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Date: 30 December 2025
Quorum: 6

MEETING OF EXTERNAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

On:	Wednesday 7 January 2026	At:	6.00 pm
Venue:	Caddsdwn Business Support Centre - Caddsdwn Bideford EX39 3BE		

NOTICE OF MEETING

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To:	Councillor H Thomas (Chair) Councillor A Brenton (Vice-Chair) Councillors: L Bach, S Harding, C Hodson, T Johns, P Shepherd, D Smith and C Wheatley Non elected Members: Vacancy
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AGENDA PART I - (OPEN SESSION)

1.	Apologies For Absence To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.
2.	Minutes (Pages 3 - 25) Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 October 2025.
3.	Public Participation 15 minute period for public contributions. The deadline for registering to speak is by 2pm on Monday 22 nd December 2025.

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>Urgent Matters Brought Forward With the Permission Of The Chair</p>
7.	<p>Citizen's Advice</p> <p>An opportunity to hear from the Chief Executive for Citizen's Advice Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon.</p>
8.	<p>RailFuture - Proposals For A New Train Service Connecting Bideford with Exeter and Beyond (Pages 26 - 246)</p> <p>An opportunity to hear from Roger Blake, National Infrastructure & Networks Director for Railfuture Ltd.</p>
9.	<p>Action List (Pages 247 - 248)</p> <p>To review the action list.</p>
10.	<p>Consideration Of The Forward Plan (Page 249)</p> <p>To review the forward plan.</p>
11.	<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>