

SWT Full Council

Tuesday, 8th October, 2019,
6.15 pm

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The John Meikle Room - The Deane
House

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Agenda

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive and note any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or prejudicial or personal interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The personal interests of Councillors and Clerks of Somerset County Council, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes.)

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of Full Council

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee.

(Pages 7 - 26)

4. Public Participation

To receive any questions, statements of petitions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 14, 15 and 16. The Chair to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue.

5. To receive any communications or announcements from the Chair of the Council

6. To receive any communications or announcements from the Leader of the Council

7. To receive any questions from Councillors in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13

8. Heart of the South West Joint Committee Governance Review Report

This report provides an update for the Constituent Authorities on the Joint Committee's governance arrangements and budgetary position for 2019/20. The report contains recommendations for amendments to the Committee's Arrangements document following the governance review.

(Pages 27 - 36)

9. Corporate Strategy 2020-24

The report introduces the draft corporate strategic priorities, outcomes and objectives for the period 2020-2024, which were considered, and unanimously recommended for Council approval, by the Executive at their meeting of 18 September 2019.

(Pages 37 - 78)

10. HRA Capital Scheme Recommendation from Executive

Executive request Full Council to approve the Housing Director / Head of Function, in consultation with the Housing Portfolio Holder, to have delegated authority to approve changes to the budgeted spend for all of the HRA capital schemes, whilst remaining within the approved capital programme for 2019/20. The reason for this is to help address flexible delivery of the programme in year.

(Pages 79 - 82)

11. Political Allocation and Committee Membership revised October 2019

(Pages 83 - 86)

To approve the revised Political Allocation and Committee Membership following the two recent by-elections.

12. Signing of the Armed Forces Covenant

(Pages 87 - 94)

To sign the previously agreed Armed Forces Covenant as Somerset West and Taunton Council

13. To consider reports from Executive Councillors

(Pages 95 - 132)

Part I – To deal with written questions to the Executive.

Part II – To receive reports from the following Members of the Executive:-

- a) Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts – Leader of the Council
- b) Councillor Benet Allen – Deputy Leader & Communications and Culture
- c) Councillor Christopher Booth – Community
- d) Councillor Ross Henley – Corporate Resources
- e) Councillor Marcus Kravis – Asset Management and Economic Development
- f) Councillor Richard Lees – Sports, Parks and Leisure
- g) Councillor Peter Pilkington – Climate Change
- h) Councillor Mike Rigby – Planning and Transportation
- i) Councillor Francesca Smith - Housing
- j) Councillor Alan Wedderkopp – Environmental Services

An Executive Councillor shall submit a report to an Ordinary Meeting of the Council as to current and future business of their portfolio for the information of and comment from the Council. Such reports are for discussion and comment only and no motion shall be put to the meeting as to any such item other than those closure motions described in Standing Order 5.



**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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