

# County Council

## Wednesday 26 April 2017

### 10.00 am Council Chamber - Shire Hall, Taunton



To: The Members of Somerset County Council

You are requested to attend the Meeting of Somerset County Council on Wednesday 26 April 2017 to transact the business set out in the agenda below.

Anyone requiring further information about the meeting, or wishing to inspect any of the background papers used in the preparation of the reports referred to in the agenda please contact Mike Bryant on 01823 359048 or [mbryant@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:mbryant@somerset.gov.uk)

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# AGENDA

Item County Council - 10.00 am Wednesday, 26 April 2017

## – Celebrating Somerset's Authors

*The Chairman wishes to celebrate famous Somerset authors by including a quote on each Full Council agenda from an author to guide the Council's thoughts and actions at today's meeting.*

### **Arthur C Clarke**

*"In my life I have found two things of priceless worth - learning and loving. Nothing else - not fame, not power, not achievement for its own sake - can possibly have the same lasting value. For when your life is over, if you can say 'I have learned' and 'I have loved,' you will also be able to say 'I have been happy.'"*

## **\*\* Public Guidance notes contained in agenda annexe \*\***

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

Details of Cabinet Member interests in District, Town and Parish Councils will be displayed in the meeting room. The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via the Community Governance team.

### **3 Minutes from the meeting held on 15 February 2017 (Pages 7 - 46)**

Council is asked to confirm the minutes are accurate .

### **4 Public Question Time**

(see explanatory notes attached to agenda)

This item includes the presentation of petitions. Details of any public questions / petitions submitted will be included in the Chairman's Schedule which will be made available to the members and to the public at the meeting.

## **For Decision**

### **5 Report of the Monitoring Officer (Pages 47 - 54)**

To consider a report with recommendations by the Monitoring Officer.

The recommendations relate to:

- The proposed amalgamation of the Standards and Constitution Committees
- Members Code of Conduct training
- The appointment of Deputy Section 151 Officers
- The review of the Scheme of Members' Allowances

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**6 Report of the HR Policy Committee (Pages 55 - 70)**

To consider a report with recommendations from the Chairman of the HR Policy Committee.

The recommendations relate to the revised Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18.

**For Information**

**7 Report of the Leader and Cabinet - Items for Information (Pages 71 - 82)**

To receive reports by the Leader of Council summarising key decisions taken by him and the Cabinet, including at the Cabinet meetings held on 20th February 2017, 15th March 2017 and 12th April 2017.

(Note: Member Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members will be taken under this item)

**8 Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies, Adults and Health (Pages 83 - 92)**

To receive a report by the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies, Adults and Health.

**9 Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies, Children and Families (Pages 93 - 98)**

To receive a report by the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies, Children and Families.

**10 Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies and Place (Pages 99 - 102)**

To receive a report by the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies and Place.

**11 Annual Report of the Audit Committee (Pages 103 - 106)**

To receive a report by the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

**12 Annual Report of the Leader of the Council (Pages 107 - 116)**

To receive the Annual Report of the Leader of the Council.

**13 Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Customers and Communities (Pages 117 - 122)**

To receive the Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Customers and Communities.

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14 **Leader of the Council's Final Remarks**

Concluding remarks by the Leader of the Council

15 **Chairman's Final Remarks and Closure**

Concluding remarks by the Chairman of the Council at the end of the quadrennium.