

Extraordinary Meeting of the County Council

Wednesday 17 October 2018
9.30 am Council Chamber - Shire Hall,
Taunton



To: The Members of Somerset County Council

You are requested to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of Somerset County Council on Wednesday 17 October 2018 to transact the business set out in the agenda below.

Anyone requiring further information about the meeting, or wishing to inspect any of the background papers used in the preparation of the reports referred to in the agenda please contact Julia Jones on 01823 359027 or jjones@somerset.gov.uk

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Risk - 9 October 2018

Guidance about procedures at the meeting follows the printed agenda.

This meeting will be open to the public and press, subject to the passing of any resolution under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

This agenda and the attached reports and background papers are available on request prior to the meeting in large print, Braille, audio tape & disc and can be translated into different languages. They can also be accessed via the council's website on www.somerset.gov.uk/agendasandpapers



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AGENDA

Item Extraordinary Meeting of the County Council - 9.30 am Wednesday 17 October 2018

Full Council Guidance notes

1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Details of Cabinet Member interests in District, Town and Parish Councils will be displayed in the meeting room. The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via the Community Governance team.

3 **Public Question Time**

(see explanatory notes attached to agenda)

This item includes the presentation of petitions. Details of any public questions / petitions submitted will be included in the Chairman's Schedule which will be made available to the members and to the public at the meeting.

4 **Request for Extraordinary Council Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)**

To consider and debate the matter outlined in the signed request for an Extraordinary Council meeting received from more than five elected members.

The request seeks a debate and assurance being provided to Council regarding:

“Following the financial disclosures around our revenue & reserves, that have come to light during the latest round of saving proposals, our confidence in the Cabinet and their ability to deliver a balanced budget at the end of this financial year has plummeted.

We feel that following the decision of Cabinet to implement the saving proposals at today's meeting, a number of important points need to be urgently answered, these being:-

1. What contingency plans are in place should these proposed savings fail?
2. If no contingency plans are in place, then how can the people of Somerset be assured that this plan is robust?”