



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

K. Miles  
Chief Executive.

### **POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

A special meeting of the Policy Development Committee will be held in the G107, 1st Floor, South West Institute Development Building, Petroc, Barnstaple - Petroc College on **THURSDAY, 23RD MAY, 2024 at 6.30 pm.**

**(NOTE: A location plan for Petroc is attached to the agenda front pages. There are also limited spaces to attend the meeting in person. 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).**

Members of the Policy Development Councillor L. Spear (Chair)  
Committee

Councillors Bishop, Bulled, Bushell, Clayton, Jones, P Leaver, Patrinos, Turton, Wilson, Worden and Williams.

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Items brought forward which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered by the meeting as a matter of urgency.
3. Declarations of Interest.  
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. A declaration of interest under the Code of Conduct will be a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, an Other Registrable Interest or a Non-Registrable Interest. If the item directly relates to your interest, you must declare the interest and leave the room for the item save in the case of Other Registrable Interests or Non-Registrable Interests where you may first speak on the item as a member of the public if provision has been made for the public to speak. If the matter does not directly relate to your interest, but still affects, it then you must consider whether you are affected to a greater extent than most people and whether a reasonable person would consider your judgement to be clouded, if you are then you must leave the room for the item (although you may speak as a member of the public if provision has been made for the public to speak) or, if you are not, then you can declare the interest but still take part).
4. To agree the agenda between Part 'A' and Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted

Information).

## **PART 'A'**

### **INTERNAL ITEMS**

#### **5. Agriculture. To consider agriculture within the North Devon area.**

**(NOTE: Appendices A to F (attached) together with Appendix G (to follow) provide responses to set questions that were sent to the panellists to seek their views prior to the publication of this agenda).**

- (a) Councillor Robin Milton. Local Farmer - Appendix A (attached). (Pages 7 - 8)
- (b) Local Farmer and Deputy Chair of the National Farmers Union. Appendix B (attached). (Pages 9 - 10)
- (c) North Devon +. Appendix C (attached). (Pages 11 - 14)
- (d) Land Agent - Bloomfield Landsense. Appendix D (attached). (Pages 15 - 16)
- (e) Local Farmer and Chair of Exmoor Hill Farming Network. Appendix E (attached). (Pages 17 - 18)
- (f) North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Partnership. Appendix F (attached). (Pages 19 - 20)
- (g) Director - Mole Valley Farmers. Appendix G (to follow).

#### **6. Proposed format of the meeting:**

**6:30PM:** The Chair of the Committee will open the meeting, run through the housekeeping items and introduce the group lead.

**6:40PM:** Councillor Bullas as Group Lead will then outline the purpose of the special meeting and briefly explain why the subject is being scrutinised together with how the session will work.

**6:50PM:** The Chair will then allow follow up questions from the Committee members.

**7:40 PM:** Chair to suspend Standing Orders to allow opportunity for Members from Torridge District Council and the invited public to ask questions of the panellists.

**8:20PM:** Actions/next steps to be agreed by the Committee.

**8:30 PM:** Chair will formally close the meeting.

## **PART 'B' (CONFIDENTIAL RESTRICTED INFORMATION)**

Nil.

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

15.05.24



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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.
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Room G107 is located on the first floor of the South West Institute Development building at Petroc, Old Sticklepath Hill, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 2BQ. A lift is available to the first floor.

The following page shows a location plan of Petroc.

G Block on the plan indicates the South West Institute Development building.

### **Parking**

Point 5 on the plan indicates the short stay car park which is located adjacent to the South West Institute Development building which is free to park after 5.00 p.m.

### **Cycle Racks**

Covered cycle racks are located on the grassed area opposite Petroc's main reception, before the Lifestyle building.

### **Bus Routes**

Stops in **Sticklepath Hill** (East bound) bus service 310  
Wrey Arms (West bound) bus services 5B, 21, 21A, 21C, 62C, 322, 386, 646, 815, 821, 903, 921  
([Sticklepath, Barnstaple – Bus Times](#))

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