

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19 NOVEMBER 2018

Present:

Councillors Haines (Chairman), Prowse (Vice-Chairman), Clarence, Connett, Cox, Dennis, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Gribble, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook (was Brodie), Jeffery, Kerswell, Mayne, Morgan, Nutley, Orme, Parker, Peart, Smith, Thorne, Winsor and Wrigley

Apologies: Councillors Colclough, Hockin, Jones, Matthews,

Members in Attendance: Councillors Bullivant, Christophers, Clemens, Cook, Fusco, Golder, Goodey, Lake, Russell

Officers in Attendance: Phil Shears - Managing Director; Amanda Pujol – Interim Head of Service Delivery and Improvement, Martin Flitcroft – Chief Finance Officer, Marie Downey – Solicitor, Liz Gingell – Corporate Performance Officer; Tony Mansour – Housing Needs Lead, David Eaton - Environmental Protection Manager, Neil Blaney -- Economy Manager, Donna Best – Estates Manager, Fergus Pate – Principal Delivery Officer, Trish Corns – Democratic Services Officer

240. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

241. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Nutley declared an Appendix B, paragraph 12 interest in minute 254 below, by virtue of his membership with the RSPB, and left the meeting.

Councillor Cox declared an Appendix B, paragraph 12 interest in Minutes 246 and 247 below, by virtue of his position as Trustee of Homelessness in Teignbridge support. He spoke but did not vote on the items.

Councillor Thorne declared an Appendix A interest in minutes 246 and 247 below, by virtue of his position at Exeter City Council.

242. PUBLIC QUESTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 5.8(H)

Public questions were asked of the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing. The questions and answers can be found [here](#).

Questioner 7 asked a supplementary question as to whether a Review Group could be set up to consult with representatives of dog walking businesses, so that these people feel part of the process.

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The Portfolio Holder referred to the report circulated with the agenda and the results of the survey showing that representatives of dog walking businesses answered the survey. The Executive considered the annual dog ban should be from 1 April. All views of residents would be taken into account, including those who are not dog owners, and balancing all views.

Questioner 5 asked a supplementary question if the maximum number of dogs an individual dog owner could walk be restricted only for those that are not responsible dog walkers.

The Portfolio Holder referred to the need for some regulation because unfortunately, not all dog walkers kept their dogs under control and cleared up their dog faeces. This was unpleasant for other visitors and residents, and responsible dog walkers. Regulations would keep an eye on those not taking proper care and responsibility for their dogs.

Questioner 12 agreed that the number of dogs any one person could walk at one time should be restricted. She asked a supplementary question whether the formal process for reporting irresponsible dog walkers and the role of the Environmental Wardens in this process could be publicised.

The Portfolio Holder advised that the process would be more widely promoted. She acknowledged that some individuals are reluctant to formally report incidences. The Council was keen to work in partnership with the Council and a proper initiative would engage those members of the public keen to work with the Council.

243. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 5.8(I)

There were no Councillor questions.

244. CALL IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION 30 OCTOBER 2018 - PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER FOR DOG CONTROL IN TEIGNBRIDGE

Consideration was given to the call-in of an Executive decision made on 30 October 2018 relating to the Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control in Teignbridge. The decision seeks the implementation of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Responsible Dog Ownership under ss59 to 75 of the Anti-Social Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The decision has been called in by Councillor Cox and supported by Councillors Connett, Dewhirst, Eden, Nutley and Wrigley. Councillor Cox's reasons for call-in are:

1. To clarify the Executive's proposals to extend the dog ban on Ness Beach and Holcombe Beach as it now seems they were included in error.
2. To examine the decision to have only four as the maximum number of dogs on a lead in the light of the decision by East Devon District Council and the comments from the Kennel Club, the Dogs Trust and the Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals.

Since the Executive meeting on 30 October 2018 there has been a large public response to the decision. Members in considering the call-in should note the number of responses to the decision balanced with the number of people who responded to the consultation. The Environmental Protection Manager gave an update of the number of correspondence received which amounted to approximately 180, and a summary of the key points.

The consultation with the public covered maintaining the existing seasonal dog exclusion areas. The Ness Beach and Holcombe Beach are not covered by the existing seasonal dog ban. It was not the intention that the PSPO restricted access to these beaches.

The Executive report detailed the outcome of the public consultation and included a number of comments from interested organisations. Overall the consultation results did not provide a consensus on the number of dogs a single individual should walk.

In support of the call-in, Councillor Cox submitted that six was an acceptable number of dogs for any one individual to walk. The support for this was that this would be consistent with East Devon District Council, public liability insurance covers six dogs, for many dog walking businesses this is their only income and limiting the number of dogs to four could result in their businesses folding. He added that a Review Group should be set up to work with responsible dog owners/walkers, to identify volunteers to assist the Council wardens in engaging with offending and irresponsible dog owners/walkers to become more responsible, keep their dogs under control, and always clear up dog faeces from the dogs for which they have responsibility.

The period of the dog ban on beaches for inclusion in the PSPO was not part of the call-in. However the Chairman agreed that this issue could be discussed.

In response to a question on the details of the PSPO at agenda page 14, the Environmental Protection Manager advised that the '*reasonable excuse*' under (i) of the heading *No more than 'x' dogs*, would be at the officer's discretion. In response to further questions, the Environmental Protection Manager advised that highways, cyclepaths, and Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve were included in the PSPO.

Resolved

That the following recommendations from this Committee be referred to Executive:-

- (a) That the number of dogs that any one individual can walk at any one time be a maximum of six.
- (b) That the annual period of restriction on beaches be reconsidered.

That a Review Group be set up to primarily work with responsible dog owners/walkers, to identify volunteers to assist the Council wardens in engaging with offending and irresponsible dog owners/walkers to become more responsible, keep their dogs under control, and always clear up dog faeces from

the dogs for which they have responsibility, and review the implementation of the PSPO in the first 12 months.

245. COUNCIL STRATEGY 2016-2025: T10 PROGRAMME OVERVIEWS

Three presentations were made on the work being carried out, as part of the overall Council Strategy for the period 2016 - 2025, in relation to two of the Teignbridge Ten super-projects. These are ten connected areas of work, which will each have a widespread impact on the economy, community wellbeing, and the environment.

Neil Blaney - Economy Manager, Donna Best – Estates Manager, and Fergus Pate – Principal Delivery Officer will present the work of three of the programmes: *Going to Town, Investing in Prosperity, and Moving up a Gear*.

Going to Town: Neil Blaney - Economy Manager

The Council Strategy identifies the important role town centres play in providing social, cultural and economic experiences and services to the residents of Teignbridge.

The Going to Town programme is focused on how the Council can support the town centres across Teignbridge, with the outcomes sought including:

- Creating new and expanded businesses, leading to more jobs;
- Improved local environment;
- Increased access to essential shopping and other services; and,
- Bring more visitors to the towns.

To deliver those outcomes 7 actions were set out, including:

- Regeneration and improvement schemes;
- Running and improving Newton Abbot market;
- Town centre health checks;
- Supporting town centre management;
- Positive application of our regulatory powers;
- Accessibility and town centre living; and,
- Supporting quality evening cultural and leisure opportunities.

While this project is focused on town centres, there is significant crossover of projects, outcomes and actions with the Investing In Prosperity programme.

The biggest progress made over the past three years has been embedding the philosophy and commitments of the Council Strategy into the way we work, ensuring decisions and actions always cross reference back to the strategy. This is an important point to make as it is not a measurable change as such, but an essential cultural shift.

There are a number of projects that have been developed over the last three years to deliver on the commitments made under the 'Going to Town' project.

Physical regeneration and other improvements

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- **Newton Abbot:** Market Walk purchase and shop front improvements; Market Hall/Alexandra Theatre refurbishment; Summer Nights; Markets Code of Practice being drafted, temporary coach parking, character hunts and walkabout characters. The footfall has increased on these days; and Heritage posts as part of Coastal Communities Team bid.
- **Teignmouth:** Brunswick Street Local Development Order; Pavilions Teignmouth has been completed; and officer support has been given to the Taste of the Teign festival.
- **Bovey Tracey:** Land for Town Hall project.

Other completed District wide projects included:

- We have met with 5 Town Councils (Ashburton, Bovey Tracey, Chudleigh, Buckfastleigh and Moretonhampstead) to look at the potential for creating a shared Town Centre Manager post. Bovey Tracey and Ashburton Town Councils are interested in taking this further.
- Regular forums with the chairs of the local chambers of commerce or equivalent.
- Visit South Devon promoting town centres. Between June 2016 and May 2018 there were a total of 390k views of town centre pages.
- We have invested in the England's Coast, and England's Seafood Coast projects, aimed at the European Market they seek to work with businesses on the coast that have bookable activities, focusing them into one place which can form part of a package of activities for visitors.
- Economic Development Plan completed and being used as the working plan for the team.
- Business Charter has been completed and promoted to businesses.
- Proactive approach to Small Business Rate Relief take up.

Future projects include:

Newton Abbot, Teignmouth & Dawlish: Soft market testing for the provision of free town centre Wi-Fi.

Newton Abbot: Future stages of town centre improvements and regeneration

Teignmouth: Brunswick Street development coming forward.

Projects need time to develop, and some may not be properly realised until the end of the plan period (or later). Business cases need to be developed and this can take time. To make sure town centre projects are sustainable the Council rely increasingly on local level momentum and buy-in to push the social and cultural improvements within towns.

Investing in Prosperity: Donna Best – Estates and Development Manager

The Council Strategy highlights the importance of investing in Prosperity, to support the growth of jobs and wealth in the district. The Council's role is about good planning, promoting the benefits of our area working closely with partners and businesses and, to direct investment of Council money.

Progress highlighted over the last 3 years included the following against the actions identified in the Council Strategy:-

- 1) **Promptly grant planning applications, licences and other regulatory decisions which help create and protect jobs**

The Council works hard to meet targets for dealing with planning applications within target timescales of 8 weeks for minor planning applications and 13 weeks for major planning applications. At the end of Q2 2018/2019, performance was well ahead of government targets in this respect.

A Business Charter has been adopted, as part of the Economic Development Plan, which sets out the Council's commitment to businesses and what they can expect from this.

2) Invest our own money into new commercial and industrial estates and buildings

Ongoing discussions have been held with landowners in relation to the development of land identified for employment and where intervention by the Council may be appropriate.

Key initiatives undertaken by the Council to bring new employment opportunities and retention of business include:

- Acquisition of land, Forde Road, Newton Abbot
- Acquisition of land and buildings, Minerva Way, Newton Abbot
- Acquisition of Market Walk Shopping Centre, Newton Abbot
- Creation of LDO Framework & marketing of Brunswick Street, Teignmouth

In addition, on-going discussions with stakeholders to bring forward development of Council owned property at:

- Land adjacent Silverhills, Decoy, Newton Abbot
- Land at Forches Cross, Staplehill Road, Newton Abbot

3) Give commercial advice and support to entrepreneurs already in business or thinking of starting up

Businesses in Teignbridge are able to access free advice from the Growth Hub service run on behalf of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership. Since the service started in March 2016, 443 Teignbridge based businesses have interacted with the Growth Hub.

The Economic Development team continues to support businesses seeking to grow, through assistance with finding new sites, accessing funding and making connections with others who can help.

Pre-application advice on planning matters is available to all and is currently provided to micro businesses for free.

4) Work with greater Exeter councils to bring businesses into the area

The Councils in the Greater Exeter area to work closely on projects and opportunities, in line with the Shared Economic Strategy. The Economic Development officers from each authority meet monthly to develop the objectives of the Strategy, including data and intelligence gathering of the local markets and economy, access to business advice and economic input into the emerging Greater Exeter Strategic Plan.

5) Work with local businesses to ensure that educators and trainers provide excellent, flexible and up to date courses which properly equip learners of all ages

The Economic Development team work to link businesses with the South Devon University Technical College, South Devon College and Exeter College. The team also meet with contacts within those organisations to discuss opportunities available, and continues to develop relations with the secondary schools within the district, to create links and identify opportunities for future projects.

In the schools, the predominant engagement is with Business Studies and Design & Technology departments. All schools have been offered the opportunity to take a market stall at Newton Abbot Market where there is an element of their projects that require selling or testing a product. We are developing new relationships with officers and academics at the University of Exeter in an effort to create 'Innovation Networks'. TDC will use these networks to sign-post businesses and academics to one another when new opportunities arise for collaboration, testing new innovations and getting new technologies to market.

6) Ensure that our Local Plan and other service reviews continue to prioritise economic development

The Economic Development officers from the Greater Exeter area are continuing to jointly feed into the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan process. East Devon are the nominated lead on behalf of the Economic Development teams and are fully engaged with the drafting of policies and appraisal of options.

At the Teignbridge level, there are on-going internal discussions between the Local Plan and Economic Development team to ensure that policies and allocations in the Local Plan enable the delivery of economic development.

7) Grasp all reasonable opportunities to improve the area's economic base, including making bids for funding service expansions and new projects

In 2017/18 around £12.2m was secured through funding bids for growth across Teignbridge. This has included through the LEADER programme (Greater Dartmoor Local Enterprise Action Fund and the South Devon Coastal Local Action Group), the Housing Infrastructure Fund, the Land Release Fund and the Local Government Association Housing Adviser Programme.

In some instances, developer contributions are now collected in lieu of the development of land allocated for employment use. In excess of £600,000 has been secured to date which can be used by the Council in due course to bring forward schemes that create jobs.

8) Scrutinise the delivery of the 'Connecting Devon and Somerset' broadband programme and its targets for coverage across

The background to this programme is that there are approximately 67,800 premises (homes or businesses) in Teignbridge, of which around 62,600 have either been delivered or planned for superfast broadband. This leaves around 5,200 premises still without access to superfast broadband.

Gigaclear, responsible for the roll out of the superfast broadband, have recently (Oct 2018) announced significant delays in delivery. Gigaclear are now

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preparing a revised rollout programme. Matthew Barrow from DCC will be presenting an update to members in January (2019).

Moving up a Gear: Fergus Pate – Principal Delivery Officer

The Council works with partners to help deliver key transport infrastructure to improve its strategic development plans. The Council's capital programme is used to invest in transport provision which boosts economic performance, healthy transport choices and sustainable access.

Teignbridge isn't a transport body, it does not have the statutory duties of DCC, and it does not operate services. However it is a stakeholder and can influence through the following:

- Strategies and a Local Plan that closely overlap with the duties of such partners.
- Responsibility for planning decisions and associated transport outcomes.
- Capital programme funding (including CIL collected from developers) and is in a position to make decisions about allocating those resources to transport projects.

Actions

The highlights are:

Improving the A382

- A382 CPO inquiry is scheduled for 5 – 8 February
- Delivery of the first phase from Forches Cross to Newton Abbot is funded but this funding needs to have been spent by spring 2021. That programme is on course but may involve improvements to the stretch of Exeter Rd between Whitehill Cross and Churchills roundabout in the first instance, with JMII to follow as soon as possible.
- The planning application for the A382/383 link is due this winter, which will be around the same time as the planning application for housing led development at Houghton Barton.

Bus improvements and park and ride services

- An updated scheme for an A30 park and ride is not anticipated soon but examination of the Ide neighbourhood plan recognised some potential at 'Round Field'.
- Houghton Barton Park and change is expected to come forward alongside future development proposals at Forches Cross.
- Opportunities for a bus only route between Ashburton Road and Newton Abbot town centre are being investigated.

Supporting new railway stations

- Devon's bid to Network Rail's industry risk fund for support Marsh Barton Station didn't succeed.
- They are in the process identifying lower cost options and convening Network Rail and DfT to find a way forward.
- The Heath Rail Link group has agreed a lease of the Heathfield Line with Network Rail. Officers are ready to provide support where they are able.
- There is no identified budget for an Exminster Station feasibility study. However, communications were continuing with the Government, Devon County Council and Network Rail, and a funding bid was being put together.

Encourage a cycling revolution

- Progress is being made towards delivery of the Ogwell / town centre cycle route with the estates team and National Trust. This would pass by Bradley Manor and into Bakers Park before joining the existing River Lemon cycle path into town.
- The Hele Park to town centre phase of the Newton Abbot east west cycle route project is on track
- The coastal communities bid for the next stage of the Teign Estuary trail between Dawlish and Holcombe has not been successful. It was vastly oversubscribed and decisions were made, in part, based on where funding has previously been awarded. Teignbridge has benefited from quite a lot.
- There has been some Teignmouth to Kingsteignton Teign Estuary Trail progress and some encouragement from the Big Lottery fund to make a bid. There is significant support for this scheme, every time planning consultation is undertaken.

Development supported by sustainable transport

- The Council consulted on the draft masterplan for Wolborough at the end of the summer
- Some detailed work has been undertaken on the best ways to achieve sustainable connections to the town centre and other facilities.
- Comments have addressed matters like the future treatment of local roads and the importance of providing the infrastructure for early bus services through the site and to the wider area.
- Revisions to the consultation document will be reported to Planning Committee in December.

246. HOMELESS REDUCTION ACT UPDATE

The Housing Needs Lead Officer Tony Mansour updated Members on the Homelessness Reduction Act.

The Act was implemented on 3 April 2018 and has transformed the way that local housing authorities help homeless households, extending the duty. The emphasis is on preventing homelessness at an early stage rather than dealing with homelessness at the point of crisis. Many people who were not entitled to help under the previous legislation are now entitled to help and advice. Changes for the Council include: a training programme for staff members; enhancements to IT/ Digital delivery to meet the new requirements; increased staffing resources to meet the new legislation requirements and higher caseloads. The average time for each housing options interview has increased from approximately 40 minutes to 1.5 hours. The additional assessments are also subject to review in law and require scrutiny of assessment, process and decision to safeguard the service from legal challenge. There has also been a rise in approaches for housing advice compared to the two quarterly periods prior to the implementation of the new act.

The Homelessness Reduction Act has significantly extended the period for which interim accommodation must be provided to those households to whom duty is not discharged through a final offer of accommodation. As a result, there has been a significant rise in Bed and Breakfast placements.

A proposed Housing Needs Service restructure will ensure that the requisite staffing resources are in place to prevent and relieve homelessness where possible, and in so doing reduce the need to use emergency accommodation.

In response to a question, the Housing Needs Lead Officer advised that approximately 50% of homeless people also suffered some sort of mental illness. There were multidisciplinary teams to assist these people.

247. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY AND PROJECTS - ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Housing Needs Lead Officer Tony Mansour updated Members on the Housing Strategy and Projects Action Plan.

A Teignbridge Members Steering Group is in the process of being set up. The group is intended to keep members informed of progress against the key strategic aims and specific projects under our Homelessness Strategy. The group will also provide input on, and insight into, the development of future projects designed to prevent and relieve homelessness in Teignbridge.

In addition, the Teignbridge Homelessness Forum, consists of the Housing Needs Service and partner agencies. It will continue to meet on a quarterly basis to take forward combined projects and keep partners informed of progress against the objectives of the Homelessness Strategy. The Forum is currently looking at creating a Giving Scheme where by local people can donate to local homelessness charities, rather than give cash to street beggars.

The Single Persons Temporary Accommodation and Resettlement Project provides self-contained accommodation and bespoke support to people who have been confirmed to be rough sleeping, or are at imminent risk of rough sleeping, but to whom no full statutory housing duty is owed.

In addition to the Rough Sleeper Initiatives funding, the Council is leading on a joint bid for Teignbridge, South Hams, West Devon, East Devon and Mid Devon for a fund called the Rapid Rehousing Pathway. Finance is sought for four Rough Sleeper Navigators to operate across those district areas and work intensively with rough sleepers with complex needs to help them to access services and accommodation.

Finally, the Council is submitting a bid for a funding opportunity called the Private Rented Access Fund. Through this fund, we would seek to build on the work of the SPRINT team (Supporting People Renting in Teignbridge) to provide greater incentives and guarantees to Landlords, enabling people with historic arrears, or specific needs to access private rented tenancies. The fund would also finance a private rented prevention and resettlement role, facilitating move on into the private rented sector for those occupying, or who are at high risk of requiring temporary accommodation.

248. UNAUTHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS

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The Solicitor referred to the report circulated with the agenda and updated Members on enforcement powers that the Council has to deal with unauthorised encampments. The Council has had 17 incidents of illegal encampments since 2012.

Unauthorised encampments occur where trespassers enter and occupy land belonging to the local authority. The number of traveller caravans on authorised sites has risen from 14,498 in July 2010 to 19,071 in July 2017, a 32% increase. The Equality Act 2010 makes it unlawful to treat someone less favourably because of a range of protected characteristics. The following of a nomadic lifestyle is lawful, and recognised and protected through legislation.

Existing powers included: application for a possession order in the County court, whereby a possession order may be secured quickly against trespassers; Section 77 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, which deals with people residing in vehicles on land forming part of a highway without the consent of the owner; Power of the police to direct unauthorised campers to leave the land where by sections 61-62 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 gives the police a discretionary power to direct trespassers to leave and remove any property or vehicles that they have with them should trespassers refuse to adhere to a request to leave the land; the use of certified enforcement agents, whereby all landowners have a common law right to recover land. An eviction notice giving travellers at least 24 hours' notice to move must be served. If they fail to leave the land the Local Authority may proceed to evict them; an application of an injunction. Counsel's advice to a neighbouring authority on the use of a blanket permanent injunction was that the Council "*would be in little better position than it already is.*" The Solicitor advised that Court would not consider it proportional to make either a blanket ban or an injunction for one specified area within the district, particularly when there is not a single piece of land that has seen a regular occurrence of illegal encampments.

Comments from Members included concern in relation to rubbish left at a site when travellers move on, and the effect on neighbouring residents when travellers are camping illegally.

None of the above methods of enforcement allow for the Council to deal with the clear up issues in respect of any fly tipping or litter left behind, because alongside the transient nature of the travellers, the Council has little power to establish the identity and the address of an individual in order to issue a summons for the offence of fly tipping. However, the Council does act as swiftly as possible once an illegal traveller encampment is reported to them. Whilst the public would be concerned regarding the arrival of the travellers on any council owned land, they should be reassured that the Council have no choice but to act using the powers that they have and abide by the relevant legislation.

The Interim Head of Service Delivery and Improvement advised that three transient pitched were being developed in the District in addition to the fifteen at the Haldon site. This was a Devon wide strategic issue and she was happy to report more fully at a future meeting if Members wished.

In response to a question, the Solicitor advised that travellers amounted to less than 5% of the population of Devon.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

249. DRAFT TEIGNBRIDGE ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND POLICY

Consideration was given to a draft Strategy and Policy documents in accordance with the Committee's function to assist the Council and Executive in the development of policy framework procedure rules, supporting the Council's key objectives and informing its spending decisions. The draft documents includes, a document setting out the benefits of strategic property asset management, a Land and Building Disposal Policy, and a Land and Buildings Acquisitions Policy.

A Members briefing on the draft strategy was held on 12 November when all member of the Council were invited.

The draft policy documents include the Council's:

- Land and Buildings Disposal Policy;
- Land and Buildings Acquisition Policy; and
- Town and Parish Council Service Devolution & Asset Transfer Policy

Asset management is about supporting the delivery of strategic goals and objections through the use of property assets such as: direct service delivery, leisure centres; support of service delivery, administrative offices and depots; and wider policy documents, regeneration, and delivery of SANGS sites to support growth. The strategy would be incorporated into the Capital Strategy the Council is required to produce annually under the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy's Prudential Code. It gives the overall approach to providing property to meet the Council's needs in terms of what the corporate approach or attitude is to its property assets; what behaviours are expected; and what principles are going to be followed. It is anticipated that the Town and Parish Council Service Devolution & Asset Transfer Policy will be shared with the Teign Association of Local Councils for consultation before adoption.

Asset management projects are already monitored within the Spar risk register, through the capital programme and service plans in terms of policy development; organisational arrangements, and property specific activities.

Resolved

Following consideration of the draft Executive report in relation to the Council's adoption of an Asset Management Strategy and supporting policy documents, the Executive be advised that the committee recommends approval of the draft strategy and supporting documents, as circulated with the agenda, without amendment.

250. PERFORMANCE MONITORING - Q2 DATA

The Chairman referred to the updated report circulated at the meeting which replaced the report circulated with the agenda. It was noted that three of the ten

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super projects (Going to Town, Investing in Prosperity, and Moving up a Gear) had been reported by officers and discussed earlier in the meeting.

Resolved

The report and any actions being taken to rectify performance issues as detailed in the report be noted.

251. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Committee noted the Executive Forward Plan previously circulated.

252. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received and noted the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme circulated with the agenda.

253. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

254. CALL-IN OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION 11-2018 FUNDING CONTRIBUTION FOR A GIRL BUNTING NATURE RESERVE

Councillor Nutley declared an Appendix B interest by virtue of his membership with the RSPB, and left the meeting.

At the meeting on 10 September 2018, following initial discussion of the call in of Portfolio Holder decision 11-2018, the Committee considered the decision was unnecessary and could result in an unacceptable financial risk to the Council. The RSPB subsequently submitted further information which was discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 November 2018.

Following discussions the Committee was satisfied with the additional information submitted by the RSPB, and that sufficient risk mitigations are and would be in place to protect the position of the Council.

Resolved

That the Executive is advised that Portfolio Holder decision 11-2018 is not challenged and the decision be reaffirmed.

MIKE HAINES
Chairman

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