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17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Councillor

I hereby give you notice that a Meeting of the **BUDGET & POLICY COMMITTEE** will be held on **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**, **2023** at **6.30pm** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER**, **DRAKE ROAD**, **TAVISTOCK**.

Should Members have any detailed questions concerning any financial matters, or the accompanying reports, they should be passed to the General Office sufficiently in advance of the Meeting in order that enquiries may be undertaken and an informed response prepared.

Yours sincerely

Carl Hearn
TOWN CLERK

# MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Councillor P Ward Chairman & Deputy Mayor

(also Immediate Past Mayor ) - ex officio

Councillor U Mann Vice Chairman

Councillor A Hutton Mayor - ex officio

Councillors Ms M Ewings, Mrs A Johnson

# **AGENDA**

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Budget & Policy Committee held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 (previously circulated).

#### 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any Declarations of Interest.

# ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

#### 4. **BUDGET PREPARATION & PRECEPT SETTING 2024/25**

To consider the report of the Town Clerk in connection with the above (to follow).

#### 5. WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL - DOG CONTROL ORDER CONSULTATION

To consider any response to the WDBC consultation on the Borough Wide Dog Control Order – for more information go to:

https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/news/2023/we-are-consulting-dogcontrol-0

https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-

08/Public%20Space%20Protection%20Order%202021%20-

%20Control%20of%20Dogs.pdf

Note: the Works Manager has indicated support for continuation of the existing arrangement - but highlighted the lack of enforcement in sensitive/prominent public places, including those used by children. Thereby undermining the integrity and credibility of the scheme and representing a potential risk to health.

#### 6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

# a. Green Spaces Designation

To consider correspondence from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group inviting the views of the Council, as landowner, on proposed designations of green space within the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish (copy letter and plan enclosed).

Note: as the correspondence potentially relates to landowner and riparian rights and duties it may be necessary to consider certain aspects in closed session.

b. Neighbourhood Development Plan - Financial Forecast To consider a revised budget forecast and project plan for the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan consequential on anticipated reductions in grant availability (copy enclosed).

# ITEMS CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION ONLY

#### 7. TAVISTOCK TO PLYMOUTH RAIL LINK

To consider an update report from the Councils representative on the Tavi Rail Forum (enclosed)

#### PROPOSED CHARGING FOR ON-STREET PARKING 8.

To consider the response, if any, received from Devon County Council to representations made by Tavistock Town Council and other affected communities in Devon in connection with the above (copy correspondence pursuant to the last meeting of Council enclosed).

Note: see also prior delayed response to a request for information also outlining proposals available at:-

https://www.devon.gov.uk/accesstoinformation/information\_request/tavistock-street-charging/

# GOOSE FAIR 2023

To receive any preliminary oral update in connection with the operation of Goose Fair 2023.

## **URGENT ITEMS**

# 10. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Matters which the Chairman decides are urgent and the reasons relating thereto. Councillors are reminded that if a matter has not been specified on the Agenda no formally binding decision can be taken on it.

## **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

# 11. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, to consider that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item(s) of business.

# CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION ONLY 12. GUILDHALL GATEWAY CENTRE – OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS

(**CONFIDENTIAL** - by virtue of relating to matters of a legal, financial, staffing or contractual nature affecting persons other than the Council)

To receive an oral update on progress in connection with the above consequent upon the surrender date.

# 13. CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

To receive any oral update in connection with progress regarding the above.

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