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SCRUTINY - CO-OPERATIVE SCRUTINY REVIEWS

PROBLEM DEBT

Wednesday 15 October 2014

10 am

Warspite Room, Council House

Members:

Councillor Kate Taylor, Chair.

Councillors Damarell, Philippa Davey, Downie and Riley.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

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AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of this agenda.

3. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

4. CO-OPERATIVE REVIEW : PROBLEM DEBT

The panel will consider various documentation and information submitted as well as hear from a number of witnesses –

4a Co-operative Review Request Form (Pages 1 - 2)

4b Briefing Paper - Problem Debt (Pages 3 - 18)

The panel will receive a briefing paper and presentation which will set the scene for the co-operative review.

4c Supporting Information / Evidence (Pages 19 - 24)

The following additional documentation has been provided in order to help inform members with their deliberations –

- Letter from Alison Seabeck, MP for Plymouth Moor View
- Problem Debt Case Studies

4d Witnesses

The panel has identified and invited the following witnesses to attend and present information in order to aide members' consideration of this matter –

10 am Pete Aley, Head of Community Services, and Laura Griffiths, Financial and Social Inclusion Officer and Councillor Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Co-operatives, Housing and Community Safety

10.45 am	Alistair Macpherson, Low Carbon City Team Leader
11.15 am	Jenny Endean, Area Support Services Manager, Devon and Cornwall Housing)
11.45 am	Eunice Halliday, Foodbank
12.15 pm	LUNCH
1.15 pm	Sarah Mcneice, Advice Team Manager, Citizens Advice Bureau
1.45 pm	Paul Williams, Credit Union
2.15 pm	Ann Thorp, Service Manager (Customer Services)
2.45 pm	End of witness session

5. SUMMARY AND REVIEW

The panel will take the opportunity to review its findings and form recommendations for submission to the Cabinet Member and/or Cabinet.

6. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II - PRIVATE MEETING

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

that under the law, the panel is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

NIL.