



Notice of Meeting of

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CORPORATE AND RESOURCES

Tuesday, 8 August 2023 at 10.00 am

Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources

Chair: Councillor Bob Filmer
Vice-chair: Councillor Richard Wilkins

Councillor Shane Collins	Councillor Nick Cottle
Councillor Philip Ham	Councillor Tony Lock
Councillor Martin Lovell	Councillor Emily Pearlstone
Councillor Diogo Rodrigues	Councillor Peter Seib
Councillor Brian Smedley	Councillor Andy Soughton
Councillor Lucy Trimnell	

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This meeting will be open to the public and press, subject to the passing of any resolution under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A: Access to Information.

The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Friday 28 July 2023

AGENDA

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2023**

Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 7 - 8)

Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 9 - 10)

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 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 Work Programme (Pages 17 - 20)

To consider the committee's work programme and to agree on items to scrutinise, the link to the Somerset Council Executive Forward Plan is here:

[Somerset Council Executive Forward Plan](#) and the proposed Scrutiny work programme is also attached for information.

The committee will also need to agree on membership for the Task and Finish Groups to be set up.

6 Commercial Investment (Pages 21 - 42)

To receive a presentation on Commercial Investment.

7 Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 1 (Pages 43 - 120)

To receive the Budget Monitoring Report for Month 3 (Quarter 1) 2023-2024 for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Accounts.

8 Local Communities Network Update (Pages 121 - 130)

To receive an update report on the Local Community Networks.

Exclusion of Press and Public

PLEASE NOTE: Although the main report for this item not confidential, supporting appendices available to Members contain exempt information and are therefore marked confidential – not for publication. At any point if Members wish to discuss information within this appendix then the Council will be asked to agree the following resolution to exclude the press and public:

Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing a resolution having been duly proposed and seconded under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

Reason: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).