



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

K. Miles
Chief Executive.

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee will be held in the Barum Room - Brynsworthy on **MONDAY, 4TH APRIL, 2022 at 10.00 am.**

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Members of the Strategy and Resources Committee
Councillor Worden (Chair)

Councillors Crabb, Knight, Lane, Lofthouse, Patrinos, Pearson, Prowse, L. Spear, Wilkinson and Yabsley

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2022 (attached). (Pages 9 - 16)
3. Items brought forward which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered by the meeting as a matter of urgency.
4. Declarations of Interests.
(Please telephone the Corporate and Community Services team to prepare a form for your signature before the meeting. Interests must be re-declared when the item is called, and Councillors must leave the room if necessary).
5. To agree the agenda between Part 'A' and Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted Information).

PART 'A'

6. **Ocean Recovery** (Pages 17 - 20)

To consider the following notice of motion referred to Strategy and Resources

Committee by Council on 23 February 2022 (background paper attached):

“This Council declares an urgent need for Ocean Recovery.

We recognise that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean.

This Council pledges to:

1. Report to Full Council within twelve months on the actions and projects that will help with an ocean recovery in North Devon.
2. Consider ocean recovery in our strategic decisions, plans, budgets and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills and economic policy), aligning with climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements, and considering ocean-based solutions in our journey towards a carbon neutral and climate resilient future.
3. Ensure that the Local Nature Recovery Strategy strives to support ocean recovery.
4. Work with partners locally to deliver increased sustainability in marine industries and develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity.
5. Communication through our social media of actions which are being taken to aid ocean recovery progress, signpost ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges.
6. Write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by
 - a) Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and Natural England have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.
 - b) Ensuring coastal communities have a meaningful say in the development of marine policy to ensure it delivers equitable and sustainable outcomes.
 - c) Appoint a dedicated Minister for Coastal Communities.

- d) And by listening to marine scientific advice, including marine social science, to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:
- i. Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.
 - ii. Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.
 - iii. Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.
 - iv. Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing.
 - v. Stop plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics and set standards for microfibre-catching filters to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle.”

Councillor Wilkinson to report.

7. **Re-instatement of Bideford to Barnstaple Rail Link** (Pages 21 - 24)

To consider the following notice of motion referred to Strategy and Resources Committee by Council on 23 February 2022 (background paper attached and supporting letter attached):

“Motion to support the re-instatement of Bideford to Barnstaple rail link for passenger and other services, as proposed by ACE Rail.

This Council agrees to:

- 1) Include this policy aim within the revised joint local plan.
- 2) Work with partners and organisations to support and develop this idea and to lobby those who may contribute to making this happen including Great British Railways, Devon County Council, Peninsula Transport, and the Government.
- 3) Invite Councillor Tim Steer to a future Full Council meeting to give a presentation of what is currently being proposed by ACE Rail.”

Councillor Lofthouse and Councillor Tim Steer Director of Bideford Railway Heritage Centre and ACE Rail lead to report.

8. **Discretionary Business Rates Relief/Covid 19 Additional Relief Fund** (Pages 25 - 90)
Report by Head of Customer Focus (attached).
9. **Lynbridge Car Park, Lynton** (Pages 91 - 100)
Report by Head of Place, Property and Regeneration (attached).
10. **Support for Energy Bills - Council Tax Rebate** (Pages 101 - 106)
Report by Head of Customer Focus (attached).
11. **Homes for Ukraine**
Chief Executive to report.
12. **Litter Bin Strategy Update**
Environment Lead to report.
13. **Urgent Decisions Taken by the Chief Executive** (Pages 107 - 108)
To note the urgent decisions that have been made by the Chief Executive in accordance with paragraph 3.48, Annexe 2, Part 3 of the Constitution (attached).
14. **Exclusion of Public and Press and Restriction of Documents**
RECOMMENDED:

(a) That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3, Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended from time to time), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information); and

(b) That all documents and reports relating to the item be confirmed as "Not for Publication".

PART 'B' (CONFIDENTIAL RESTRICTED INFORMATION)

15. **Ilfracombe Seafront - The Museum and Golden Coast Site** (Pages 109 - 120)
Report by Property Manager (attached).

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