

District Cllr Helen Parr- Report Nov 2021

1. Community Housing Fund

Purpose- to enable Community Groups to deliver Affordable Housing mainly for rent, on sites which are likely to be of little interest to commercial builders. EDDC has been using the fund to pay for technical support and revenue grant to groups, but now needs to be able to offer capital grant to make schemes viable and ensure their delivery

Full report with details of grants given to local groups eg. Colyton & Colyford, Northleigh/ Upper Coly Valley, Wilmington

<https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/documents/s14036/Community%20Housing%20Fund.pdf>

Cabinet has agreed to increase the funding available.

2. Review of Public Toilets-

This matter was on the Agenda for the Overview Cttee Meeting Thurs 18 Nov but no Report was published until late on Monday 15 Nov. This gave the public and Cllrs little time to study it for the meeting and following requests from Cllrs the item was withdrawn and will now be discussed at an Extraordinary Meeting on Thurs 25 Nov.

3. The new emerging East Devon Local Plan and the Approach to Settlements- Planning Seminar on Zoom

District, Town and Parish Cllrs were invited to this Seminar- EDDC Planning Policy Officers gave two Presentations:- The Role and Function of Settlements and Use of Settlement Boundaries, which were then discussed in small groups.

The discussions were recorded and the feedback will help inform the approach to settlements in the emerging strategy and policy of the new Local Plan for East Devon.

4. Colyford Community Governance Review-

The Cabinet agreed-

1. That the Council undertake a Community Governance Review of the current Colyton Parish Council area with a view to establishing whether Colyford should have its own parish council and approve a budget of £5,000 for carrying out the review.

2. That the Terms of Reference be agreed, including the timetable and arrangements for public consultation.

3. That further reports would be brought to Cabinet in order that decisions may be made in respect of draft proposals and final recommendations of the Review.

5. **EDDC meetings are still on zoom** and Consultative only, with Officers making decisions based on Cllr recommendations. This is due to be reviewed at the December Council meeting.