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K. Miles
Chief Executive.

To: All Members of the Council
and Chief Officers

NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THAT PRAYERS WILL BE SAID AT 6.25 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 Barum Room - Brynsworthy on **WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2023 at 6.30 pm.**

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Chief Executive

AGENDA

4. Business brought forward by or with the consent of the Chair (Pages 7 - 8)

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

7.03.23

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. Members of the public that attend meetings must be aware that these meetings are open to the public and so therefore both individuals and the Council itself have the right to record the meeting. The Council understands that some members of the public attending its meetings may not wish to be filmed. The Chair of the meeting will make sure any request not to be filmed 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 Chair 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 recording should leave the room ensuring all recording equipment is switched off.
4. Any member of the public has the right not to be filmed. We ensure that agendas for, and signage at, Council meetings make it clear that recording can take place – anyone not wishing to be filmed must advise the Chair at the earliest opportunity to allow them to be directed to an area in the room where they will not be caught on camera. Subject to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, audio recordings shall be permitted at all times during public meetings.
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.

North Devon Council offices at Brynsworthy, the full address is:
Brynsworthy Environment Centre (BEC), Roundswell,
Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3NP.

Sat Nav postcode is EX31 3NS.

At the Roundswell roundabout take the exit onto the B3232, after about ½ mile take the first right, BEC is about ½ a mile on the right.

Drive into the site, visitors parking is in front of the main building on the left hand side.

On arrival at the main entrance, please dial 8253 for Corporate and Community Services.



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The system providing services to help and end rough sleeping in ND and T is significant and highly integrated. It works to good effect in an area where the need for these services is widely acknowledged to be high. The services form part of the local infrastructure which provides a pathway for people with complex needs to take them from being street homeless to being accommodated in settled accommodation.

The housing support commissioned by this contract provides unique and critical infrastructure i.e. 3x hostels: Maples Barnstaple 9 beds, Alexandra House Barnstaple 4 beds and Charris House Bideford 9 beds. Other elements of the local system include a drug and alcohol specialist, a general practitioner, physical health nurse, mental health nurse and specialist housing officers. Further types of accommodation are also available: 'pods', Housing First units and shared accommodation for individuals whose needs are less complex.

The local demand for these services is increasing and this mirrors the SW and national picture set out in DLUHC's Official Statistics which were published on the 28th February 2023, which is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2022/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2022>.

NDC recognises services should not be solely focused on one particular disadvantaged population, but does consider that the scale and intensity of the current system is in accordance/ commensurate with local need.

It considers that any proposals to reduce the level of access to supported housing would, therefore, be acting contrary to the guiding principle of addressing health inequalities and would limit this cohort's opportunity to lead healthy lives in settled accommodation.

Maximising the positive outcomes from the current system is likely to provide better value for money by limiting future health and social care costs.

The effectiveness of the current system has encouraged/ stimulated inter professional and intra-agency collaboration. A decommissioning of any part of the system runs the risk of losing the opportunity to work in this way.

It is of course appropriate, however, to challenge the way the wider rough sleeper services are delivered when financial challenges and increasing demand are impacting on all of our organisations. NDC would recommend the commissioning of a new Homelessness Prevention 18+ Needs Assessment and the continuation of the current arrangements until the findings have been considered.

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