

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR 21ST OCTOBER 2024 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CLLR KIM BLOXHAM, CLLR KEVIN BLAKEY, CLLR SAM HAWKINS.

CRANBROOK PLACEMAKING GROUP

At the time of writing the report regarding the Masterplan for Cranbrook town centre should be presented to Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday 29th October 2024. The agenda will be published on the EDDC website approximately one week prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC TOILET REFURBISHMENT

Works to replace four toilet blocks in Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton, Seaton and Honiton have commenced. (Weather permitting) Construction is expected to last around two to three months at each site. Refer to the EDDC website for further details.

NEW EDDC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

The Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting frequently, up to weekly, to prepare the next East Devon Local Plan to take the district up to 2040. Key decisions have been on which potential development sites present acceptable opportunities for development (residential and commercial), and now new policies are being worked on to make it clear to planners and developers what is required. The aim is to get the plan agreed by the end of the year so that it can be presented to central government, and by so doing the district would be targeted for new house building under the previous government's formula, which would mean a requirement to build 947 new dwellings a year; no easy task, but if the next Local Plan is presented after the year end deadline, the target will increase to 1147 dwellings a year, hence the urgency. The minutes are, of course, on the EDDC website.