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COUNCIL SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the **WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Kilworthy Park, **TAVISTOCK** on **TUESDAY** the 7th day of **OCTOBER 2014** at **4.30 pm**.

Prior to the Meeting, the Reverend Graham Cotter has been invited to say prayers.

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED.

1. Apologies for absence
2. 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.

If Councillors have any questions relating to predetermination, bias or interests in items on this Summons, then please contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

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| 3. | To approve and adopt as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 nd July 2014 | 1 |
| 4. | To receive communications from the Mayor or person presiding | |
| 5. | Business brought forward by or with the consent of the Mayor | |
| 6. | To respond to any questions submitted by the public and to receive deputations or petitions under Council Procedure Rule 21 | |
| 7. | To consider motions of which notice has been submitted by Members of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15 | |

Notice of Motion submitted by the Leader of the Council, Cllr P Sanders:

"This Council calls upon the Secretary of State for Transport and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to support the future economic resilience of the South West Peninsula by investing in improved strategic road and rail transport links.

Our area is frequently cut off from the rest of the country because strategic transport links are adversely affected by severe weather, accidents or maintenance works. Efficient transport is critical to ensure essential services function and the economy can grow.

We ask the Government to invest in four key areas to help Devon's economy:

- Improvements to the A303/A30/A358 to create a reliable second strategic road link from London to the South West Peninsula.*
- A resilient and reliable railway for the South West Peninsula.*
- Faster rail journey times and better connections.*
- Sufficient capacity and quality of our trains (both engines and carriages) to meet demand.”*

8. To consider questions submitted by Members under Council Procedure Rule 21
9. To receive the Minutes of the following Committees, to note the delegated decisions and to consider the adoption of those Minutes which require approval:

(i) Audit Committee

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Unstarred Minute to agree

Members are recommended to agree:

AC 19 Audit of the Annual Statement of Accounts 2013/2014

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that:

- (i) the Financial Statements and the Technical Appendix as given in Appendix A be approved and adopted; and,
- (ii) the wording of the Letter of Representation as given in Appendix B be also approved and signed by the Chairman and Head of Finance & Audit.

AC 21 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2013/2014

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that:

- (i) the Treasury Management Report for 2013/2014 be received and noted;
- (ii) the actual prudential indicators for 2013/2014 as shown in Appendix A, be noted; and,
- (iii) the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement as detailed in paragraph 6.2 of the officer's report (page 148 to the Agenda) be also noted.

AC 22 Internal Audit – Revision of and progress against the 2014/15 Plan

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that

- (i) the revisions being made to the 2014/2015 Internal Audit Plan and the progress being in achieving the aims of the Plan be noted; and,
- (ii) representations be sent to the Audit Commission which outline the Council's deep reservations regarding the recommendation to no longer appoint Grant Thornton as the Council's External Auditor.

(ii) Community Services Committee

Meeting held on 2nd September 2014

Meeting cancelled

(iii) Planning & Licensing Committee

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10. To receive the report of the Leader of the Council on behalf of the Member Selection Panel on the appointment of Executive Director 41

NOTE: Appendix A contains exempt information through Paragraph 1 and 2 of Section 100 (A)(4) OF THE Local Government Act 1972.

11. To receive the report of the Executive Director (Resources) on Torridge District Council and the Future Operating Model 46

12. To receive the report of the Head of Environmental Health & Housing on forming a Local Authority Trading Company 57

13. To receive the report of the Head of Environmental Health & Housing on the proposed amalgamation of West Devon Homes with Devon and Cornwall Housing. 90

14. To receive the report of the Head of Finance & Audit on business rates pooling 97

15. To receive the report of the Customer Services Manager on Council Tax Reduction. (This report was considered by the Resources Committee earlier). 102

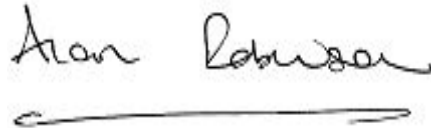
16. To receive the report of the Democratic Services Manager on the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 117

17. To receive the report of the Head of Corporate Services/Electoral Services Officer on a review of Polling Places and Polling Districts 121

18. To receive the report of the Street Scene Manager on Dog Control Orders 134

- 19.** To Order the affixing of the Common Seal
For the information of Members, a list of documents sealed by the Council and witnessed by the Mayor and the Monitoring Officer during the period from 14th July 2014 to 26th September 2014. 139

Dated this 29th day of September 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Lawson". Below the signature is a horizontal line that tapers at both ends, serving as a decorative underline.

Executive Director (Communities) & Head of Paid Service