



Ilfracombe Town Council

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Sub-Committee Meeting

Monday 23rd March 2026 at 17:30 pm

Venue – Council Chamber – The Ilfracombe Centre, High Street, Ilfracombe

Minutes of the Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Sub-Committee held at 5:30pm on Monday 23rd March 2026

Members Present:

Cllrs: P Crabb (Chair) (arrived late), B Gear (Vice Chair), T Elliott, T Huggins, D Williams

Officers Present:

L Donovan (Proper Officer), S Seatherton (Programme Manager)

D2603-1. Welcome by Chair

In the chair's absence Cllr Gear welcomed the assembled.

D2603-2. To receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies were received from Cllr D Turton (work commitments)

D2603-3. To receive and record Declarations of Interest

None received.

D2603-4. Chair's discretion for any matters or announcements for Information Only

None received.

D2603-5. To adopt minutes of meeting held on 26th January 2026 and note matters arising

These minutes were proposed for adoption by Cllr Gear, seconded by Cllr Huggins with all in favour. No matters arising.

D2603-6. Public participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes to be allocated allowing members of the public to speak for up to 3 minutes

None received.

D2603-7. To determine which items, if any, of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded

No items to be taken with the public excluded.



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Cllr P Crabb arrived 17:42pm

D2603-8. Proper Officer Update

a) Cluster working update – The PO informed members that the engagement piece had gone out to all parishes in the North Devon District. There had been some replies but not very many. Cllr are encouraged to reach out to neighbouring Cllrs to try and engage in the process. The PO will set up an online meeting to answer any questions parishes may have going forward.

b) DALC Steering Group update – No current updates

D2603-9. To review and agree proposed Town Council response in relation to Government Consultation on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

– The PO put forward a draft letter to be sent out. After discussion, members agreed on their preferred proposals and agreed the letter with some relevant updates. The letter will be updated, circulated for comment and then sent off on behalf of the Council.

Cllr T Elliott had to leave meeting 18:18pm

D2603-10. To review and agree Devolution and LGR Sub-Committee Terms of Reference – None changes suggested therefore these will be presented to Full Council for adoption in May 2026.

D2603-11. Chair's Discretion – for information only – The PO highlighted the response from NDC in relation to the Expressions of Interest submitted by ITC.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 18:27pm, the next Devolution and LGR meeting date to be confirmed.

Cllr Bert Gear
Vice Chair of Devolution and LGR Sub-Committee
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