

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT  
COUNCIL HELD AT FOLLATON HOUSE, TOTNES ON THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2016**

**MEMBERS**

\* Cllr I Bramble – Chairman

\* Cllr P C Smerdon – Vice-Chairman

* Cllr K J Baldry	* Cllr N A Hopwood
* Cllr H D Bastone	* Cllr D Horsburgh
* Cllr J I G Blackler	* Cllr D W May
* Cllr J Brazil	* Cllr J A Pearce
* Cllr D Brown	* Cllr J T Pennington
* Cllr B F Cane	∅ Cllr K Pringle
* Cllr P K Cuthbert	* Cllr R Rowe
* Cllr R J Foss	* Cllr M F Saltern
* Cllr R D Gilbert	* Cllr R C Steer
* Cllr J P Green	* Cllr R J Tucker
* Cllr J D Hawkins	∅ Cllr R J Vint
* Cllr M J Hicks	∅ Cllr L A H Ward
* Cllr P W Hitchins	* Cllr K R H Wingate
* Cllr J M Hodgson	* Cllr S A E Wright
* Cllr T R Holway	

\* Denotes attendance

∅ Denotes apology for absence

Officers in attendance and participating:

For all items: Head of Paid Service; Group Manager – Business Development;  
Monitoring Officer; and Senior Specialist – Democratic Services

66/15      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting but there were none made.

67/15      **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The following resolution was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and on being put to the vote declared **CARRIED**:

**RESOLVED**

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act is involved.

68/15

**BID TO PURCHASE LAND TO ASSIST WITH INCOME GENERATION**

An exempt report was considered that sought to gain approval to lodge an unconditional bid for the purchase of a site in the South Hams.

Members noted that this item had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel before this meeting had taken place (Minute O&S.99/16 also refers).

In discussion, a Member requested that her views be noted whereby the Council should continue to aspire for 50% affordable housing on every future development in the South Hams.

It was then:

**RESOLVED**

1. That officers lodge an unconditional bid for a site on the terms as outlined in Section 3 of the presented agenda report; and
2. That the associated acquisition costs (including stamp duty) be funded from the Innovation Fund.

69/15

**INCOME GENERATION PROPOSALS**

An exempt report was considered that provided an update on income generation proposals.

Members again noted that this item had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel before this meeting had taken place (Minute O&S.100/15 also refers).

It was then:

**RESOLVED**

1. That approval be given to the recruitment of a permanent level four grade specialist post, shared between South Hams and West Devon, on a 60% South Hams / 40% West Devon split at an initial cost to the Council of £26,400 per annum;
2. That this resource be charged with preparing detailed business cases for the schemes identified in Figure 1 (as outlined in the presented agenda report)
3. That the income generation and efficiency proposals (as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the presented agenda report) be progressed to the stage of business case sign-off; and
4. That individual business cases will be subject to a consultation exercise with relevant stakeholders and these will ultimately be presented back to Members for a decision.

70/15 **RE-ADMITTANCE OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The following resolution was then **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and on being put to the vote declared **CARRIED**:

**RESOLVED**

That the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting.

71/15 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL MINUTES – 17 MARCH 2016 MEETING****(a) Briefing on the South Devon Coastal LAG and Greater Dartmoor LEAF Programmes (Minute O&S.88/15 refers)****RESOLVED**

That a letter be sent to the District Council Network outlining the Council's grave concerns over the current decision-making process.

**(b) Our Plan: South Hams Review (Minute O&S.89/15 refers)****RESOLVED**

1. That the progress on the 2015/16 Our Plan; Annual Activity Programme (appendix 1 of the presented agenda report to the Panel refers) be noted;
2. That *Our Plan: South Hams* (as presented at Appendix 2 of the presented agenda report to the Panel) be adopted for the 2016/17 Financial year as a document that:-
  - Recognises Our Plan: South Hams as the single comprehensive Council Plan and recognises the importance of infrastructure being given the same emphasis as economy and homes;
  - Stresses the importance of housing being provided that reflects the unique needs and special requirements of the South Hams area;
  - Restates the Council's corporate Vision and Objectives;
  - Establishes the common basis for the Councils Financial Plan, Asset Management Plan, Local Plan and all other Plans and Strategies;
  - Establishes priorities for delivery including a delivery plan commencing in 2016/17;
  - Establishes mechanisms for delivery and ensuring the use of SMART targets;
  - Establishes engagement, monitoring and review procedures; and
  - Provides context for subsequent incorporation of the Local Plan element currently subject to separate preparation

Subject to inclusion of any amendments, which are to be delegated to Lead Specialist – Place and Strategy, in consultation with the Leader of Council, Executive Lead Member for Strategic Planning and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

3. Establish a joint South Hams and West Devon Member working group (comprising of Cllrs Hopwood, Ward and Wingate) to agree the scope, details and key measures of the Economic Development work; and
4. Undertake further work to identify *Key Measures* for the 8 Our Plan objectives that are clear expressions of the Councils intentions and which can be measured and readily promoted. Agreement of these to be delegated to Lead Specialist – Place and Strategy, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Lead for Strategic Planning.

(Meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.20 am)

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Chairman