

County Council (virtual meetings from July 2020 due to Coronavirus)

Wednesday 17 February 2021

10.00 am Virtual Meeting



To: The Members of the County Council (virtual meetings from July 2020 due to Coronavirus)

Cllr Mike Best, Cllr N Bloomfield, Cllr A Bown, Cllr A Broom, Cllr M Caswell, Cllr M Chilcott, Cllr J Clarke, Cllr P Clayton, Cllr S Coles, Cllr A Dance, Cllr H Davies, Cllr M Dimery, Cllr B Filmer, Cllr D Fothergill, Cllr G Fraschini, Cllr A Govier, Cllr A Groskop, Cllr D Hall, Cllr P Ham, Cllr M Healey, Cllr N Hewitt-Cooper, Cllr J Hunt, Cllr James Hunt, Cllr D Huxtable, Cllr M Keating (Vice-Chair), Cllr A Kendall, Cllr C Lawrence, Cllr M Lewis, Cllr L Leyshon, Cllr J Lock, Cllr T Lock, Cllr D Loveridge, Cllr T Munt, Cllr T Napper, Cllr F Nicholson, Cllr G Noel, Cllr L Oliver, Cllr J Parham, Cllr C Paul, Cllr H Prior-Sankey, Cllr M Pullin, Cllr F Purbrick, Cllr L Redman, Cllr B Revans, Cllr M Rigby, Cllr D Ruddle, Cllr N Taylor (Chair), Cllr J Thorne, Cllr G Verdon, Cllr L Vijeh, Cllr W Wallace, Cllr A Wedderkopp, Cllr J Williams, Cllr R Williams and Cllr J Woodman

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend meetings of the Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Risk and Monitoring Officer - 9 February 2021

For further information about the meeting, please contact Scott Wooldridge, Monitoring Officer on 01823 357628 or 07790 577336 or swouldridge@somerset.gov.uk

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AGENDA

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Full Council Guidance notes

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Details of all Members' interests in District, Town and Parish Councils can be viewed on the Council Website at [County Councillors membership of Town, City, Parish or District Councils](#) and this will be displayed in the meeting room (Where relevant).
The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via request to the Democratic Service Team.

3 Minutes from the meeting held on 18 November 2020 (To Follow)

Council is asked to confirm the minutes are accurate.

4 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 Chair's Schedule which will be made available to the members and to the public at the meeting.

5 Chairs Announcements (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive the Chair's information sheet detailing events attended since the last meeting.

For Decision

6 Report of the Leader and Cabinet - for decision (Pages 11 - 172)

To consider a report with recommendations from the Leader of the Council, arising from the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February 2021.

The recommendations relate to:

- Medium Term Financial Plan – 2021/22 Budget and Council Tax Setting – Paper A.
- Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 – Paper B.

7 Report of the HR Policy Committee - Pay Policy Statement 2021/22 (Pages 173 - 188)

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- To consider a report with a recommendation relating to the Pay Policy Statement (PPS) for the Council for 2021-22.
- 8 **Report of the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 189 - 206)
- To consider a report with recommendations relating to:
- the Member Development Strategy 2021-2025.
 - proposed appointment of an independent member of the Audit Committee.
- 9 **Report of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel** (Pages 207 - 236)
- To consider a report by the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel. The recommendations relate to the Scheme of Members' Allowances 2021/22.
- 10 **Requisitioned Items** (Pages 237 - 238)
- To consider a report setting out a requisitioned item submitted for the Council's consideration.

For Information

- 11 **Report of the Leader and Cabinet - Items for Information** (Pages 239 - 262)
- To receive reports by the Leader of Council summarising key decisions taken by him and the Cabinet since the last Council meeting, including at the Cabinet meetings held on 16 December 2020 and 20 January and 8 February 2021 – attached.
- (Note: Member Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members will be taken under this item)
- 12 **Annual report of the Constitution and Standards Committee** (Pages 263 - 266)
- To receive a report by the Chair of the Constitution and Standards Committee.
- 13 **Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing and Climate Change** (Pages 267 - 280)
- To consider this report from the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing and Climate Change.
- 14 **Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee** (Pages 281 -

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To receive a report by the Chair of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee.

15 **Report of the Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee** (Pages 287 - 294)

To receive a report by the Chair of the Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee.

16 **Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee** (Pages 295 - 300)

To receive a report by the Chair of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee.