South Hams Council



Title:	Agenda		
Date:	Thursday, 29th September, 2016		
Time:	2.00 pm		
Venue:	Council Chamber - Follaton House		
Full Members:	Chairman Cllr Smerdon		
	Vice Chairman Cllr Cuthbert		
	Cllr Baldry Cllr Bastone Cllr Birch Cllr Blackler Cllr Pearce Cllr Bramble Cllr Brazil Cllr Brown Cllr Brown Cllr Cane Cllr Foss Cllr Gilbert Cllr Green Cllr Green Cllr Hawkins Cllr Ward Cllr Hicks Cllr Wright Cllr Wright Cllr Hodgson		
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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to approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Annual Council held on 19 May 2016 and the Special Council meetings held on 30 June 2016 and 28 July 2016

2. Urgent Business

the Chairman to announce if any item not on the agenda should be considered on the basis that he considers it as a matter of urgency (any such item to be dealt with under item 7 below);

3. Confidential Business

the Chairman to inform the meeting of any confidential item of business;

4. Exempt Information

to consider whether the consideration of any item of business would be likely to disclose exempt information and if so the category of such exempt information;

5. Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to declare any personal; or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting;

6. Chairman's Engagements

7. Business Brought Forward by the Chairman

to consider business (if any) brought forward by the Chairman as reported under item 2 above;

8. Questions

to consider the following question(s) received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8.

(a) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'Ref. the LACC proposal, has any other local authority

established a similar operating model? If so, please provide its name.'

(b) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'How will SHDC exercise control over the performance of the statutory services by the LACC?'

(c) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'Will the contract between SHDC and the LACC contain performance targets in respect of the services it provides? If so, what will be the sanctions in respect of non-performance?'

(d) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'As the LACC will require a Board of Directors, will selected members of both councils be appointed as directors? If so, will this not give rise to a conflict of interest?'

(e) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'Ref. the LACC proposal, when will advice be obtained in respect of a possible liability for Corporation Tax?'

(f) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'When will a confirmation/guarantee be obtained from LGPS in respect of the current pension deficit and how it should be treated in the event of the formation of the LACC?'

(g) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'Will there be provision within the agreement between SHDC and the LACC that provides for the disclosure of documents and information relevant to the provision and performance of the statutory services?'

(h) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'Has there been any assessment carried out in respect of the current skills and capacity of the proposed management team or their ability to deliver a successful LACC? What steps will be taken if, in carrying out the assessment, it is shown there is a need for additional skills and capacity?'

(i) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'Will the Members be shown and given the opportunity to comment on any proposed contract to be entered into

between SHDC and the LACC before its formation?'

(j) From Cllr Birch to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'What steps will be taken to consult with the Town and Parish Councils on the proposed transfer of services to the LACC?'

(k) From Cllr Baldry to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'We have been given the names of the eight project team members with responsibility for the LACC. Some are full time on the project. Others do it in addition to their other duties. Will the Leader tell us how much time each of the non-full time members are spending on the Project?'

(I) From Cllr Steer to Cllr Ward, Deputy Leader of the Council

'With the 'Stay Connected' initiative currently being rolled out on our website, could Cllr Ward inform Members of how this has been received, how it will operate in the future and indicate the number of residents now registered?'

(m) From Cllr Hodgson to Cllr Tucker, Leader of the Council

'What is this Local Authority doing to meet its obligations regarding addressing Climate Change?'

9. Notices of Motion

to consider the following motion received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.1:

(a) By Cllrs Hopwood and Foss

"There are 49 female members of staff at South Hams District Council born between 1950 and 1969 which will be adversely affected by the government changes made to the Pensions Act. With this in mind and the wider South Hams female population the Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment. Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements."

10. Exclusion of Public and Press

11. Future of Devon Building Control Partnership

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12. Re-admittance of Public and Press

13. Reports of Bodies

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to receive and as may be necessary approve the minutes and recommendations of the under-mentioned Bodies

Council Body		Date of Meeting
a	Audit Committee *	28 July 2016
b	Development Management Committee *	3 August 2016
С	Overview & Scrutiny Panel	4 August 2016
d	Development Management Committee	7 September 2016
е	Executive *	15 September 2016

^{*} Indicates minutes containing recommendations to Council.