

## **EXECUTIVE**

**6 OCTOBER 2020**

**Present:**

Councillors Connett (Leader), Dewhirst (Deputy Leader), J Hook, Keeling, Jeffries, MacGregor, Purser, Taylor and Wrigley

**Officers in Attendance:**

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer  
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services  
Chris Braines, Waste & Cleansing Manager  
Tony Mansour, Housing Needs Lead  
Lorraine Montgomery, Head of Operations  
Phil Shears, Managing Director

### **52. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2020 were approved as a correct record and will be signed at the earliest convenience.

### **53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **54. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN**

The Executive Member for Economy and Jobs raised concerns regarding the waste material being disposed of at Lyme Bay and the serious ecological impacts of this. The Council had raised significant objections and concerns with the Marine Maritime Organisation in 2019 on this matter although this objection has not been registered on their web site. A report on this matter would be brought to the Executive 3 November 2020 due to its urgency.

The Leader confirmed that an initial report on the Industrial scale 'personal use' harvesting of shellfish from the Exe and Teign Estuaries would be brought to Executive 3 November 2020 with a subsequent report in February 2021 on plans for the 2021 season. Also the future strategic planning working with Exeter, East Devon, Mid Devon and other partners would be brought to Executive 3 November 2020 and Council 23 November 2020.

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

**55. RURAL SKIP SERVICE**

Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health presented the report to consider the future provision of the rural skip service. He commented that it was with a heavy heart that the Council would have to cease this non-statutory service which it had taken in when the County Council withdrew its support. The Council needed to look at savings to bridge the budget shortfall as a result of the COVID pandemic. Members attention was brought to alternative options available to residents which included the councils own bulky waste collection and charities in the district that collect and recycle goods.

The Leader brought Members attention to a letter, which had been circulated to Executive from Ipplepen Parish Council raising concerns regarding the cessation of this service.

Members discussed the costs of the service and the possibility of Towns and Parishes taking on the service either individually or jointly.

The Waste and Cleansing Manager clarified that the average cost of a skip was £1800 plus disposal costs and the council would share its information with regards to risk assessments for this work to assist the Town and Parishes if they wish to make their own arrangements.

**RESOLVED that:-**

- (1) The discontinue the service be agreed and necessary arrangements with the existing contractor for early contract termination be made; and
- (2) Support be provided to the Town & Parish Councils impacted to assist them with their own arrangements where requested.

Councillor Purser abstained from voting.

**56. ORGANISATIONAL RECOVERY PLANS**

The Recovery Project Lead gave a presentation (attached to minutes) on the Organisational Recovery plans, giving details of the work streams, partnership working and the member task and finish groups set up to support the recovery work.

The Recovery Project Lead clarified the work being undertaken with Devon County Council with regards to health and wellbeing as the lead authority in this service.

**57. DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL TRIAL 20MPH SPEED LIMIT**

The Executive Member for Climate Change presented the report regarding the Devon County Council Trial 20 mph Speed Limit for Newton Abbot and Kingskerwell. The trial was supported by Newton Abbot Town Council and Ward Members - Cllrs Hayes and Parker. Devon County Council had set up an Implementation Group which included representatives from the Police and Public Health.

The Leader read out a letter of support from a Ward Member - Cllr Parker.

Members discussed the benefits of speed limits to prevent accidents and encourage safe cycling and walking in the towns and villages across the district and the support of 'Community Speed Watch' to monitor compliance with the speed limits.

**RESOLVED** that the Executive express its preliminary support to Devon County Council regarding its proposed trial of a 20 mph speed limit in Newton Abbot.

The vote was unanimous.

**58. RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON 'CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM**

The Executive Member for Planning presented the Councils response to the Government consultation on 'Changes to the current planning system'.

Members raised serious concerns regarding the new proposed methodology which would see an increase in the districts housing units double to 1532 units.

Executive Members endorsed the submitted response.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.23 am.

Chair