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To: Chairman & Members of South Hams District Council

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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **South Hams District Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber**, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, on **Thursday, 19 December 2013 at 2.00 pm** when your attendance is requested.

Yours sincerely



Richard Sheard
Chief Executive

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| <p>FOR ANY QUERIES ON THIS AGENDA, PLEASE CONTACT DARRYL WHITE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER ON DIRECT LINE 01803 861247</p> |
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A G E N D A

1. **Minutes** – to approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 September 2013 (pages 1 to 14) and the special meeting of the Council held on 31 October 2013 (pages 15 to 23);
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 questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8.

From Cllr Baldry to Cllr Tucker, Leader of Council

1. The number of meetings of Full council has been reduced. It now appears that meetings of the Executive are 12 weeks apart. Who is taking Council decisions between meetings? Why are they not taken in public?

From Cllr Brazil to Councillor Hicks, lead Executive Member for Planning, Economy and Community

2. GVA has now published the final Strategic Housing Market Needs Assessment (SHMNA) for the South Hams. What is the timetable for the Council to debate and then draw conclusions from this report?
3. The SHMNA report contains economic forecasts that predict an increase in jobs of between 15% and 35% over a 20 year period to 2030. Given that in the last 20 years jobs in the UK have increased by 9.7% and by 10.7% for the 20 years before that and that since 1959 the number of jobs in the UK has risen by about 28% (over a period of 65 years), what weight do you feel the Council should give to these predictions?
4. The planning permission for Newton Sherford has now been signed off. What % of affordable housing without grant or clawback has the Council agreed with Red Tree and how does this compare with the adopted Local Development Framework Sherford Area Action Plan?
5. What is the average cost of agricultural land in the South Hams per acre?
6. Excluding exception and Village Housing Initiative sites, what is the average cost of agricultural land that receives planning permission for housing in the South Hams?

From Cllr Brazil to Cllr Tucker, Leader of Council

7. With the Chief Executive leaving, will the opportunity of sharing a Chief Executive with Teignbridge be explored and offered as a possible solution to our situation?

9. **Notice of Motion** – to consider the following motions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.1.

(a) **By Cllrs Gorman and Pannell**

“This Council (a) supports the principle of a Financial Transactions (aka Robin Hood) Tax and (b) urges Government to back implementation of this tax as a means of relieving some of the financial stress on Local Authorities and their residents.”

(b) **By Cllrs Hodgson and Hawkins**

“SHDC will support and resource where possible, projects that provide for local young people’s housing needs. These projects would be developed by young people in consultation with the SHDC Housing Officer and their local Town or Parish Council or Ward Member.”

(c) **By Cllrs Hodgson and Baldry**

“In the wake of the recent announcements to stop the extension of the Gloucestershire Badger cull due to not meeting targets and concerns about its effectiveness, this Council wishes to express its support for the implementation of a district-wide Bovine Tuberculosis (BTB) vaccination programme. This Council also recommends that the South Hams is designated a Badger Cull-free zone.”

(NOTE: For more info: www.theguardian.com/environment/2013/dec/02/failed-gloucestershire-badger-cull-tb-risk-cattle)

(d) **By Cllrs Hodgson and Gorman**

“Snaring is a cruel, indiscriminate and wholly unnecessary practice that has no place in modern society. Snares are thick wire nooses that are set to trap any animal perceived to be a pest or threat. The primitive design of a snare silently garrottes its victims and often leads to a painful and lingering death. Many protected mammals, such as badgers and otters, plus livestock and domestic pets are either caught, seriously injured, or killed by snares.”

(NOTE: For more info: www.snarewatch.org/about-the-law-and-snaring)

10. **Appointment of Head of Paid Service** – to consider a report which seeks the Council’s confirmation of the recommendation of the Appointments Panel and to share the reasoning behind the process adopted (circulated separately);
11. **Member Allowances 2014/15** – to consider a report which seeks to determine a new Scheme of Members’ Allowances for the 2014/15 Financial Year (circulated separately);

12. **Business Rates Pooling in Devon** – to consider a report which requests delegated authority for a decision to be made on whether the Council remains in the Devonwide Business Rates Pool for the 2014/15 Financial Year (circulated separately);
13. **Reports of Bodies** – to receive and as may be necessary approve the minutes and recommendations of the under-mentioned Bodies:-

| Council Body | | Date of Meeting | Minute Nos. | Page Nos. |
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| a | Development Management Committee | 25 September 2013 | DM.22/13 – DM.26/13 | 24 - 28 |
| b | Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Panel * | 3 October 2013 | CP&R.09/13 – CP&R.21/13 | 29 - 41 |
| c | Development Management Committee | 30 October 2013 | DM.27/13 – DM.31/13 | 42 - 48 |
| d | Economy & Environment Scrutiny Panel | 14 November 2013 | EE.23/13 – EE.33/13 | 49 - 62 |
| e | Salcombe Harbour Board | 18 November 2013 | SH.29/13 – SH.36/13 | 63 - 65 |
| f | Community Life & Housing Scrutiny Panel | 21 November 2013 | CLH.20/13 – CLH.33/13 | 66 - 78 |
| g | Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Panel | 28 November 2013 | CP&R.22/13 – CP&R.xx/13 | To follow |
| h | Development Management Committee | 4 December 2013 | DM.32/13 – DM.xx/13 | To follow |
| i | Executive * | 12 December 2013 | E.38/13 – E.xx/13 | To follow |

* Indicates minutes containing recommendations to Council.

Members of the public may wish to note that the Council's meeting rooms are accessible by wheelchairs and have a loop induction hearing system.

**An optional lunch will be available for all Members
in the Dining Room at 1.00 pm**

**MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER
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