

CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 23 March 2023

2.00 pm Luttrell Room - County Hall,
Taunton



To: The members of the Constitution and Governance Committee

Cllr T Butt Philip (Chair), Cllr S Carswell (Vice-Chair), Cllr B Clarke, Cllr H Davies, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr H Kay, Cllr C Lawrence, Cllr M Lovell, Cllr M Murphy, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr S Pugsley, Cllr R Wilkins and Cllr A Wiltshire

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Monitoring Officer and Head of Governance and Democratic Services - 15 March 2023

For further information about the meeting, please contact Clare Rendell - Governance Specialist on 01823 357628 or email - democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk

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AGENDA

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****Public guidance notes contained in agenda annexe****

1 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive member's apologies.

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Details of all Members' interests in District, Town and Parish Councils can be viewed on the [Council Website](#)

The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via request to the Democratic Service Team. Any new or updated declarations of interest will be received.

3 **Minutes from the Previous Meeting of the Constitution and Governance Committee held on Tuesday 14 February 2023** (Pages 9 - 20)

To note the minutes from the previous meeting of the Constitution and Governance Committee, circulated within the agenda.

4 **Public Question Time**

The Chair will allow members of the public to ask a question or make a statement about any matter on the agenda for this meeting. These questions may be taken during the meeting, when the relevant agenda item is considered, at the Chair's discretion.

5 **Somerset Council Financial Regulations** (Pages 21 - 106)

To consider report.

6 **Unitary Council Transitional Governance Arrangements - update**

To receive PowerPoint presentation.

7 **Scoping work for 2023 /24 - review of Constitutional Arrangements**

Verbal update from the Monitoring Officer and Head of Governance and Democratic Services.

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8 **Work Programme** (Pages 107 - 110)

To consider the work programme of the Committee.

9 **Proposed Meeting Dates for 2023 / 24 Municipal Year**

To note the proposed meeting dates for the 2023/24 Municipal Year: -

21 June 2023 @ 2 pm

16 August 2023 @ 2 pm

18 October 2023 @ 2 pm

21 February 2024 @ 2 pm

17 April 2024 @ 2pm

Meetings will be held in The Luttrell Room, County Hall, Taunton.

10 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.