

## OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL

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30 July 2025

Dear Councillors

I hereby give you notice that the **Full Council Meeting [In-person]** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** will be held at **19:00 on Monday, August 4, 2025**, at **Ottery St. Mary Town Council Offices, 8 Broad Street, Ottery St Mary EX11 1BZ**.

All members are hereby summoned to consider the matters detailed on the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

*Kerry Kennell*

Town Clerk

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## AGENDA

### **C/25/08/1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence

### **C/25/08/2 Declarations and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

### **C/25/08/3 Admission to Meetings**

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

### **C/25/08/4 Public Participation**

To allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments for consideration  
Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes

### **C/25/08/5 Minutes**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of 7th July 2025 (*minute refs C25/07/01-C25/07/21*) and to approve the signing of the Minutes by the Mayor as a correct record

### **C/25/08/6 To receive Reports from the EDDC and DCC Councillors**

(if any)

### **C/25/08/7 Planning**

**C/25/08/7.1 To note the Minutes of 21st July 2025 (minute refs P/25/07/11-P25/07/20 )**

### **C/25/08/8 Finance and Strategic Planning Committee**

**C/25/08/8.1 To note the minutes of the meeting of 8th July 2025 (minute refs FSP/25/07/01 - FSP/25/07/17)**

**C/25/08/8.2 To consider (and approve if appropriate) recommendations from the Committee**

It was RECOMMENDED that the Council:

- make the following grant payments:

Ottery St Mary Primary School PTA	£1,350
Ottery St Mary Football Club	£3,000
Ottery Carnival and Tar Barrels	£5,000

- the Council write to EDDC to request a lease of land at Land of Canaan as specified on the map – appendix 1.

**C/25/08/9 Community Infrastructure Committee**

**C/25/08/9.1 To note the Minutes of 21st July 2025 (minute refs CI/25/07/01-025/07/19)**

**C/25/08/9.2 To consider (and approve if appropriate) recommendations from the Committee**

It was RECOMMENDED that:

- the Council proceed with the installation of three EV charging points at the Station at a cost of £5,781.80 EX VAT
- charges should be set to cover the running costs of the chargers but not to make a profit as this is a facility for the parish aimed to encourage residents without a parking space to purchase an electric vehicle
- the Council continues with a paid option to deliver their plants for 2026
- the Clerk will obtain quotes for planting in September/October and May to include watering

**C/25/08/10 Operations Committee**

**C/25/08/10.1 To note the Minutes of 24th July 2025 (minute refs O/25/07/01-025/07/14)**

**C/25/08/10.2 To consider (and approve if appropriate) recommendations from the Committee**

It was RECOMMENDED that:

- the portacabins are only used for storage
- the Council has a youth strategy during the Autumn term and this should be considered by the Finance and Strategic Planning Committee at their next meeting
- Cllr Grainger is elected as Vice Chair of the Operations Committee

**C/25/08/11 To consider response to EDDC Local Government Reorganisation survey**

**C/25/08/12 To receive an update regarding the proposal to transfer Tipton St John Church of England Primary School to Thorne Farm, Ottery St Mary**

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**C/25/08/16 To review applications for co-option of Tipton St John Ward councillor and make decisions as appropriate**

**C/25/08/17 To consider committee membership and make decisions as appropriate**

**C/25/08/18 Confirmation of decisions made under the Scheme of Delegation**

Cllrs Johns, Green and Stewart gave delegated authority to spend up to £600.00 supporting SPACE summer activities.

**C/25/08/19 Financial Matters**

To consider and approve the July 2025 Receipts and Payments and Reconciliation reports

**C/25/08/20 To consider Report from the Mayor**

**C/25/08/21 To consider Report from the Town Clerk**

**C/25/08/22 To note any specific correspondence received**

**C/25/08/23 To note any reports previously e-mailed by Councillors of Meetings attended**

**C/25/08/24 Councillors Questions on Councillors Business**

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## Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF Full Council Meeting [In-person] held on **Monday 07 July 2025** at **19:00**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council**

Present: Cllrs Vicky Johns (Mayor), Dean Stewart, Peter Faithfull, Richard Grainger, Richard Copus, Janice Aherne and Ben Feasey  
In Attendance: EDDC Cllr Beth Collins, DCC Cllr Jess Bailey and Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk  
Minute Taker: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

### **C/25/07/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were noted for Cllrs Green and Sneller.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Cllr Lucas' absence until August Full Town Council meeting.

### **C/25/07/2 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Feasey	No interests declared.
Cllr Copus	No interests declared.
Cllr Faithfull	No interests declared.
Cllr Aherne	Agenda item 10 – Cllr Aherne declared an 'affects NRI' as a resident of Tipton St John.
Cllr Grainger	No interests declared.
Cllr Stewart	No interests declared.
Cllr Johns	No interests declared.

### **C/25/07/3 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS**

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

There were none.

### **C/25/07/4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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To allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments for consideration  
Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes

There were none.

#### **C/25/07/5 MINUTES**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of 2nd June and 23rd June 2025 (*minute refs C25/06/01-C25/06/24 and C25/06/25 -C25/06/35*) and to approve the signing of the Minutes by the Mayor as a correct record

The minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 were approved as a true record of the meetings and were signed by the Mayor.

#### **C/25/07/6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE EDDC AND DCC COUNCILLORS**

(if any)

**EDDC Cllr Johns** sent a written report.

**EDDC Cllr Collins** said that she had nothing to report as most meetings are being cancelled at EDDC. The councillors do not know why this is happening. Cllr Collins will confirm when a decision will be made regarding the PlayZone application.

**EDDC Cllr Faithfull** said that a site visit was held at Land of Canaan regarding an application for Pixie Day. Whilst on site EDDC looked at the overgrown areas at Land of Canaan. Cllr Faithfull advised that early next year clearance work will be carried out from from Head Weir to Tumbling Weir. The EDDC Strategic Planning Committee meeting is taking place later this week.

**DCC Cllr Bailey** advised that currently all works are going to plan for the Coleridge Bridge repair. Cllr Bailey arranged for leader of DCC to come out and have a look around the Tipton St John school and the surrounding village. Cllr Bailey is continuing to push for the school to be built in Tipton St John. If you're a householder you can take leftover paint to one of Devon's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) for others to use under the Community Repaint scheme. Cllr Bailey is accepting locality budget applications. Complaints about noise and smell relating to the sewage works will be sent to Cllr Bailey.

#### **C/25/07/7 PLANNING**

##### **C/25/07/7.1 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF 9TH JUNE 2025 AND 1ST JULY 2025 (MINUTE REFS P/25/06/01-P25/06/10 AND P25/07/01 - P25/07/11)**

The minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 were noted.

#### **C/25/07/8 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

##### **C/25/07/8.1 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF 23RD JUNE 2025 (MINUTE REFS CI/25/06/01-025/06/18)**

The minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 were noted.

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**C/25/07/8.2 TO CONSIDER (AND APPROVE IF APPROPRIATE) RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council pays for JHH Property Services to water the planters during the growing season at a cost of £82.80 per watering (maximum 3 waterings per week depending on the weather conditions).

**C/25/07/9 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**C/25/07/9.1 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF 26TH JUNE 2025 (MINUTE REFS O/25/06/01-025/06/15)**

The minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were noted.

**C/25/07/9.2 TO CONSIDER (AND APPROVE IF APPROPRIATE) RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following equipment is purchased: 65" Clevertouch IMPACT MAX TV; Clevercam 80-degree camera and a motorised height trolley at a total cost of £2445.22 + VAT. It was confirmed that this equipment can be accessed through usb or Wi-Fi.

**C/25/07/10 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER TIPTON ST JOHN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL TO THORNE FARM, OTTERY ST MARY**

There is no further update.

**C/25/07/11 TO NOTE THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING DEVOLUTION AND MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

There is no further update.

**C/25/07/12 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING THE COUNCILLORS WITH AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO ACCESS COUNCIL INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council did not feel it was an appropriate use of public money to provide councillors with an electronic device to access Council information. All councillors were reminded that they should read the supporting information before they attend a meeting. Councillors were reminded that the office will print off any supporting information if required.

**C/25/07/13 TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS TO AGREE PROPOSED AREAS FOR INSTALLATION OF 20MPH ZONE OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

There has been no response from DCC regarding the proposed 20mph zones outside of the Town centre.

The Mayor and Town Clerk attended a meeting with DCC to discuss issues arising from the installation of the 20mph scheme. DCC confirmed that the town 20mph scheme could not

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be extended as this would not be in line with their policy. It was AGREED that the Clerk will confirm the cost of a moveable speed limit sign – it was felt those with a smiley activated message were more effective.

**C/25/07/14 CONFIRMATION OF DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

It was noted that Cllrs Johns, Green and Stewart gave delegated authority to spend up to £600.00 supporting SPACE summer activities.

**C/25/07/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

To consider and approve the June 2025 Receipts and Payments and Reconciliation reports

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the June 2025 Receipts and Payments and Reconciliation reports.

**C/25/07/16 TO CONSIDER REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor attended the Pixie Day event which was a very successful day. The Mayor is following the building of the play area at Land of Canaan. The Mayor is pushing for the leat at Ridgeway to be cleared by DCC.

**C/25/07/17 TO CONSIDER REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

The Clerk sent a written report. All Councillors were reminded to advise the Clerk at their earliest opportunity if they are unable to attend a meeting.

**C/25/07/18 TO NOTE ANY SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

It was AGREED that the Council support the proposal that will be put forward to the HATOC committee to change the parking restriction on Mill Street from 9am to 8am.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will confirm whether Tumbling Weir Way has this been adopted by DCC.

**C/25/07/19 TO NOTE ANY REPORTS PREVIOUSLY E-MAILED BY COUNCILLORS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

The Mayor, Cllrs Stewart and Green met with the Pétanque Club to discuss the planning application for a PlayZone.

Cllr Faithfull advised that the Feniton Flood Alleviate Scheme is technically finished and should be operational this winter.

**C/25/07/20 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS ON COUNCILLORS BUSINESS**

Cllr Feasey highlighted concerns regarding the restricted accessibility at the bottom of Grandisson Drive to Slade Road for the elderly and young families. It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact DCC again to see whether a solution can be provided.

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**C/25/07/21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2025**

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Meeting concluded at 8.22pm.

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## Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF Planning meeting held on **Monday 21 July 2025** at **18:30**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council Offices (8 Broad Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, EX11 1BZ)**

Present: Cllrs Richard Copus, Vicky Johns, John Green, Janice Aherne and Nick Sneller  
In Attendance: Seven members of the public and Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk  
Minute Taker: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

### **P/25/07/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were noted from Cllr Grainger.

### **P/25/07/12 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Sneller	No interests declared.
Cllr Aherne	Agenda item P/25/07/11. Cllr Aherne declared an ORI in relation to application 25/1275/FUL. It was noted that Cllr Aherne is a resident of Tipton St John.
Cllr Green	No interests declared.
Cllr Johns	No interests declared.
Cllr Copus	No interests declared.

### **P/25/07/13 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS**

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

There were none.

*The following item was discussed at the end of the meeting:*

### **P/25/07/14 REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE**

An email was received from Feniton Parish Council requesting that the Council expand their reasons for objection in relation to application 25/1278/PDQ which was discussed at the

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Planning Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July. It was AGREED a revised comment will be submitted to EDDC to say the Council object on the following grounds:

**1. Unsustainable Access and Highway Safety**

- The proposed development would result in increased vehicle access onto and off a single-track road, which lacks a footpath and is not suitable for additional traffic.
- The road conditions raise serious concerns for pedestrian and highway safety, particularly for vulnerable road users.
- The location is not sustainable in terms of transport infrastructure, with limited access to public transport and essential services.

**2. Outside the Built-Up Area Boundary**

- The site lies outside the defined built-up area boundary and is therefore considered open countryside under planning policy.
- Development in this location is contrary to the principles of sustainable development and does not align with the current or emerging Local Plan.

**P/25/07/15 MINUTES**

To receive the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 and to approve the signing of the Minutes by the Chair as a correct record

The minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> July were approved and signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

**P/25/07/16 PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED**

<a href="#">25/1111/FUL</a>	9 Homefield Close, OSM, EX11 1HS	APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
<a href="#">25/0846/FUL</a>	8 Jesu Street Ottery St Mary EX11 1EU	APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
<a href="#">25/1182/DOC</a>	4 Cadhay House, Cadhay Lane, OSM, EX11 1WH	DISCHARGE OF CONDITION
<a href="#">25/0267/CPE</a>	Cadhay Barton, Cadhay, OSM, EX11 1QY	CPE APPROVED
<a href="#">25/1238/FUL</a>	39 Slade Close, OSM, EX11 1SZ	APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**P/25/07/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To assist with the smooth running of the meeting, the Chair will allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments relating to items on the agenda for consideration prior to the application being heard. Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes. Where there is a group of objectors or supporters for an application, a spokesperson should be appointed to speak on behalf of the group. The Chair will invite the member of public to speak, after the application has been introduced.

**P/25/07/18 TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE OBSERVATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Reference	Applicant	Details
1)	25/1341/PIP Kingsgreen Estates Ltd	Permission in principle for up to 4 no. dwellings

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			Lane east of Tipton Vale, Metcombe
<p>Four members of the public spoke in relation to the application. <i>Cllr Green left the meeting.</i>  A lengthy discussion took place.  The Council do not support to the application for the following reasons:</p> <p>1. Flood Risk and Drainage  The proposed site acts as a natural flood storage area, and development would reduce its capacity to absorb excess water.  The site is located upstream of key flood risk areas in the village, including the school and main road, increasing the likelihood of downstream flooding.  The Council is particularly concerned about the increased frequency of intense rainfall events, which will exacerbate the risk.  There is a knock-on effect on Fluxton Road, which is a vital route connecting the village to Ottery St Mary and is at risk of being cut off.</p> <p>2. Highway Safety and Access  The road adjacent to the site is narrower than indicated on planning maps, raising concerns about safe access and increased traffic.  The development would add to existing highway safety concerns in the village.</p> <p>3. Environmental and Biodiversity Impact  The site lies within or adjacent to a County Wildlife Site, with known presence of bats.  The development would result in the loss of biodiversity and damage to the local ecosystem.  There are two mature oak trees on the site. The Council is concerned about potential damage to their root systems, which could compromise their structural integrity. It is unclear whether these trees are protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs); the Council understands that EDDC is currently investigating this.</p> <p>4. Conflict with Local and Emerging Planning Policy  The proposed development is outside the defined built-up area boundary and is not allocated for housing in the current or emerging Local Plan.  The application proposes four detached houses, estimated to be priced between £400,000–£500,000, with no provision for affordable housing—despite a clear local need for such housing in Tipton St John.  For the reasons outlined above, Ottery St Mary Town Council strongly recommends refusal of this application. The proposal poses unacceptable risks to flood safety, biodiversity, highway safety, and conflicts with local planning policy.</p>			
2)	<a href="#">25/1393/FUL</a>	Mr Henry Gater	Proposed 1 no. new dwelling in grounds of existing dwelling (resubmission of 24/1706/FUL) East Hayes House, East Hill, OSM, EX11 1QH
<p>The Council do not support this application. The Council notes that the current proposal appears substantially unchanged from the previous application submitted last year, and therefore reiterates its original concerns:</p> <p>1. Location Outside the Development Boundary  The site lies outside the defined built-up area boundary and is designated as open countryside. Development in this location is contrary to both the Local Plan and principles of sustainable development.</p> <p>2. Agricultural Land Use</p>			

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The land in question is currently agricultural, and the Council sees no justification for its change of use to residential development.

### 3. Drainage Concerns

The application provides insufficient evidence regarding foul drainage arrangements. While the applicant has responded to this point, the Council remains concerned about the adequacy and long-term sustainability of the proposed solution.

### 4. Highway and Access Issues

The proposed development would introduce a large residential dwelling into an area served by narrow country lanes in both directions. Increased traffic and access movements would pose a risk to highway safety, especially given the lack of footpaths and limited visibility.

### 5. Reliance on Supporting Statements

The Council notes that the application relies heavily on a carer's report to justify the need for the development but does not consider this sufficient planning justification for a new dwelling in open countryside.

3)	<a href="#">25/1449/FUL</a>	Mr Jai Coombes	Application for permission of drop-kerb and associated hardstanding to form 1 no. off street parking space 36 Longdogs Lane, OSM, EX11 1HU
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The Council does not object to the dropped kerb in principle, but recommends that:

- The hardstanding area should be constructed using porous materials to allow water to drain through.
- Sufficient drainage channels should be incorporated into the design to manage surface water effectively and prevent flooding or pooling.

4)	<a href="#">25/1275/FUL</a>	Mrs Janice Aherne	Demolish existing pavilion and construct new sports pavilion with raised decking and raised pedestrian walkway Tipton St John Cricket Pavillion, TSJ, EX10 0AF
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*Cllr Aherne left the meeting.*

The Council support this application.

*Cllr Aherne joined the meeting.*

5)	<a href="#">25/0606/FUL</a>	Mrs Claire Howarth	Alterations to roof to allow for creation of first floor. 2 The Orchard, TSJ, EX10 0AZ
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The Council support the application but recommends that:

1. A suitable mitigation strategy for bats must be in place, in accordance with ecological guidance and any relevant survey findings.
2. Construction Working Hours - To minimise disruption to local residents, construction activity should be restricted to the hours of 8.00am to 6.00pm on weekdays and 8.00am until 1pm on Saturdays.

## **P/25/07/19 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS RELATING TO PLANNING MATTERS**

There were none.

## **P/25/07/20 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 AT 6.30PM**

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Meeting concluded at 19:30

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## Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF Finance & Strategic Planning Committee [In-person] held on **Tuesday 08 July 2025** at **17:00**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council**

Present: Cllrs Dean Stewart (Chair), Ben Feasey, Janice Aherne, John Green (Deputy Mayor) and Richard Grainger  
In Attendance: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk  
Minute Taker: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

### **FSP/25/07/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were noted for Cllr Johns.

### **FSP/25/07/02 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Stewart	No interests declared. It was noted that Cllr Stewart's child attends Ottery Primary School.
Cllr Feasey	No interests declared.
Cllr Aherne	No interests declared.
Cllr Green	No interests declared.
Cllr Grainger	No interests declared.

### **FSP/25/07/03 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS**

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

It was **RESOLVED** that Agenda Item F/25/03/08 Consideration of Community Grant Applications would be discussed in Confidential Session as they include information relating to the organisations finances.

### **FSP/25/07/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments for consideration  
Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes

There were none.

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**FSP/25/07/05 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FINANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Strategic Planning Committee.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will circulate the Strategic Plan document to the Committee and add it to the next agenda for review.

**FSP/25/07/06 MINUTES**

To receive the following minutes and to approve the signing of the Minutes by the Chair as a correct record

The minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

**FSP/25/07/06.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6TH MARCH 2025 (MINUTE REFS F/25/03/01 - F/25/03/13)**

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

**FSP/25/07/06.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 13TH MARCH 2025 (MINUTE REFS F/25/03/14 - F/25/03/22)**

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

**FSP/25/07/06.3 STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 17TH OCTOBER 2024 (MINUTE REFS S/24/10/01 - S/24/10/14)**

The minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

**FSP/25/07/07 TO NOTE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2024/25 AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Internal Audit report was noted. The Committee thanked the Clerk for her work throughout the past year. The focus for the Committee over the next couple of months will be the review of the Investment Policy, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

**FSP/25/07/08 CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Grant applications received from Ottery Primary PTFA and Ottery St Mary Football Club

It was **RECOMMENDED** to make the following grant payments:

Ottery St Mary Primary School PTA	£1,350
Ottery St Mary Football Club	£3,000
Ottery Carnival and Tar Barrels	£5,000

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**FSP/25/07/09 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING S106 MONIES AND MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

The LTA have provided some proposals for the Winters Lane Tennis Courts. The Clerk will speak to EDDC regarding the proposals to establish whether planning permission and/or a public consultation would be required and to establish what format this would need to take.

Ottery St Mary Cricket Club (OSMCC) have responded to the questions raised. It was noted that the Cricket Club have submitted a planning application for new changing rooms whilst stating that the netting is their primary project. The Clerk will seek clarification from the EDDC Section 106 officer regarding the next steps. It was felt that any funding from Section 106 should be match funded by the Cricket Club. It was noted that an interest free loan can be obtained from the English Cricket Board. Following confirmation from EDDC it was felt a meeting with OSMCC could be beneficial to help move things forward.

Ottery St Mary Association Football Club (OSMAFC) have responded to the questions raised. It was noted that if there is any Section 106 funding dedicated to sports pitches remaining after the installation of the PlayZone it could be allocated to the lighting project. The information will be forwarded to EDDC to discuss the next steps.

The Clerk will ask DCC whether Section 106/CIL money can be spent helping to guarantee the future of library facilities in Ottery St Mary if the existing library loses its funding.

**FSP/25/07/10 REVIEW OF EDDC AND DCC ASSETS AND CONSIDERATION OF FUNDED SERVICES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE PARISH**

There was a discussion regarding the assets of EDDC and DCC. It was AGREED that it is impossible to progress until more information on devolution is available.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will source a plaque for the Platinum Jubilee tree at the Land of Canaan.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council write to EDDC to request a lease of land at Land of Canaan as specified on the map – appendix 1.

**FSP/25/07/11 TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR OR ADOPT A COMMUNITY PLANTER AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

It was AGREED that the Council are open to sponsorship of the planters and feel that this, along with adoption of planters by individuals should be built into the planting strategy for 2026 and beyond.

**FSP/25/07/12 TO CONSIDER ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

There are none.

**FSP/25/07/13 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK REGARDING ANY OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

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There were none.

**FSP/25/07/14 TO NOTE ANY SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

There were none.

**FSP/25/07/15 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS**

There were none.

**FSP/25/07/16 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

The Committee expressed their thanks to Cllr Green for his contribution during his time on the Finance and Strategy Committee.

**FSP/25/07/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 12TH AUGUST 2025**

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Meeting concluded at 18:30

Signed Chair:	
Date:	

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## Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF the Community Infrastructure Committee [In-person] held on **Monday 21 July 2025** at **17:00**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council Offices, 8 Broad Street, Ottery St Mary EX11 1AH**

Present: Cllrs Dean Stewart (Chair), John Green, Vicky Johns and Nick Sneller,  
In Attendance: Emma Grainger, Joe Williams, Amber Waddingham and Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk  
Minute Taker: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

### **CI/25/07/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

### **CI/25/07/02 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Green	No interests declared.
Cllr Sneller	No interests declared.
Cllr Copus	No interests declared.
Cllr Stewart	No interests declared.
Cllr Johns	No interests declared.

### **CI/25/07/03 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS**

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

There was none.

### **CI/25/07/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments for consideration  
Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes

Frankie Finlay, Assistant Head at Ottery Primary School advised that a parent-led bike bus has been launched in Ottery, with 12 active parents and 5–6 children regularly participating. The group is working with the school and Sustrans to promote safer cycling in the town.

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Currently, one short route runs from Land of Canaan towards the town, and a second route from Butts Road is being explored. Sustrans will visit to advise on safe crossing points and assist with route planning and risk assessments, with a trial ride planned for September. Parents accompany children on bikes wearing high-visibility jackets. There is currently no walking bus. The group intends to share a travel plan with Devon County Council, which may help secure resources. This is believed to be the first bike bus initiative in East Devon.

#### **CI/25/07/05 MINUTES**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Infrastructure Committee of 23rd June 2025 (*minute refs CI/25/06/01 - CI/25/06/18*) and to approve the signing of the Minutes by the Chair as a correct record

The minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

#### **CI/25/07/06 VISIT OTTERY**

- A. To receive an update regarding the Visit Ottery website  
All businesses are now listed on the website. Those businesses that have provided a link to a website, Instagram or Facebook have been included.
- B. To receive an update regarding updating the Visit Ottery guide  
The Clerk is meeting with a couple of business owners to discuss this.
- C. To consider any other issues in relation to the Visit Ottery project  
There are none.

#### **CI/25/07/07 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CALLIDUS**

A meeting with Callidus and DCC is being scheduled for later this week.

#### **CI/25/07/08 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WAYFINDING PROJECT FROM LHC**

It was AGREED that the work should continue looking at designs made from wood.

#### **CI/25/07/09 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING BECOMING A COACH FRIENDLY TOWN**

EDDC have confirmed that three coach parking bags will be installed at the Land of Canaan when the car park is repainted. There will also be six disabled bays. Cllr Green has provided evidence to CPT and EDDC Cllr Haggerty regarding the existing coach signage. It is hoped that this is satisfactory to obtain coach friendly status for the town.

#### **CI/25/07/10 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE EMERGENCY PLAN WORKING GROUP**

There is no update.

#### **CI/25/07/11 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF EV CHARGING POINTS AND LOCKERS AT THE STATION HUB AND MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

Quotations from Voltshare and Zapcharged were reviewed. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council proceed with the installation of three EV charging points at the Station at a cost of £5,781.80 EX VAT. It was **RECOMMENDED** that charges should be set to cover the running costs of the chargers but not to make a profit as this is a facility for the parish aimed to encourage residents without a parking space to purchase an electric vehicle.

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**CI/25/07/12 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE OTTER RIVER CATCHMENT ACTION (ORCA) CAMPAIGN**

Three residents expressed interest in forming an Ottery Nature Group and have since joined the Otter Valley Association (OVA). Monthly water testing is being conducted, with OVA undertaking its own analysis. Concerns were raised about pollution in the River Otter, particularly from agricultural runoff and sewage, with Payhembury, Ottery, and Honiton identified as hotspots. Initiatives discussed include the Furzebrook project (to inform ELMS), tree planting with Devon Wildlife Trust, river fly monitoring, and a leaky dam project. Comparisons were made with the River Axe, where development has been halted due to pollution. The River Otter is now considered among the worst in the region, with calls to push South West Water for accountability. MP Richard Foord has participated in water testing and holds relevant data from ORCA. The group is engaging with Community Action Group East Devon and Devon Communities Together, who have identified potential funding for a paid role.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to South West Water, the Environment Agency and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) to highlight the concern of the Council regarding the results recorded and to ask whether the river is suitable for people and pets to swim in as we embark on the school holidays (see Appendix 1). A regional meeting is scheduled for 30 July at Seaton Wetlands to unite river stakeholders.

**CI/25/07/13 TO DISCUSS PLANTING STRATEGY FOR 2026 AND BEYOND AND MAKE DECISIONS (IF APPROPRIATE)**

The Clerks report on planting arrangements in other towns in East Devon was reviewed. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council continues with a paid option to deliver their plants for 2026. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk will obtain quotes for planting in September/October and May to include watering.

**CI/25/07/14 TO CONSIDER EVENTS THAT COULD ATTRACT PEOPLE INTO THE TOWN AND MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

Cllr Stewart reiterated his view that the parish should commemorate World Otter Day.

**CI/25/07/15 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING FOOTPATH 46**

There is no update.

**CI/25/07/16 TO NOTE ANY SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

There was none.

**CI/25/07/17 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS**

A visitor has observed that there are times when Ottery St Mary offers limited activities, with the church closed on two days each week and only one cafe open later in the afternoons, which can become full. If the town is to achieve coach-friendly status, these factors will need careful consideration to ensure a welcoming and engaging experience for larger groups of visitors.

**CI/25/07/18 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**CI/25/07/19 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 18TH AUGUST 2025**

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Meeting concluded at 18:25

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## Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF the Operations Committee [In-person] held on **Thursday 24 July 2025 at 17:00**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council Offices, 8 Broad Street, Ottery St Mary EX11 1BZ**

Present: Cllrs Ben Feasey (Chair), Dean Stewart, John Green (Deputy Mayor), Richard Grainger and Vicky Johns (Mayor)

In Attendance: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

Minute Taker: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

### **025/07/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

There were none.

### **025/07/02 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Johns	No interests declared.
Cllr Grainger	It was noted that Cllr Grainger's wife is an allotment holder.
Cllr Stewart	It was noted that Cllr Stewart's wife is an allotment holder.
Cllr Feasey	No interests declared.
Cllr Green	No interests declared.

### **025/07/03 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS**

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

It was **RESOLVED** that Agenda Item 7 O25/06/07 Council Offices O25/06/07.1 To receive an update regarding an outstanding insurance claim, and to make decisions as appropriate; O25/06/07.2 To discuss a tenant's enquiry and O25/07/07.3 To consider quotations for electricity supply at the council offices would be discussed in Confidential Session.

### **025/07/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments for consideration  
Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes

There were none.

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## **O25/07/05 MINUTES**

To receive the Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting of 26th June 2025 (*minute refs O25/06/01 - O25/06/15*) and to approve the signing of the Minutes by the Chair as a correct record

The minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

## **O25/07/06 STATION HUB**

### **O25/07/06.1 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE WORKSHOP WITH JACK CARDNO AND TO AGREE TIMESCALES**

At the Youth Working Group there were only two groups represented. It is hoped attendance will be higher in September.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact Jack Cardno to obtain some dates and timescales for the workshop. The Clerk will confirm that Jack is responsible for obtaining parental permission etc.

### **O25/07/06.2 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM SPACE AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

The relationship between SPACE and the Council is working well. SPACE are recruiting another senior support worker. Thursday evening sessions are being advertised from September for the intermediate session (Year 10 upwards). The trips for the summer are fully booked. In October a review will be held to consider the success of the Thursday session. It was AGREED to focus on the intermediate level but it may be considered at a later date whether a senior level is required.

### **O25/07/06.3 TO REVIEW USE OF THE STATION HUB, OFFICES AND PORTACABINS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

It was RECOMMENDED that the portacabins are only used for storage.

It was RECOMMENDED that the Council has a youth strategy during the Autumn term and this should be considered by the Finance and Strategic Planning Committee at their next meeting.

Once the results of the youth survey have been analysed it will be considered whether there are any other organisations that could use the hub.

### **O25/07/06.4 TO CONSIDER SIGNAGE AT THE STATION AND MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

The Clerk will obtain quotations for new signage.

## **O25/07/07 COUNCIL OFFICES**

*Under s.1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the council resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

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**O25/07/07.1 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING AN OUTSTANDING INSURANCE CLAIM, AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

There is no update.

**O25/07/07.2 TO DISCUSS A TENANT'S ENQUIRY**

It was AGREED that the Clerk will share the findings with the tenant.

**O25/07/07.3 TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES**

It was **RESOLVED** to transfer from Octopus to British Gas (Renewable) for 36 months.

*The Confidential session ended.*

**O25/07/08 SKATEPARK**

**To receive an update regarding improvements to the site**

The Council are still awaiting the plan for improved access which will enable them to seek quotations for the work.

**O25/07/09 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE PLAYZONE APPLICATION FOR STRAWBERRY LANE AND TO MAKE DECISIONS (IF APPROPRIATE)**

It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact McCardle Sport to confirm the measurement of the pinch point.

It was reiterated that there are no plans to develop any further activities at the site until the PlayZone is fully up and running and until it can be identified whether there is any further capacity at the site - obviously access, car parking and the pavilion facilities will need to be considered.

**O25/07/10 OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS**

**O25/07/10.1 TO CONSIDER POLICY FOR ASSISTANCE DOGS AT THE ALLOTMENTS PROPOSED BY A PLOT HOLDER**

At the current time it was not felt it was necessary to have a policy for Assistance Dogs. The Clerk will thank the plot holder for putting forward the policy. It was AGREED to monitor the situation and review if any problems arise in the future.

**O25/07/10.2 TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A CYCLE RACK AT THE LIBRARY**

Installation of a cycle rack at the Library was suggested by Cllr Faithfull. It was AGREED that the Clerk will speak to the Library regarding their preferred location. The Clerk will then obtain quotations.

**O25/07/10.3 TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE CLERK**

The library is having their Wi-Fi upgraded. The easiest solution for Open Reach is to route from an existing source on the pavement on the Disabled/side access side of the Library. They will need to discretely route the wire around the outside of the building following the line of the gutter around the building. It was AGREED that this could take place.

**O25/07/11 TO NOTE ANY SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

To consider putting forward suggestions for themes for Bank of England notes

[Help us design our next series of banknotes | Bank of England](https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/help-us-design-our-next-series-of-banknotes)

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It was AGREED that the Clerk would submit suggestions for Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Tar Barrels and an Otter to be included on Bank of England notes.

**025/07/12 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS**

Thanks were given to Cllr Green for his contribution to the Council over the past five years. It was **RECOMMENDED** that Cllr Grainger is elected as Vice Chair of the Operations Committee.

**025/07/13 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**025/07/14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 28TH AUGUST 2025 AT 5PM**

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Meeting concluded at 18:08

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## East Devon District Council Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution

### 1. Name

*Write your answer in the box below*

### 2. Contact email

*Write your answer in the box below*

### 3. Are you answering as a

*Select one option*

- ☐ Resident
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Councillor (County, District or Parish/Town)
- ☐ Member of Parliament
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Voluntary or community sector organisation
- ☐ On behalf of an organisation
- ☐ Other

### Please provide the name of the organisation you represent

*Write your answer in the box below*

**Please provide the postcode for the organisation you represent**

*Write your answer in the box below*

**If you specified other, please provide further details**

*Write your answer in the box below*

**4. What is your connection to East Devon (select all that apply)**

*Select one or more options*

- ☐ I live here
- ☐ I work here
- ☐ I run a business here
- ☐ I represent a community organisation here
- ☐ I study here
- ☐ Other

**If you have answered other to your connection to East Devon, please specify below**

*Write your answer in the box below*

**5. Where do you consider your local area? Please specify below**

*Write your answer in the box below*

**6. What is your home postcode (please specify) (e.g. EX14 1EJ)**

*Write your answer in the box below*

**7. Where is your work or education based? (Please specify)**

*Write your answer in the box below*



**8. Where do you do most of your shopping? (Please specify)**

*Write your answer in the box below*

**9. Where do you spend most time socialising or taking part in cultural activities? (Please specify locations)**

*Write your answer in the box below*

**10. What do you like about the area where you live, work, study or represent in East Devon? (Please specify)**

*Write your response in the box below*

**11. What would you like to be improved in this area? (Please specify)**

*Write your response in the box below*

**12. What are your hopes and dreams for your local area? (Please specify)**

*Write your response in the box below*

**13. What are the biggest challenges in your local area? (Please specify)**

*Write your response in the box below*

**14. How would you like to be involved in future local decision making?**

*Select one option*

- ☐ Through my Town or Parish Council
- ☐ Through existing community groups and/or organisations
- ☐ Involvement in focus groups and consultations run by the Council
- ☐ I want to be kept informed by the Council but don't want to get involved

**15. How do you hope that Local Government Reorganisation will impact you and/or your community? (Please rank in order of importance with top being the most important)**

*Number each option in order of priority, with 1 being the highest*

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| <input type="text"/> | Good understanding of the issues facing your local area             |
| <input type="text"/> | Supportive and accessible local Councillor for my area              |
| <input type="text"/> | Easy access to the council services you need                        |
| <input type="text"/> | Clear, open and honest decision making                              |
| <input type="text"/> | Improved services   |
| <input type="text"/> | Decisions that impact you will be made locally                      |
| <input type="text"/> | Clarity around who is responsible for delivery of services          |
| <input type="text"/> | Council decisions are made in easy travelling distance from my area |
| <input type="text"/> | Council offices open to the public are located nearby               |
| <input type="text"/> | Efficient services which offer value for money                      |

**16. What should be the top priorities when shaping the future model of local government for Devon? (Please rank in order of importance with the top being the most important)**

*Number each option in order of priority, with 1 being the highest*

<input type="text"/>	Keeping children safe from harm
<input type="text"/>	Care and support for older people and vulnerable adults
<input type="text"/>	Education services, including school admissions and transport, and support for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities
<input type="text"/>	Local facilities like libraries, public toilets and sports centres
<input type="text"/>	Local places like parks, open spaces and clean beaches
<input type="text"/>	Protecting the environment and keeping it clean
<input type="text"/>	Recycling, rubbish collection and waste disposal
<input type="text"/>	Building related services such as planning applications, planning enforcement, building control, protecting old buildings
<input type="text"/>	Availability of truly affordable, warm and secure housing
<input type="text"/>	Support with housing needs, council tax and benefits
<input type="text"/>	Safe and well maintained roads, pavements, lights, parking and cycle paths
<input type="text"/>	Supporting the local economy and creating job opportunities
<input type="text"/>	Helping people stay healthy, including support for drugs, alcohol and health checks
<input type="text"/>	Community safety and standards, such as trading standards, food safety, licensing, noise and air quality
<input type="text"/>	Supporting and empowering local groups to improve their communities
<input type="text"/>	Working to mitigate the consequences of climate change

**17. Do you have any further comments? (Please specify below)**

*Write your response in the box below*