

FULL COUNCIL

A meeting of the **Full Council** will be held on **Thursday, 22nd April, 2021 at 10.00 am.** This will be a virtual meeting and you can observe the meeting [via our Youtube Page.](#)

PHIL SHEARS
Managing Director

Membership:

Councillors Austen, Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, Cook, D Cox, H Cox, Daws, Dewhurst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Haines, Hayes, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffery, Jeffries, Jenks, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Orme, Parker-Khan, Parker (Vice-Chair), Patch, Peart, J Petherick (Chair), L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne, Tume and Wrigley

Please Note: The meeting will be live streamed with the exception where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of the media and public.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 16)
To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the previous Council meeting.
3. **Announcements (if any)**
Announcements only from the Chair of Council, Leader, Members of the Executive or the Managing Director.

4. **Declarations of interest (if any)**

5. **Public Questions (if any)**

Members of the public may ask questions. A maximum period of 15 minutes will be allowed with a maximum period of three minutes per questioner.

The deadline for questions is no later than 12 noon two working days before the date of the meeting.

6. **Councillor Questions (if any)**

Members of the Council may ask questions of the Council subject to procedural rules.

The deadline for questions is no later than three clear working days before the meeting.

Recommendations from Committees

7. **Recommendation from Executive - Notice of Motion - To acknowledge the work that the voluntary and charitable sector do particularly but not exclusively during the current Coronavirus pandemic.**

The Leader will present the recommendation from [Executive Tuesday, 6th April, 2021.](#)

RECOMMENDED to Council:-

- (1) The Council places on record its gratitude to all sectors of the voluntary and charitable sector for the outstanding work undertaken within the District, particularly but not exclusively during the current Coronavirus pandemic;
- (2) The Council acknowledges the work of many organisations, communities and individuals who have contributed at this uniquely difficult time, and the Communications Team are asked to place a message of thanks on the Council's website to recognise this;
- (3) The Council look, when restrictions regarding the pandemic are relaxed, at the request that Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider ways in which this council may work even more constructively with the sector in the future; and
- (4) A thank you event be agreed in principle. The Executive Member for Homes and Communities with officers explore how this event could be held and how nominations be made and report back to a future Council meeting.

8. **Recommendation from Executive - Future High Street Fund**

The Executive Member for Economy and Jobs will present the recommendation from Executive [on 6 April 2021.](#)

RECOMMENDED to Council that, as detailed in the report:-

- (1) The National Cycle Route 2 proposals (as per paragraph 2.3 of the report) and associated Council budget (excluding external funding) of £22,633 be approved;
- (2) The Queen Street proposals (as per paragraph 2.4 of the report) and associated Council budget (excluding external funding) of £81,277 be approved;
- (3) The Market Hall proposals (as per paragraph 2.5 of the report) and associated Council budget (excluding external funding) of £2,236,489 be approved;
- (4) The Council budget (excluding external funding) of £991,921 for the cinema (as per paragraph 2.6 of the report) be approved; and
- (5) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Place and Commercial Services (in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Jobs and Chief Finance Officer) to finalise the development details and prepare planning applications in line with the timescales set out in Appendix E to this report and to take such other action as is necessary to implement the approved redevelopment of Newton Abbot town centre to which the approved funding scheme relates.

9. **Recommendation from Standards Committee - New LGA model code of conduct**

The Chair of Standards Committee will present the recommendation of the Standards Committee [26 February 2021](#).

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the new LGA model code of conduct be adopted.

Matters for consideration

10. **Procedures Committee**

(Pages 17 - 20)

To consider the report of the Leader.

11. **Notices of Motion**

Notice of Motion's shall be referred to the appropriate Committee meeting. The mover of the motion can outline the proposal and then it will stand adjourned. The motion may be debated to assist debate later if agreed by two-thirds of Council Members.

The following motion has been presented by Cllr Eden and supported by Cllrs Bradford, Daws, Macgregor, Orme and Patch.

Background provided by Cllr Eden to the Motion:

There are quite a number of gaps that have developed in the Standards Process – some highlighted in my previous motion on Standards Hearings procedure. There also needs to be a wider more precise application of what is or isn't acceptable in terms of conflict of interest.

Recently, this council had to resort to requesting an intervention from the PAS (Planning Advisory Service) over a matter that from the perspective of the general public should be quite clear cut.

From my experience chairing ethics committees in the NHS and from my professional training in matters of conflict and probity, it is clear that the result of the PAS report was far from satisfactory. We need to sharpen our focus on conflict or interest and raise the standard of those definitions.

Doing so will reduce the possibility of a councillor having their impartiality, integrity or probity being called into account.

Wording of Motion proposed by Cllr Eden:-

With that in mind, I would like to propose that the following definitions are added or amended.

- 1) The definition of a Conflict of Interest to be extended (in respect of family and friends) for all elected members to reflect the high standards set by the Charity Commission in respect of a 'Connected Person' - defined as follows;

“Connected person: In broad terms this means *family, relatives or business partners* of a councillor, *as well as businesses in which a councillor has an interest through ownership or influence*. The term includes a councillor's spouse or unmarried partner, or civil partner, children, siblings, grandchildren and grandparents, as well as businesses where a councillor or family member holds at least one-fifth of the shareholding or voting rights.”

The Council's legal team would be able to advise (where there is any doubt), but such advice should be made a public record.

- 2) Conflicts of Loyalty to be introduced as a notifiable requirement. This is defined as follows;

“Conflict of loyalty: This means a particular type of conflict of interest, in which a councillor's loyalty or duty to another person or organisation could prevent the councillor from making a decision only in the best interests of the council or the residents.”

- 3) Register of interests to include membership of ANY organisation that the member knows an officer of the council is also a member – for instance; Freemasons, professional bodies etc. Devon County Council requires members notify their membership of the Freemasons and TDC should do so right away.

This is an extension of the second point in the motion about Conflicts of Loyalty but deals potentially with influence exerted externally on, or by a councillor or officer.

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