

WEST DEVON BOROUGH A COUNCILLORS REPORT OCTOBER 2023

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Since the last report of Cllr Anne Johnsons July '23 there is little more to add.

A) Full Council presently comprises of 31 Members. In addition there are the following Service & sub Committees,

- 1) Audit & Governance with 7 Members;
- 2) Overview & Scrutiny with 16 Members,
- 3) Development Management & Licensing with 10 Members,
- 4) Hub Committee with 9 Members,
- 5) Regeneration& Investment with 3 Members.
- 6) Council Tax Setting with 4 Members.
- 7) Dartmoor National Park with 2 Members.

B) Tuesday is often the busiest day combining Council, Committees & Special Interest Groups to meet. Many Officers also report to South Hams District Council the other Council in Partnership & some are based there at Follaton House Totnes.

C) Recent activity has been underpinned by the working induction of newly elected Members being integrated onto Council Committees & understanding existing policies.

D) Contemporary Issues discussed which may be of interest include;

- i) Housing & its availability,
- ii) Climate Change/Carbon Emissions',
- iii) The delineation of respective Parish boundaries as in Okehampton & its Hamlets,
- iv) Structure & Membership of Council Committees & Working Groups with respective strategical responsibilities;
- vi)The Environment evidenced by Tree Preservation Orders.

vi)Minimization of the Council Tax burden on Care Leavers has also been approved.....*Pete Squire 30/10/23*