programme.</p> <p>Request at Committee on 31 July that this be raised at the Community Safety Partnership meeting in October.</p>	Complete
199.	Cllr Cottle Hunkin	Work with North Devon District Council and consider joint committees on Dentistry and Agriculture.	Dem Services / Chair	<p>ND Committee to meet Thursday 14 September to discuss joint Committees with TDC, to feedback following the meeting.</p> <p>13-09-23 – Awaiting update from North Devon District Council. Forward plan provisionally updated for the December meeting.</p> <p>18-10-23 – Proposed dates in November being considered by North Devon Council on dentistry. Awaiting confirmation, then to be circulated to Committee Members.</p>	Ongoing
212.	Cllr Craigie	A letter to be sent to DCC and the invitation to attend External Committee regarding Link Centre provision and proposed provision for	Dem Services	16-10-23 Letter emailed to DCC, copies forwarded to Manager of Link Centre and Geoffrey Cox MP.	Complete.

		Torrige be left open. Letter to also advise of the Committees support for the petition to reopen referral routes and reinstate the provision.			
212.	Cllr Cottle-Hunkin	Look to arrange a visit to the Link Centre for Sir Geoffrey Cox MP and Cllr McInnes.	Cllr Cottle-Hunkin		Ongoing
212.	Cllr Hodson	To speak with the Leader for TDC regarding what provision is in place following the closure of the Link Centre in Holsworthy and what options are being considered for the building where the Link Centre was housed.	Cllr Shepherd	Update requested at 01 Nov meeting	Ongoing
217.	Cllr Brenton	Invite Stagecoach to Committee to discuss bus timetables and routes in Torrige.	Dem Services	Emailed 14/11/23	
220.	Cllr Brenton	Contact Bideford Children's Centre and request feedback in relation to childcare provision and the impact of reported childcare crisis locally.	Cllr Brenton		
221.	Cllr Hodson	Invite PETROC to attend to discuss apprenticeships and university status.	Dem Services		
221.	Cllr Cottle Hunkin	Investigate figures regarding take up of apprenticeships and gender equality.			
221.	Cllr Cottle Hunkin	Update on the makers map once completed.	Chris Fuller		
221.	Members	Consider the future of the Chamber of Commerce locally.			

EXTERNAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FORWARD PLAN 2023/2024

Cycle 1 13 June 2023 10am	Cycle 2 31 July 2023 6pm	Cycle 3 13 September 2023	Cycle 3 12 October 2023 10am Rearranged for 30 November 2023 10am	Cycle 4 1 November 2023 6pm	Cycle 5 6 December 2023 10am	Cycle 6 31 January 2024 6pm	Cycle 7 13 March 2024 10am	Cycle 8 24 Apr 2024 6pm
Scrutiny Training	North Devon Plus	Mental Health Provision	Community Safety Partnership	Education and Employment in Torridge District	Lendology	Stagecoach? / PETROC	Active Torridge	Pickwell Foundation

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To be invited 2024-25

Westward Housing

Funded by TDC & date last attended External O&S:

- Active Torridge 1 February 2023
- Burton Art Gallery 7 December 2022
- Citizens Advice Bureau 19 January 2022
- North Devon + 31 July 2023
- North Devon Biosphere
- One Northern Devon
- TTVS 20 January 2021

Suggestions from Committee dated 13-06-23:

- Environment Agency invite regarding flood defences work and partnership working
- Pickwell, who work with the refugee community in the area.
- Health and Social Care within the Torridge area – the extent of child poverty and food poverty rates. Head of Legal and Governance (& Monitoring Officer) advised that TDC are working closely with TTSV, Encompass and Navigate on the household support fund and would be happy to attend.
- Invitation to local Housing Providers regarding the issues being experienced in terms of help for homelessness, housing issues.
- Invitation to DWP and the impact for those who are not in employment or education.
- North Devon Plus.
- Encompass.
- Citizens Advice

