



Notice of Meeting of

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CORPORATE AND RESOURCES

Wednesday, 28 August 2024 at 10.00 am

**Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cannards
Grave Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 5BT**

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

Chair: Councillor Bob Filmer
Vice-chair: Councillor Henry Hobhouse

Councillor Shane Collins
Councillor Philip Ham
Councillor Martin Lovell
Councillor Peter Seib
Councillor Andy Soughton
Councillor Mike Murphy

Councillor Nick Cottle
Councillor Tony Lock
Councillor Diogo Rodrigues
Councillor Brian Smedley
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 Monday, 19 August 2024.

AGENDA

Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources - 10.00 am Wednesday, 28 August 2024

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 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](#))

3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 14)

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on 24 July 2024.

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 Forward Plan 2024/2024

To consider the Forward Plans for Scrutiny Corporate and Resources and the Executive and to invite members to put forward any items/areas for consideration by this committee.

[Somerset Council Forward Plans](#)

[Somerset Council Executive Forward Plan](#)

6 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report - Month 3 (Qtr 1) (Pages 15 - 66)

To consider the report on the 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring – Month 3

7 2024/25 General Fund Capital Budget Monitoring Report

To receive the 2024/25 General Fund Capital Budget Monitoring Report for Quarter 1 – To follow

8 2024/25 Housing Revenue Account Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report (Pages 67 - 88)

To receive the 2024/25 Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report for Qtr 1.

9 Council Tax Reduction Scheme Review Consultation (Pages 89 - 120)

The committee are asked to consider and respond to the CTR Scheme consultation questions regarding the proposed changes to the scheme.

10 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy (Pages 121 - 132)

To consider and comment on the proposed new Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy for Somerset Council.
Appendix 1 to follow.

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).