

EXECUTIVE

3 MAY 2022

Present:

Cllrs Connett (Leader), Dewhurst (Deputy Leader), J Hook, Keeling, Nutley, Taylor and Wrigley

In attendance Virtually:

Cllr Purser

Officers in Attendance:

Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Housing Enabling and Development Manager
Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager
Housing Needs & Recovery Project Lead
Head of Community Services and Improvement
Managing Director

These decisions will take effect from 10.00 a.m. on 10 May 2022 unless called-in or identified as urgent in the minute

23. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

None.

25. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

26. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

The Executive Member for Homes and Communities presented the report regarding the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2022-2027 and noted the amendments resulting from consultation. He clarified that the Strategy would go to Full Council for approval and adoption.

In response to a discussion regarding the shortfall in the local housing allowance it was agreed that the Leader and the Managing Director would write to local MP's to ask them to lobby central government in relation to the need for an uplift

to the local housing allowance to ensure that it adequately covered markets rents. This would also be copied to the Local Government Association.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that it approves and adopts the Teignbridge Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2022-2027, noting the feedback that has been provided via our 5 consultation exercises, which had enabled the Council to refine and improve the final version of the strategy which would be published in July of 2022.

The vote was unanimous.

27. TEIGNBRIDGE INFORMATION FOR TENANTS

The Executive Member for Homes & Communities presented the report which sought approval for the Tenant's Handbook, associated policies and the Rent Setting Policy.

It was noted that on page 104 the tenants agreements should cover all utilities such as electricity, water and on page 109 regarding repairs there should be details of whom to contact.

RESOLVED that the Tenant's Handbook and associated policies to which it related and the Rent Setting Policy be approved.

The vote was unanimous.

28. UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS POLICY

The Executive Member for Homes & Communities presented the report which sought the adoption of an Unauthorised Encampment policy for Teignbridge District Council.

Following advice from members of the Teignbridge Gypsy and Traveller Forum the Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager notified Executive of two additions to the policy:-

- To change the wording in the procedure that relates to reporting anti-social behaviour to 'Any Anti-social behaviour concerns from those staying on the unauthorised encampment or from the local community should be reported to communitysafety@teignbridge.gov.uk'
- To consider placing a notice at any unauthorised encampments to notify the public that the Council was aware of the site. The notice would also direct the community and residents of the unauthorised encampments to where to report any concerns.

RESOLVED that the proposed Unauthorised Encampment Policy be adopted with the changes as follows:-

- To change the wording in the procedure that relates to reporting anti-social behaviour to 'Any Anti-social behaviour concerns from those staying on the unauthorised encampment or from the local community should be reported to communitysafety@teignbridge.gov.uk'

- To place a notice at any unauthorised encampments to notify the public that the Council was aware of the site. The notice would also direct the community and residents of the unauthorised encampments to where to report any concerns.

The vote was unanimous.

29. DIGITAL STRATEGY

The Executive Member for Homes & Communities Planning presented the report which sought approval for the Teignbridge, Exeter and East Devon Digital Strategy 2022-2025.

RESOLVED that the implement of the Teignbridge, Exeter and East Devon Digital Strategy 2022-2025 be agreed.

The vote was unanimous.

The meeting started at 10.13 am and finished at 11.07 am.

Chair