



Notice of Meeting of

## **CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 2.00 pm**

**Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton  
Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT**

To: The members of the Constitution and Governance Committee

Chair: Councillor Ross Henley

Vice-chair: Councillor Tim Kerley

Councillor Simon Carswell

Councillor Barry Clarke

Councillor Dawn Johnson

Councillor Christine Lawrence

Councillor Emily Pearlstone

Councillor Richard Wilkins

Councillor Mandy Chilcott

Councillor Hugh Davies

Councillor Helen Kay

Councillor Martin Lovell

Councillor Steven Pugsley

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The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by the Proper Officer on Tuesday, 10 October 2023

# **AGENDA**

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2023**

**Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 5 - 6)**

**Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 7 - 8)**

**1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 16)**

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

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

(The other registrable interests of Councillors of Somerset Council, arising from membership of City, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes: [City, Town & Parish Twin Hatters - Somerset Councillors 2023](#) )

#### **4 Public Question Time**

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.

We are now live webcasting most of our committee meetings and you are welcome to view and listen to the discussion. The link to each webcast will be available on the meeting webpage, please see details under 'click here to join online meeting'.

#### **5 Constitution - Update on its review (Pages 17 - 40)**

This report and its supporting presentation to the meeting provide an update on the work being undertaken to review the new Constitution of Somerset Council.

#### **6 Somerset Council Electoral Review - arrangements, update and timeline (Pages 41 - 52)**

To receive an update on the Electoral Review proposed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

#### **7 Work Programme (Pages 53 - 54)**

To review the Work Programme.