

County Council

Wednesday 21 February 2018

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 21 February 2018 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 Julia Jones on 01823 359027 or jjones@somerset.gov.uk

Issued By Julian Gale, Strategic Manager - Governance and Risk - 13 February 2018

Guidance about procedures at the meeting follows the printed agenda.

This meeting will be open to the public and press, subject to the passing of any resolution under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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AGENDA

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**** 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 Democratic Services team.

3 **Minutes from the Council Meeting and Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 29 November 2017** (Pages 7 - 42)

Council is asked to confirm the minutes are accurate.

4 **Chair's Announcements** (Pages 43 - 44)

Presentation: Chair to formally award the title of Honorary Alderman to ex County Councillors Dr G Court, Ralph Clark, John Edney, and Alan Gloak.

To acknowledge the death of Autism Somerset founder Campbell Main.

To receive the Chair's information sheet detailing events attended in December 2017 and January and February 2018.

5 **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 Chair's Schedule which will be made available to the members and to the public at the meeting.

For Decision

6 **Report of the Head of Finance on the Robustness of the Estimates and the Adequacy of Reserves and Balances** (Pages 45 - 52)

To consider a report with recommendations from the Section 151 Officer

7 **Report of the Leader and Cabinet - for decision** (Pages 53 - 310)

To consider a report with recommendations from the Leader of the Council, arising from the Cabinet meetings held on 13th December 2017, 17th January 2018 and 12th February 2018.

The recommendations relate to:

- 2018/19 Capital Investment Programme
- Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19

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- Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2018-19

8 Report of the HR Policy Committee (Pages 311 - 328)

To consider a report from the Chair of the HR Policy Committee.
The recommendations relate to the Pay Policy Statement 2018-19.

9 Requisitioned Items (Pages 329 - 330)

To consider a report setting out any requisitioned items submitted for the Council's consideration.

10 Report from the Chief Executive (Pages 331 - 334)

To consider a report from the Chief Executive.
The recommendations relate to the appointments of Monitoring Officer and a Data Protection Officer and to agree a councillor's leave of absence.

For Information

11 Report of the Leader and Cabinet - Items for Information (Pages 335 - 348)

To receive reports by the Leader of Council summarising key decisions taken by him and the Cabinet, including at the Cabinet meetings held on 13th December 2017, 17th January 2018 and 12th February 2018.

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

12 Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies, Adults and Health (Pages 349 - 352)

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

13 Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Polices, Children and Families (Pages 353 - 358)

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

14 Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies and Place (Pages 359 - 366)

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

15 Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care (Pages 367 - 374)

To receive the Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

16 Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Families (Pages 375 -

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To receive the Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Families