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Dear Sir/Madam

**Meeting of the Council of the District of East Devon on
Wednesday, 23 February 2005 at 6.30 pm**

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You are called upon to attend the above meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Knowle, Sidmouth. It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be taken into consideration at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers to be expedient.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

Members are invited to submit suggestions for possible names for the new community. Please refer to minute 178 of the Executive Board meeting. Please submit your suggestions for short-listing by Sunday, 20 February at the latest.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. For the benefit of Councillors and members of the public a hearing loop system will be in operation in the Council Chamber.

AGENDA

- 1 To confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 December 2004.
- 2 Apologies.
- 3 To receive any communications or announcements from the Chairman and/or the Leader.
4. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There are no items which Officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.
5. To receive the report of the Returning Officer on the election (held on 27 January 2005) of a Councillor for the Sidmouth Town Ward of the District.

- 6 Presentation of Business Excellence Certificates to Mr M J Rowland, Wheelwright and Coach Builders of Colyton and Mr E West, Heraldic Artist of Uplyme, in recognition of their being granted Royal Warrants.
- 7 To answer questions asked by Members of the Council pursuant to Procedure Rules No 8.2 and 8.5.
- 8a To determine, for the financial year ending 31 March 2006, the Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme (Executive Board Minute No 167 of 9 February 2005 refers) and the Council Tax. (A report of the Corporate Director – Economy is to follow and will include the Council Tax recommendations with the unconfirmed* County Council and the Devon and Cornwall Police and Fire Authority precepts. Members may wish to bring with them a copy of the Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme 2005/06 submitted to the Executive Board and considered by each of the 4 Overview Committees).

*Note the dates of the following budget meetings:

- Fire Service – Monday, 14 February
- Devon County Council – Wednesday, 16 February
- Police Authority - Friday, 18 February

Schedules referred to in the report will be issued to all Members on 18 February as no provisional figures are yet known for the Police Authority.

- 8b To consider as part of this determination, the following motion:

Motion – Members’ Allowances

Given the current financial situation in East Devon and proposed cuts to important services, and notwithstanding the recommendations of the Remuneration Panel, this Council resolves to accept a moratorium for the Financial Year 2005/06,

- On the payment of Members’ Special Responsibility Allowances, and,
- A freeze on the level of Basic Allowance to Councillors.

(Councillor D G Button, Mrs M A Rogers, G P Chamberlain, D R H Hull, T G Reeves, Mrs E E Wragg and S C Wragg)

- 9 To consider reports from the Executive Board and the Council's Committees and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports:-

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| Executive Board | Minutes | 138 - 183 |
| †Communities Overview Committee | Minutes | 26 - 29 |
| †Economy Overview | Minutes | 31 - 35 |
| †Environment Overview | Minutes | 49 - 58 |
| †Strategic Overview | Minutes | 27 - 30 |
| †Joint Communities and Environment Overview | Minutes | 1 - 8 |
| †Joint Economy and Environment Overview | Minutes | 1 - 4 |
| Development Control | Minutes | 55 - 65 |
| Planning Inspections | Minutes | 23 - 28 |
| General Licensing Sub | Minutes | 38 - 52 |
| Housing Allocations | Minutes | 22 - 25 |

†The recommendations of these Overview Committees have been referred to the Executive Board for decision.

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare the existence and nature of any personal interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting – and to withdraw if it is a prejudicial interest – before any discussion takes place. However, it is not necessary to declare an interest in the case of “starred” minutes, unless these are “called” or otherwise the subject of discussion.

- 10 To appoint members to sit on a politically balanced panel of 3 members to consider disciplinary matters relating to statutory officers. The following nominations have been received:

Councillors D Button, Mrs P Stott and A Wilkinson.

- 11 To select the preferred name for the new community from a short-list from Members’ suggestions, with the choice being referred to the Consortium of developers of the new community for consideration.