

# WEST DEVON COUNCIL



West Devon  
Borough  
Council

## **Minutes** of a meeting of the **West Devon Council** held on **Tuesday, 30th November, 2021** at **4.00 pm** at the **Chamber - Kilworthy Park**

Present: **Councillors:**

**Chairman** Cllr Mott  
**Vice Chairman**

Cllr Ball	Cllr Cheadle
Cllr Coulson	Cllr Crozier
Cllr Davies	Cllr Daniel
Cllr Edmonds	Cllr Ewings
Cllr Heyworth	Cllr Jory
Cllr Leech	Cllr Moyse
Cllr Ratcliffe	Cllr Renders
Cllr Samuel	Cllr Sellis
Cllr Southcott	Cllr Spettigue
Cllr Wood	Cllr Yelland

### **In attendance:**

Officers:  
Chief Executive  
Deputy Chief Executive  
Monitoring Officer  
Democratic Services Manager

43. **Welcome**  
CM 43/21  
On behalf of the Council, the Mayor welcomed Cllr Blackman to her first meeting of the Council since her recent election to the office of West Devon Borough Council.
44. **Apologies for Absence**  
CM 44/21  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bolton, Bridgewater, Kemp, Kimber, Moody, Pearce, Ridgers and Vachon.

45. **Confirmation of Minutes**  
CM 45/21  
It was moved by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon the motion being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **"RESOLVED** that the Council agree the Minutes of the 28 September 2021 meeting as a true record."
46. **Declarations of Interest**  
CM 46/21  
The Mayor invited Members to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting, but there were none made.
47. **Business brought forward by or with the consent of the Mayor**  
CM 47/21  
**(a) Okehampton Rail Passenger Service**  
At the invitation of the Mayor, a local Ward Member made reference to the Okehampton Rail passenger service that had been reinstated on 20 November 2021. In making reference to the unsuccessful bid to the Levelling Up Fund for the proposed railway station at Okehampton Parkway, the local Member highlighted the importance of this facility and urged the wider membership and residents alike to encourage usage of the passenger service in order to build up the evidence base for the Parkway station.
48. **To consider motions of which notice has been duly submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15:**  
CM.48/21  
It was moved by Cllr D Sellis and seconded by Cllr K Ball that:  
  
*"In view of the deteriorating state of West Devon Highways and, noting that Devon County Council had £20million reduced from their highway funding this year, West Devon Borough Council will write to all local MP's asking them to seek fairer funding for our Borough."*  
  
During the ensuing debate, it was confirmed that Devon County Council continued to make regular representations to Central Government on this matter.  
  
It was then **"RESOLVED** that in view of the deteriorating state of West Devon Highways and, noting that Devon County Council had £20million reduced from their highway funding this year, West Devon Borough Council will write to all local MP's asking them to seek fairer funding for our Borough."

49.

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

CM 49/21

**a. Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 5 October 2021**

It was moved by Cllr M Ewings, seconded by Cllr L Wood and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 5 October 2021 meeting be received and noted”.

**b. Audit Committee – 2 November 2021**

It was moved by Cllr M Davies, seconded by Cllr K Ball and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 2 November 2021 meeting be received and noted”.

**c. Hub Committee – 2 November 2021**

It was moved by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr C Edmonds and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 2 November 2021 meeting be received and noted, with the exception of Recommendations HC 38/21, HC 41/21 and HC 43/21.”

In respect of the Recommendations:

**HC 38/21: Planning Improvement Plan – Phase 2 Resources**

It was moved by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that:

1. the Council employ six additional permanent posts (shared with South Hams District Council), being four planning specialists and two legal specialists, at an annual cost of £71,000 (the WDBC share of the costs), to be funded from additional planning income; and
2. the staffing budget be increased by £71,000 and the planning income target for 2022/23 onwards be increased by £71,000.

**HC 41/21: Public Space Protection Order – Alcohol and Anti-Social Behaviour**

It was moved by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that the Tavistock Meadows Alcohol and Anti-Social Behaviour Public Space Protection Order 2021 be agreed (as set out in Appendix A of the presented agenda report to the Hub Committee Meeting).”

**HC 43/21: Reports of Bodies: Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 5 October 2021**

## **(ii) Lamerton Housing Report**

It was moved by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **"RESOLVED** that the Council adopt a position to lobby Central Government and our local MPs to close the loophole that allows Small Business Rates Relief to second homeowners who rent their home out for 140 or more days per year."

### **d. Development Management & Licensing Committee – 14 September 2021, 12 October 2021 and 9 November 2021**

It was moved by Cllr J Yelland, seconded by Cllr D Moyse and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **"RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 14 September 2021, 12 October 2021 and 9 November 2021 meetings be received and noted, with the exception of Recommendation DM&L 30."

In respect of the recommendation:

### **DM&L 30 Three-Yearly Review of Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles**

It was moved by Cllr J Yelland, seconded by Cllr D Moyse and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **"RESOLVED** that the amended draft Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles (as set out at Appendix A of the published agenda report presented to the Committee) be adopted for the period from 31 January 2022 to 30 January 2025."

50.

### **Revised Political Composition of the Council**

CM 50/21

Consideration was given to a report that requested that the Council amend the membership of some of its formal and informal Bodies to reflect the revised political balance.

It was then proposed by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **"RESOLVED** that, with immediate effect:

1. the revised political composition of the Council be noted as follows:
  - Conservative Group: 16 Members;
  - West Devon Alliance Group: 12 Members;
  - Non-aligned Independents: 2 Members; and
  - One vacancy.
2. Cllr A Blackman be appointed to serve on:
  - The Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
  - The Development Management and Licensing Committee (as a substitute Member and subject to being in receipt of the required Member Training);

- The Tamar Estuary Consultative Forum; and
  - The Communications & Media and Housing Hub Advisory Groups;
3. Cllr J Spettigue be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Development Management & Licensing Committee, with Cllr Bolton no longer serving on the Standards Committee; and
  4. it be noted that a further report on the Political Composition of the Council will be presented to the Council at its first meeting following the Tavistock North by-election."

51. **Annual Review of the Health and Safety Policy Statement**

CM 51/21

The Council considered a report that sought to adopt the annual Joint Health and Safety at Work Policy.

When questioned, officers confirmed that the Borough Council had incurred no recordable Health and Safety incidents during the last twelve months.

It was then proposed by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **"RESOLVED** that the annual joint health and safety at work policy be adopted and signed by the Head of Paid Service and the Leader of the Council."

The Meeting concluded at 4.25 pm

**Signed by:**

**Chairman**

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