

West Devon Council



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Borough
Council

Title:	Summons																														
Date:	Tuesday, 21st February, 2023																														
Time:	2.00 pm																														
Venue:	Chamber - Kilworthy Park																														
Full Members:	<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Cllr Mott Deputy Mayor Cllr Pearce</p> <p><i>Members:</i></p> <table><tr><td>Cllr Ball</td><td>Cllr Leech</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Blackman</td><td>Cllr Moody</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Bolton</td><td>Cllr Moyse</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Bridgewater</td><td>Cllr Ratcliffe</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Cheadle</td><td>Cllr Renders</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Coulson</td><td>Cllr Ridgers</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Crozier</td><td>Cllr Samuel</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Davies</td><td>Cllr Sellis</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Daniel</td><td>Cllr Southcott</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Edmonds</td><td>Cllr Spettigue</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Ewings</td><td>Cllr Turnbull</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Heyworth</td><td>Cllr Vachon</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Jory</td><td>Cllr Wood</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Kemp</td><td>Cllr Yelland</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Kimber</td><td></td></tr></table>	Cllr Ball	Cllr Leech	Cllr Blackman	Cllr Moody	Cllr Bolton	Cllr Moyse	Cllr Bridgewater	Cllr Ratcliffe	Cllr Cheadle	Cllr Renders	Cllr Coulson	Cllr Ridgers	Cllr Crozier	Cllr Samuel	Cllr Davies	Cllr Sellis	Cllr Daniel	Cllr Southcott	Cllr Edmonds	Cllr Spettigue	Cllr Ewings	Cllr Turnbull	Cllr Heyworth	Cllr Vachon	Cllr Jory	Cllr Wood	Cllr Kemp	Cllr Yelland	Cllr Kimber	
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Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.																														
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1. Apologies for Absence

2. Confirmation of Minutes

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To approve and adopt as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 22 November 2022.

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests and Non-Registerable Interests including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting;

4. Business brought forward by or with the consent of the Mayor

5. The Mayor or person presiding to answer questions which people in West Devon can ask and to receive deputations or petitions under Council Procedure Rule 21

6. To consider (any) questions submitted under Council Procedure Rule 21

7. To consider (any) Motions of which notice has been duly submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15

8. To receive the Minutes of the following Committees, to note the delegated decisions and to consider the adoption of those Minutes which require approval:

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(i) Audit and Governance Committee
Meeting held on 22 November 2022

(ii) Development Management & Licensing Committee
Meeting held on 8 November 2022

Meeting held on 13 December 2022

Meeting held on 24 January 2023

Recommendation to agree:

**DM&L.39 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy
– Proposal to Delay Implementation of the Euro
NCAP Safety Rating Standard**

RECOMMENDED

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** to adopt the amended draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy (as presented to the Development Management & Licensing Committee Meeting).

(iii) Hub Committee

Meeting held on 13 December 2022

Recommendation to agree:

**HC.64/22 Draft Revenue and Capital Budget
Proposals 2023/24**

RECOMMENDED

vii) That Council be **RECOMMENDED** that West Devon Borough Council continue to be part of the Devon Business Rates Pool for 2023/24, subject to there being no announcements within the Finance Settlement (expected to be announced in mid-December), which in the opinion of the S151 Officer (in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Hub Committee Member for Resources), would change this recommendation.

Meeting held on 31 January 2023

Recommendation to agree:

**HC.75/22 Draft Revenue And Capital Budget
Proposals For 2023/24**

- i) to increase Council Tax for 2023/24 by £7.37 (a 2.99% increase) (This would equate to a Band D council tax of £254.00 for 2023/24, an increase of 14 pence per week or £7.37 per year);
- ii) to approve the financial pressures (as shown in Appendix A of the presented agenda report) of £1,928,800;

- iii) to approve the net contributions to/(from) Earmarked Reserves of £(45,567) (as shown in Appendix A of the published agenda report), including the proposed use of £150,000 from the Business Rates Retention Earmarked Reserve (as set out in paragraph 3.17 of the presented agenda report);
- iv) to use £150,000 of New Homes Bonus funding in 2023/24 to fund the Revenue Base Budget (as set out in paragraph 3.22 of the presented agenda report) and to allocate £78,500 of New Homes Bonus funding to the Dartmoor National Park Authority (as set out in paragraph 3.23 of the presented agenda report), with the proviso that this Funding be used to ensure that the Visitor Centre at Princetown is kept open until at least 30 September 2023;
- v) to approve the savings of £1,110,500 (as set out at Appendix A of the presented agenda report);
- vi) to approve the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's recommendation on the increase in the garden waste subscription charge from April 2023, (for the sum of £52.00 per annum) as set out in paragraph 5.3 and Appendix F of the presented agenda report;
- vii) to approve the proposed Capital Programme Proposals for 2023/24 of £910,000 and the proposed financing of the Capital Programme (as set out in Appendix D of the published agenda report) (being £700,000 from the Better Care Fund funding from Devon County Council, £160,000 from New Homes Bonus funding and £50,000 revenue funding from the Vehicles and Plant Earmarked Reserve);
- viii) that Unearmarked Reserves should continue to have a minimum level of £900,000 (as set in the Medium Term Financial Strategy in September 2022), but an operating level of a minimum of £1.25million; and
- ix) that, with effect from 31 March 2023, the Servaco dormant company (which the Council jointly owns with South Hams District Council), be closed down.

**HC.77/22 Council Tax Reduction Scheme
2023-24 And Other Council Tax
Discounts And Premiums**

2. to approve a local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2023/24 that as follows:
 - Makes no changes to Band 1 of the current banded scheme;
 - Uplifts Bands 2, 3 and 4 by 20% (above current inflation) to take into account the Cost of Living crisis;
 - Replaces the current range of earnings disregards with a single £25.00 disregard; and
 - Makes changes to the Minimum Income Floor by adjusting the income calculation for self-employed claimants who receive carer's allowance, personal independence payments or disability living allowance.
3. that delegated authority be given to the Director of Strategic Finance, in consultation with the Lead Member for Benefits and the Head of Revenues and Benefits, to agree the uprating of working age regulations incorporated into the local Council Tax Reduction Scheme in line with those announced by the Department for Work and Pensions;
4. that officers be instructed to take immediate steps to apply the £25.00 Council Tax Support Fund payment to the 2023/24 council tax bills of eligible council taxpayers, as announced by the Government on 19 December 2022, and bring forward proposals for a discretionary scheme in late spring 2023;
5. to adopt the Council Tax discounts as follows (with effect from 1 April 2023):
 - (a) The discount for unoccupied and substantially unfurnished properties is 100% for a maximum period of 1 month;
 - (b) The discount for unoccupied and substantially unfurnished properties for 1 month to 2 years is zero;
 - (c) The discount for properties which are vacant and require major repair work to render

them habitable is 50% for maximum period of 12 months;

(d) The discount for unoccupied furnished properties (second homes) is zero;

(e) An empty homes premium of an additional 100% is levied on properties that have remained unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for at least two years, but less than five years;

(f) An empty homes premium of an additional 200% is levied on properties that have remained unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for at least five years, but less than ten years;

(g) An empty homes premium of an additional 300% is levied on properties that have remained unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for at least ten years or more; and

6. That, in principle, the following additional council tax premiums be applied from 1 April 2024, or earlier if allowed, subject to the required legislation being in place:

- 100% premium for properties which have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a period of between 1 and 2 years; and
- 100% premium for second homes.

(iv) Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Dated this 13th day of February 2023

Andy Bates
Chief Executive