



## Public Document Pack

North Devon Council  
Brynsworthy Environment Centre  
Barnstaple  
North Devon EX31 3NP

K. Miles  
Chief Executive.

To: All Members of the Council  
and Chief Officers

**NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THAT PRAYERS WILL BE SAID AT 6.20 P.M. PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING FOR ANY MEMBER WHO WISHES TO ATTEND**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend a meeting of **NORTH DEVON COUNCIL** to be held in the Crematorium Meeting Room - North Devon Crematorium on **WEDNESDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 2022 at 6.30 pm.**

**(NOTE: From the 7 May 2021, the law requires all councils to hold formal meetings in person. The council is also ensuring that all venues used are Covid secure and that all appropriate measures are put in place. There are a limited number of spaces available for members of the public to attend. Please check the Council's website for the latest information regarding the arrangements that are in place and the requirement to book a place 2 working days prior to the meeting [Taking part in meetings \(northdevon.gov.uk\)](https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/taking-part-in-meetings))**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Miles', is written over a horizontal line.

**Chief Executive**

### **AGENDA**

11. Questions by Members (Pages 7 - 8)  
Questions to the Leader or the Chair of a Committee submitted under Part 4, Council Procedure Rules, paragraph 10.4 of the Constitution.

**If you have any enquiries about this agenda, please contact Corporate and Community Services, telephone 01271 388253**

4.01.22

## **GUIDANCE NOTES FOR RULES OF DEBATE AT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

### Part 4, Council Procedure Rules of the Constitution

#### **The basics**

At a meeting of Full Council, Members shall stand when speaking unless unable to do so and shall address the Chair.

While a Member is speaking, other Members shall remain seated unless rising for a point of order, a point of information or in personal explanation.

No speeches may be made after the mover had moved a proposal and explained the purpose of it until the motion has been seconded.

Unless notice of motion has already been given, the Chair may require it to be written down and handed to him before it is discussed.

When seconding a motion or amendment, a member may reserve their speech until later in the debate.

Speeches must be directed to the question under discussion or to be personal explanation or point of order.

A speech by the mover of a motion may not exceed 5 minutes without the consent of the Chair.

Speeches by other Members may not exceed 3 minutes without the consent of the Chair, unless when the Council's annual budget is under discussion, the leader of each political group on the Council may speak for up to 5 minutes or such longer period as the Chair shall allow.

#### **The rules of Question Time**

At a meeting of the Council, other than the Annual meeting, a Member of the Council may ask the Leader or the chair of a committee any question without notice upon an item of the report of a committee when that item is being received or under consideration by the Council.



## **North Devon Council protocol on recording/filming at Council meetings**

The Council is committed to openness and transparency in its decision-making. Recording is permitted at Council meetings that are open to the public. The Council understands that some members of the public attending its meetings may not wish to be recorded. The Chairman of the meeting will make sure any request not to be recorded is respected.

The rules that the Council will apply are:

1. The recording must be overt (clearly visible to anyone at the meeting) and must not disrupt proceedings. The Council will put signs up at any meeting where we know recording is taking place.
2. The Chairman of the meeting has absolute discretion to stop or suspend recording if, in their opinion, continuing to do so would prejudice proceedings at the meeting or if the person recording is in breach of these rules.
3. We will ask for recording to stop if the meeting goes into 'part B' where the public is excluded for confidentiality reasons. In such a case, the person filming should leave the room ensuring all recording equipment is switched off.
4. Any member of the public has the right not to be recorded. We ensure that agendas for, and signage at, Council meetings make it clear that recording can take place – anyone not wishing to be recorded must advise the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.
5. The recording should not be edited in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or in a way that ridicules or shows a lack of respect for those in the recording. The Council would expect any recording in breach of these rules to be removed from public view.

### **Notes for guidance:**

Please contact either our Corporate and Community Services team or our Communications team in advance of the meeting you wish to record at so we can make all the necessary arrangements for you on the day.

For more information contact the Corporate and Community Services team on **01271 388253** or email **memberservices@northdevon.gov.uk** or the Communications Team on **01271 388278**, email **communications@northdevon.gov.uk**.



This page is intentionally left blank

## **NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL: 12 JANUARY 2022**

### **QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OR THE CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE SUBMITTED UNDER PART 4 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES, PARAGRAPH 10.4 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

#### **Question for the Leader from Councillor Walker**

“With the growing concern about the rising costs of fuel for households, as a council can we highlight energy savings advice and where grants may be available for the improvement of energy efficiency to homes. Along with this could councillors highlight any such schemes they find to our comms team to be able to be shared on our media platforms.”

#### **Councillor Worden, Leader’s response**

“I am pleased to advise you that your Council will be taking immediate action to reduce the number of households who are living in fuel poverty.

We know many people have already faced steep rises in their energy bills following the surge in the global energy market.

We know also there is a looming energy price hike in April, when the regulator Ofgem declares the new price setting formula.

This month the Council will launch a new web page for homeowners, tenants and landlords. The web page will be dedicated to supporting an increase in energy efficiency, reducing fuel poverty and increasing the take-up of renewables.

We will use the ‘hook’ of the recent LAD3 funding award and approval of service plan actions related to energy efficiency to promote this new online service through a press release, social media and direct media bulletins.

In the medium term, our web page will show short video clips, with local residents talking about the benefits of the services they have reviewed. This will promote customer confidence and encourage take-up.

The scope and potential for positive impact of our ‘community offer’ is significant but the local landscape is complex:

ECO.  
ECO Flex.

BCF Warm Up Grants.  
Green Homes' Grants (LAD 2).  
Sustainable Warmth Grants (LAD 3).  
Energy Redress Scheme.  
Bespoke home energy advice service for DFG and Homeless Applicants.  
Regulation of MEES.

We will take every opportunity to encourage grant take-up by providing comprehensive, clear and straightforward advice and by commissioning trusted assessors.

We will also improve standards in the PRS by regulating in a way that is sensitive to the current market conditions.

Where we can, we will further build our 'community offer', e.g. in the implementation of ECO 4 from March 2022.

This programme of work is a priority for action for the Council.”