

Notice of Meeting of

FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 20 December 2023 at 2.00 pm

**Hollinsworth Hall, Canalside Conference Centre,
Marsh Lane, Huntworth, Bridgwater, TA6 6LQ**

All Somerset Council Members are requested to attend.

For further information about the meeting, including how to join the meeting virtually, please contact Democratic Services democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk

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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 Tuesday, 12 December 2023

AGENDA

Full Council - 2.00 pm Wednesday, 20 December 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 - 20)

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 **Chair's Announcements** (Pages 21 - 22)

Reports for Decision

6 **Report of the Leader and Executive** (Pages 23 - 376)

To approve the following reports as recommended by the Executive:-

Paper A – 2024-25 General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Update

Paper B – Council Tax Reduction and Exceptional Hardship Scheme 2024-25

Paper C1 – Annual Treasury Management Outturn Report 2022-23

Paper C2 – Annual Treasury Management Midyear Report 2023-24

Paper D – Harbour Management Advisory Committee

Paper E – Proposed withdrawal and dissolution of the Heart of the South West Joint Committee

Paper F – Housing Revenue Account Q1 2023-24

7 **Report of the Executive Director for Corporate and Resources - Additional Council Tax Premiums** (Pages 377 - 390)

To approve the additional council tax premiums.

8 **Report of the Chief Executive - Somerset Council Redundancies Requiring Full Council Approval** (Pages 391 - 400)

To approve the severance costs for five posts requiring Full Council approval.

9 **Report of the Standards Committee** (Pages 401 - 404)

To approve that the level at which gifts and hospitality be declared by elected members be reduced.

10 **Report of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee** (Pages 405 - 484)

To approve the Gambling Policy – Statement of Principles.

11 **Motions on Notice** (Pages 485 - 486)

Motion on the immediate bilateral ceasefire in Israel-Gaza conflict will be proposed by Councillor Helen Kay and seconded by Councillor Habib Farbahi.

Reports for Information

12 **Report of the Leader and Executive - For Information** (Pages 487 - 492)

To note the report from the Lead member for Environment and Climate Change.

12.1 Annual Report of the Lead Member for Environment and Climate Change (Pages 493 - 514)

13 **Report of the five Scrutiny Committees** (Pages 515 - 518)

To note the update from the Scrutiny Committees.