

Apologies

Non-Cabinet members

Derek Button

Bob Buxton

Geoff Chamberlain

David Chapman

Maddy Chapman

Alan Dent

Vivien Duval-Steer

Steve Hall

Peter Halse

Mike Howe

Stuart Hughes

Brenda Taylor

Graham Troman

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 8.28 pm.

In compliance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, during consideration of items on the agenda, alternative options were considered by Members when making decisions.

***159 Public Questions**

Richard Eley asked to speak on the Office Relocation project. He claimed that EDDC's staff numbers had increased over recent years and this increase needed to be factored in to the office accommodation debate. He referred to escalating costs over the life of the project and alleged that the process was out of control. He questioned whether the move was justified when the district authority tier of local government could be cut out. In the light of his observations, Mr Eley asked for the project to be reconsidered; to keep EDDC in Sidmouth and achieve cost savings.

The Leader thanked Mr Eley for his observations.

As there were no other members of the public wishing to speak, the Leader invited Councillor Pauline Stott to raise an issue. Councillor Stott was concerned about the Devon County Council's planned cuts to youth services/centres within East Devon. The proposals were currently out for consultation.

Councillor Elson advised that she would include this issue for consideration at her next Sustainable Homes and Communities Think Tank - any change in youth provision would have an impact on this Council's Community Officer work. Councillor Tom Wright, Trustee of the Budleigh Salterton Youth Project Trust and Councillor Christine Drew, Youth Champion would be invited to attend.

***160 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 January 2014 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***161 Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest were made

***162 Exclusion of the public**

RESOLVED: that the classification given to the documents to be submitted to the Cabinet be confirmed; there were 4 items which officers recommended should be dealt with in Part B.

*163 **Forward plan**

Members noted the contents of the forward plan for decisions for the period 1 February to 31 May 2014.

*164 **Matters referred to the Cabinet**

There were no matters referred to the Cabinet by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Council.

*165 **Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 January 2014**

Members received and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15 January 2014.

The Committee's Chairman, Councillor Tim Wood, referred to the effective work carried out by the Budget Task and Finish Forum, the Budget Working Party and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He confirmed that the Council's homelessness work was demand-led and not constrained by budget - the Council's preventative measures to address homelessness had proved very effective. He also added that it was appropriate for the proposed office relocation estimated costs to be included within the budget at this stage to serve as a helpful indicator.

RESOLVED that the Committee's recommendations on the draft Revenue and Capital Estimates be taken into account at the relevant agenda item (13).

*166 **Housing Review Board – 9 January 2014**

Cabinet received and noted the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Review Board held on 9 January 2014.

The Chairman of the Housing Review Board, Councillor Pauline Stott drew Members' attention to Minute 52 – Older persons targeted support and emerging issues with regard to the future of this support within Devon.

RESOLVED 1: that the following be noted:

Minute 53 the updated forward plan.

Minute 57 the variances identified as part of the HRA revenue and capital monitoring process up to month eight.

Minute 58 the findings of the systems thinking review of day to day rent account management for council tenants.

***166 Housing Review Board – 9 January 2014 (continued)**

RESOLVED 2: that the following recommendations be approved

Minute 50 that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor Knight, and relevant officers meet to agree the exact wording for the Home Safeguard logo.

- Minute 52**
- (1) that consideration be given to the issues presented within the report on older persons' targeted support;
 - (2) that officers prepare as best they can and feed comments on the consultation proposals back to Devon County Council;
 - (3) that the current support service be maintained in house and alternative options considered;
 - (4) that a further report be brought to the Board once the detailed service specification was known.

Minute 59 that regard be had to the Chartered Institute of Housing's good practice advice on tackling tenancy fraud when implementing local policy and practice.

- Minute 60**
- (1) that the wording of the existing leaflet, tenant handbook and website information for downsizing be agreed, subject to changing 'will' to 'may' under the heading 'what if my current property is adapted to meet my special needs?'
 - (2) that the wording of the existing leaflet, tenant handbook and website information for mutual exchanges be agreed.

RESOLVED 3: that the following recommendations be referred to Council:

Minute 54 Approval of the housing service plan for 2014/15.

Minute 55 Approval of the Housing Revenue Account for 2014/15.

Minute 56 Approval of the principles and provisions of the voluntary code for a self financed Housing Revenue Account.

***167 Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board**

Cabinet received and noted the minutes of the meeting of the Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board held on 22 January 2014 presented by Councillor Iain Chubb, Chairman of the Partnership Board. He encouraged Members to use the Citizen app which had been well received. Similarly the Christmas collection bin hangers had been effective with positive feedback. He also referred to Schedule 2 waste – new regulations had re-classified a number of premises and allowed local authorities to charge for the disposal of waste from a wider range of non-domestic premises. The proposed charges for Schedule 2 waste collection was set out at Minute 30.

***167 Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board (continued)**

In reply to a question, Paul Deakin, Waste and Recycling Manager advised that the provision of kerbside collection of cardboard was unlikely to be rolled out before the new contract had been negotiated.

Councillor Chubb would send an official letter of thanks to SITA staff and supervisors for their positive performance and hard work. The Waste and Recycling Manager was also thanked for his efforts in reducing the volume of waste to landfill and for his effective negotiations in respect of paper and glass recycling payments.

The Chairman invited the Waste and Recycling Manager to give a presentation on the Integrated Devon waste service (Minute 29 refers). The Partnership Board had asked for the Cabinet to be up-dated on possible options – a report detailing costs would be referred to a future meeting. The proposed partnership arrangements would achieve cost savings, flexibility, increased recycling rates and efficiencies with either a fully integrated Devon waste service or a cluster arrangement. The cluster proposal for East Devon was with Exeter and Mid Devon Councils. The clusters were based on disposal arrangements.

- RESOLVED**
- (1) that a forensic accounting audit be commissioned for 2014;
 - (2) that the work that has already taken place on Integrated Devon be noted, with delegated authority being given to the Recycling and Waste Contract Manager, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Environment, to progress the integrated Devon waste service initiative and commit East Devon in principle to take a lead in trying to deliver either a Devon-wide integrated or a cluster arrangement;
 - (3) that the proposed charges for Schedule 2 waste collection and disposal be agreed as set out at Minute 30 of the Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board minutes.
 - (4) that in principle it be agreed that there would be no SITA collections on the first Saturday after Christmas, but further consideration be given to Christmas 2014 refuse and recycling collection dates to lessen the impact of a 4 day delay in collections, with a report being brought to a future Partnership Board meeting;
 - (5) that the wage increase for SITA employees, as included in the budget, be agreed.

REASON

To support the work of the Partnership Board and progress the integrated waste initiative.

***168 New Homes Bonus Panel – 22 January 2014**

Cabinet received the notes of the meeting of the New Homes Bonus Panel held on 22 January 2014 presented by the Panel's Chairman, Councillor Ray Bloxham.

At the last meeting of Cabinet, Members were advised that Devon County Council had agreed to treat the Cranbrook Parish Forum as a parish within the Parishes Together Initiative which meant that Cranbrook could bid for funding for joint projects under the scheme. Members noted the application from the Cranbrook Community Forum and the proposal to ask neighbouring councils if they would be willing to support the Forum's application for Parishes Together funding.

Councillor Bloxham advised that the initiative was attracting good hub projects and asked Ward Members to encourage their local councils to submit a scheme before the 17 March deadline. He said that this Council's Community Engagement and Funding Officer and Devon County Council's Locality Development Officer were carrying out excellent work. Parishes who had submitted successful bids had given positive feedback on the process.

RESOLVED that the New Homes Bonus Panel's decisions be supported and its recommendations approved, as set out in the notes of the Panel's meeting.

169 Revenue and Capital Estimates 2014/15 – key decision

Simon Davey, Head of Finance presented this report and outlined the budget process to date. No amendments had been proposed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that would affect the draft budget for the General Fund Revenue Account or the Capital Budget. The amendments from the Housing Review Board were reflected within the report.

The Head of Finance read out the legal requirements in respect of the process (set out at Reason 2 to the recommendations below) and expanded on the wording of Recommendation 7 for clarity based on legal advice.

At the last meeting of the Cabinet, Members had agreed on a proposed restructure of the Countryside Team and this additional cost had now been included within the estimates.

On the agenda of the current meeting, Cabinet Members would be asked to consider additions to the estimates in respect of the Seaton Jurassic Project and recommendations from the Leisure East Devon Joint Working Party. These recommendations had been assumed as accepted for the purpose of the budget papers but the figures would be adjusted, before being referred to Council, if this was not the case.

The Council was also required to set prudential indicators as part of the budget setting process and these were set out in the appendix to the report.

RECOMMENDED (1) that the Net Revenue General Fund Estimates of £13.803m be approved giving a net surplus of £0.069m to be paid into the General Fund Balance;

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Revenue and Capital Estimates 2014/15 – key decision (continued)

- (2) that a Council Tax requirement be set for 2014/15 at £6.582m with a resulting Council Tax Band 'D' of £121.78 (2013/14 £121.78);
- (3) that the Housing Revenue Account Estimates with a net surplus of £1.065m be approved;
- (4) that Council House rents be increased from April 2014 in line with the Rent Convergence restructuring scheme with the general increase being given as a 5.29% increase.
- (5) that Council garage rents be increased from April 2014 by 3%
- (6) that the Capital Budget totalling £19,476m be approved.
- (7) that the prudential indicators, including the minimum revenue provision statement, detailed in Appendix A of the report be adopted and authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer (Head of Finance) to operate within the specified parameters for any individual year.

REASON

- (1) There is a requirement for the Council to set a balanced budget for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account and to levy a Council Tax for 2014/15.
- (2) The requirements for budget setting and council tax are set out in statute and regulations which the finance team take account of in the preparation of the report. The duties of the Council's Section 151 Officer include the requirement to make recommendations to ensure that the Council maintains an adequate level of reserves, when considered alongside the risks the Council faces and the general economic outlook.

170 **2014/15 Treasury Management Strategy – key decision**

Simon Davey, Head of Finance advised that the Council was required to formally adopt an annual Treasury Management Strategy to comply with the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services. The Council was also required to adopt a set of prudential indicators relating to treasury activities.

The report highlighted the 2 main functions of treasury management as:

- ensuring the Council's cash flow is planned and that cash is available when needed;
- longer term cash flow planning to ensure the Council can meet its capital spending plans. This will include arranging long or short term loans or using longer term cash flow surpluses.

The Council's overriding investment policy objective was to prudently manage the Council's funds – minimise risks whilst maximising returns. The Council's credit worthiness criteria and its approach were set out in 2.2 of the report. A new counterparty had been added to the list, namely: deposit with banks incorporated outside the UK but entitled to accept deposits in the UK. The Head of Finance assured Members that the criteria for this new counterparty were very high with a maximum amount of £2M.

The report included the economic forecast for 2014/15 and potential interest rate levels together with the Council's borrowing requirement – the anticipated borrowing limits for the forthcoming financial year had been included within the prudential indicators.

RECOMMENDED that the Treasury Management Strategy for 2014/15 be adopted.

REASON The Council is required to formally adopt a Treasury Management Strategy before the beginning of the financial year.

171 **Council Plan – refreshed document – key decision**

The Corporate Organisational Development Manager presented the refreshed Council Plan which was a cornerstone of the Council's performance reporting and its communications with customers and staff.

In reply to a suggestion that an indication of costs of principal activities could be included to highlight cost benefits, the Portfolio Holder – Corporate Business advised that the Plan was one of a suite of documents. The service plans and financial plan within the suite included more detail. The aim of the Council Plan was to communicate to everyone in broad terms with a simple and clear message.

RECOMMENDED that the updated version of the Council Plan, which reflects achievements made in the last two years and outlines the Council's focus for the medium term, be agreed.

REASON To enable the Council to continue to improve the quality of its communications and the information about its priorities.

*172 **Cranbrook Community questionnaire results – key decision**

The Corporate Organisational Development Manager advised that a community needs and satisfaction questionnaire had been sent to all the occupied households in Cranbrook. The survey results would be used by the Cranbrook Community Development Worker, the Cranbrook Community Forum and others to help provide and improve services and communications.

The Portfolio Holder – Corporate Business drew Members' attention to the summary of results at paragraph 1.3 of the report; these were very positive.

The healthcare questions had been included on the request of NHS England and would be helpful in determining demand through gathered intelligence.

As a separate but related issue, Members supported the suggestion that NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups be included as relevant consultees of district-wide planning applications.

RESOLVED that the results of the Cranbrook Community questionnaire be noted.

REASON The results of the survey will help to inform how the Community Development Worker, Community Forum, Consortium and other agencies such as EDDC can work together to improve services and find out what information residents would like to be given.

*173 **Financial monitoring report 2013/14 month 9 – December 2013**

Cabinet members considered the financial monitoring report which gave a summary of the Council's overall financial position for 2013/14 at the end of month 9 (31 December 2013). Current monitoring indicated that:

- The General Fund balance was being maintained at or above the adopted level. The predicted balance was £0.551m above the Council's maximum adopted level of £3.6m but no decision on the surplus was required until the final year end position was known.
- The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) balance will be maintained at or above the adopted level. The current balance was well above the recommended level and would be used to further invest in housing stock, to offset any adverse effects of the Welfare Reform and to ensure sufficient funds are available to make the first repayment of principal on the self-financing loans due in 2014/15. In addition £1.710m was held in a separate reserve.
- There was sufficient Capital Reserve to balance this year's Capital Programme. It is estimated that £2.821m will be available in the Reserve to support the programme from 2014/15 onwards.

The Head of Finance advised that there were no areas of concern.

RESOLVED that the variances identified as part of the Revenue and Capital monitoring process up to month 9 be acknowledged;

REASON The report updated Councillors on the overall financial position of the authority following the end of each month and included recommendations where corrective action was required for the remainder of the financial year.

*174 **Changes to National Non Domestic rates (Business Rates)**

Members considered the report of the Revenues and Benefits Manager setting out changes to the Business Rate measures (announced in the Autumn Statement). These included the potential use of discretionary powers to give rate relief in prescribed circumstances. The Government had stated that local authorities would be reimbursed for any relief granted as a result of these measures. The aim was to help businesses and the local economy.

The Head of Finance advised that since the agenda had been issued, further details had been received from Government on the scheme's implementation. These guidelines gave local authorities discretion in granting relief so that decisions could be made within the context of each authority's wider objectives for the local area. Delegated authority was sought to agree the details of the scheme in order to meet the timetable for implementation.

- RESOLVED**
- (1) that Members note the changes to Business Rates announced in the Autumn Statement
 - (2) that the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Finance and Economy, be given delegated authority to agree the details of the scheme in compliance with:
 - Government Guidelines being issued on qualifying criteria for granting business rate relief
 - State Aid legislation

and subject to Central Government refunding the additional cost to this Council.

REASON

The package of measures announced in the Autumn Statement will be fully funded by the Government at no cost to EDDC and will provide support to businesses during this difficult economic climate.

As some of the measures will be brought in under the Council's discretionary powers (Local Government Finance Act 1988) there is a requirement for Members to formally approve giving the relief/discount where ratepayers meet the qualifying criteria, subject to state aid limits. Government guidance has been received late and therefore delegated powers will enable the details of the scheme to be agreed ready for implementation in April.

*175 **Mamhead Slipway option approval**

Members considered the report of the Mamhead Slipway Replacement Project Manager seeking approval for the preferred scheme to enable the necessary statutory processes to commence. Option 2 provided a layout which delivered the Exmouth Masterplan objective of enhancing the operational characteristics of the slipway, by providing some space for vehicle parking and manoeuvring adjacent to the slipway and off the public highway. Vehicles would park temporarily to launch and recover and would then move to long term parking off-site.

***175 Mamhead Slipway option approval (continued)**

A bid for the total project cost (which included a 40% contingency) had been submitted on this basis from the Council's Capital Programme.

Members noted that a significant contribution was likely to be made by Devon County Council in line with an agreement which was reached in 1948 regarding future maintenance responsibilities for the seawall and slipways at Exmouth.

The concept of charging for usage of the slipway would be factored in to future considerations. Exeter City Council was the responsible harbour authority; enforcement plans to sensitively address any anti-social behaviour of boat and water users would be discussed through the Exe Estuary Partnership.

- RESOLVED**
- (1) that the indicative layout showing in drawing 9Y0565-0200 for a replacement public slipway at Mamhead, Exmouth, including use for vehicle and trailer manoeuvring of the area currently laid out as Mamhead Gardens, be approved;
 - (2) that the submission of a planning application and an application for the required marine licence be approved.

REASON The technical study work has now progressed where sufficient information is known about the options examined to be able to make a clear recommendation as to which is most appropriate.

176 Draft meetings timetable 2014/15

The Cabinet considered the proposed timetable of meetings for the next Council year. It followed a similar pattern to previous years other than:

- Licensing and Enforcement Sub Committee and Committee meetings being moved to Wednesdays to avoid a potential clash with Development Management Committee meetings on Tuesdays.
- A sufficient gap between Cabinet and Council meetings to avoid Cabinet minutes having to be circulated after the Council minute book has been published.

Members noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its last meeting had considered the timetable with a view to possibly increasing the number of meetings of the full Council by one per year. The Corporate Business Portfolio Holder had asked to refer this matter to his think tank and broaden the topic to consider how Council meetings could be reviewed to be more effective and make better use of Councillor time. The considerations of the think tank would be reported back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The final version of the timetable, which if possible, to include changes to the pattern of Housing Review Board meetings so that these could be reported earlier to Council, would be referred to the annual meeting of the Council. Members were recommended to approve the date of the annual meeting as 14 May 2014 (avoiding the European elections on 22 May).

176 **Draft meetings timetable 2014/15**

RECOMMENDED that the draft meetings timetable be referred for approval to the annual meeting of the Council subject to any proposed amendments being taken into account.

RESOLVED that the 2014 Annual Council meeting be held on 14 May.

REASON To meet the legal requirement to hold an Annual Meeting and also such other meetings as necessary for the conduct of the Council's business in accordance with its Constitution.

*177 **Performance management report December 2013**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Corporate Organisational Development Manager setting out performance information for the 2013/14 financial year for December 2013.

Councillors noted two indicators that were showing excellent performance and extended their appreciation to the teams involved:

- percentage of planning appeal decisions allowed against the authority's decision to refuse
- percentage of non domestic rates collected

The Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Homes & Communities referred to the Council home rent collection statistics (99.6%) which was an excellent result, particularly in times of economic hardship. She also advised that the Council had completed its first Enforced Sale Procedure on a long term empty property in East Devon and praised the team for its work on developing the relevant process and getting it right.

No performance indicators showed concern.

RESOLVED that the progress and proposed improvement action for performance measures for the 2013/14 financial year for December 2013 be noted.

REASON The monthly monitoring was to highlight performance and help identify any trends. Additional information to support this monitoring was provided on line – SPAR performance indicators and systems thinking measures in key service areas – Streetscene, Housing, Development Management and Revenues and Benefits.

*178 **Exclusion of the public**

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as exempt and private information (as set out against each Part B agenda item), is likely to be disclosed and on balance the public interest is in discussing the items in private session (Part B).

***179 Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG) Business Plan – key decision**

Due to adverse weather conditions the consultant (specialist firm in areas of culture, social and economic development, Perfect Moment) who had prepared the Thelma Hulbert Gallery Business Plan was unable to travel from Cornwall. The report would be considered at the March Cabinet meeting.

RESOLVED The item was deferred until the next Cabinet on 5 March 2014.

REASON The consultant who was due to give a presentation on the Gallery Business Plan had been obliged to cancel.

180 Office accommodation – next steps – key decision

Richard Cohen, Deputy Chief Executive gave an up-date on the current position – the Council's decision to relocate its offices, the process, drivers, how the project was being taking forward, options and site scoring. He outlined the main issues within the update report which included:

- Latest developments regarding the Council's Heathpark sites
- New office options with detailed financial and non-financial analysis

Potential sites for EDDC offices had been reduced from 15 to a shortlist of 5. The analysis of the shortlisted site options plus an 'essential repairs only' option (the 'do nothing option') was given in detail in the report and accompanying documentation. Cabinet was now asked to give consideration to the two highest scoring options (Skypark and Clyst House) and make recommendations to Council. The Cabinet took into account the key risks and mitigations set out in the report plus legal and financial implications.

Reference was made to the recommendations of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 30 January 2014 which would be formally referred to the next meeting of Cabinet. It was commented that the recommendations failed to reflect information that had already been published.

Issues raised by Cabinet included:

- The Knowle offices were not fit for purpose.
- The location should provide an environment for modern service delivery.
- The public needed to be given clear reasons for the necessary move from Knowle.
- Clyst House, Winslade Park – this was an old building with access issues relating to its parkland location and distance from the main road network.
- The Skypark site offered easy access, it would be purpose built and would send a positive signal about the Council across the district. Being purpose built would mean that costs would be controlled. Should circumstances change, it would be easier to let or sell. Skypark being viewed as a key location for future economic development in the West of the district as well as a suitable location for shared services.
- Honiton was a good location but economic circumstances had to be taken into account in terms of project funding arrangements.
- Risks were identified and noted.
- The equality impact assessment which had been compiled with significant detail and care would be used as a reference document throughout the process.

180 **Office accommodation – next steps – key decision (continued)**

- Arrangements were needed for the Council to have an appropriate presence (including face to face contact) to meet customer needs in local towns.
- East Devon Business Centre – is this satisfying the Council’s objectives of providing business support? A review of options was the way forward.

The preferred option of Skypark was unanimously supported by the Cabinet.

- RECOMMENDED**
- (1) that the further analysis provided in the report and its attachments be noted:
 - (2) that the opportunities, risks and risk management approach inherent in the project plan and its conditions and gateways be noted:
 - (3) **New Office**
 - (a) that the order of site preference advised in the report (site scoring outcomes were included at Appendix 2 to the report) and the Office Accommodation Executive Group’s recommendation to decide between Clyst House, Winslade Park or Skypark be noted;
 - (b) that a preferred site and acquisition costs of Skypark- £986,000 (site) be recommended to Council and for detailed negotiation to begin. (Costs include Stamp Duty Land Tax but exclude VAT);
 - (c) that, subject to Council agreement, officers be instructed to take forward the agreed option under the continued guidance of the Executive Group, with key future decisions being subject to Cabinet and Council approval;
 - (d) that formal approval to proceed with the purchase be referred to Cabinet and Council – reports to this effect are anticipated for considered around July 2014;
 - (e) that, as an immediate action, a marketing exercise be conducted to engage developer interest (for a amount which was disclosed at the meeting) and ascertain the values and variety of proposals for development on the Knowle and Manstone Depot sites;

180 **Office accommodation – next steps – key decision (continued)**

- (f) that further project management costs through to completion of the Project in the sum of up to £88,000 for professional service costs including project management, architects, engineers and other designers), Fees, etc (excluding VAT) be agreed.
- (4) **Heathpark**
 - (a) that Terrace Hill be selected as the preferred developer for EDDC's former SITA depot and existing Business Centre site on Honiton Heathpark and the Council enter into conditional contract;
 - (b) that the requirement for a replacement for East Devon Business Centre be investigated further – to identify and secure by purchase, if required, a viable alternative site to develop a new Business Centre. This investigation to include a full review of the business support and service provided by the Council and whether the current provision meets the needs of new and growing businesses within the district.
- (5) that the Deputy Chief Executive (Development, Regeneration and Partnership), under the direction of the Office Accommodation Executive Group, be authorised to take forward actions in pursuit of the above recommendations and in accordance with the Project Gateway Plan.
- (6) that further work be carried out to investigate EDDC presence and service provision in our coastal and market towns to meet the needs of the local community in the most effective and modern way;

REASON

To progress the Council's plans to manage its assets effectively and to deliver modern public services.

181 **Regeneration revenue funding requirements**

Members considered the report of the Principal Regeneration Project Manager which gave an update on the financial spend on the Exmouth Regeneration projects to date. The next phase of revenue funding (excluding the Mamhead Slipway) was from April 2015; Members were asked to consider bringing forward a proportion of approved budget to fund a delivery plan for the next phases of Exmouth Vision Masterplan delivery.

181 **Regeneration revenue funding requirements (continued)**

Members also noted the continued progress of Seaton Jurassic (Seaton Discovery Centre). This was a good project for attracting funding but needed more detailed project management.

Members of the Cabinet and the Chairman of the Council expressed their appreciation of the regeneration work and to the teams that had driven the projects forward.

- RECOMMENDED**
- (1) that progress on the Exmouth Regeneration Projects be noted;
 - (2) that the use of part of the existing Exmouth budget for professional services to prepare a Delivery Strategy for the next phase for Exmouth Regeneration be approved - this will leave a shortfall in fixed costs for 2015/16;
 - (3) that the requirement for an additional £50,720 revenue funding for 2015/16 to cover the fixed costs (referred to in (2) above), be approved;
 - (4) that the Regeneration Team prepares a further report for Cabinet later this year on the outcome of the Delivery Strategy with recommendations for the next phase of the delivery process and any requirements for ongoing revenue funding;
 - (5) that the progress of Seaton Jurassic (new name for Seaton Discovery Centre) be noted;
 - (6) that an additional capital budget of up to £50,000 be made available for the Project for the appointment of a Project Manager as detailed in paragraph 8 of the report;
 - (7) that the appointment of a Project Manager from Ward Williams be allowed and exemption from standing order Section 1, part 3.1 agreed for reasons given in the report, including to allow for speed of appointment and continuity of knowledge and information.

REASON To enable the Exmouth Regeneration Projects and Seaton Jurassic to progress.

182 **Leisure East Devon Joint Working Group**

Members received and considered the notes of a meeting of the Leisure East Devon Joint Working Group which had met on 22 January 2014.

- RECOMMENDED**
- (1) that a £120k LED investment proposal for Exmouth Pavilion be supported, subject to legal advice;
 - (2) that a £1.45 Public Works Loan Board loan for works to Exmouth Leisure Centre be agreed, subject to legal advice and subject to all loan and interest repayment costs being met by LED;

- RESOLVED**
- (1) that a full and detailed report on possible options in respect of the Ocean Bowling Centre be reported to a future meeting of Cabinet.

REASON

Exmouth Pavilion – to enable the facility to be up-graded to achieve additional revenue and help reduce the increasing need for subsidy.

Exmouth Leisure Centre – to provide financing arrangements so that the Centre could be improved.

Chairman Date