

COUNTY COUNCIL

Wednesday 22 February 2023

**10.00 am Canalside Conference Centre,
Marsh Lane, Nr. Bridgwater, TA6 6LQ**



(Virtual joining option for members of the public)

To: The members of the County Council

Cllr S Ashton, Cllr S Aujla, Cllr J Bailey, Cllr J Baker, Cllr Cllr L Baker, Cllr M Barr, Cllr M Best (Chair), Cllr B Bolt, Cllr A Boyden, Cllr A Bradford, Cllr H Bruce, Cllr T Butt Philip, Cllr S Carswell, Cllr M Caswell, Cllr N Cavill, Cllr M Chilcott, Cllr N Clark, Cllr B Clarke, Cllr P Clayton, Cllr S Coles, Cllr S Collins, Cllr J Cook-Woodman, Cllr N Cottle, Cllr A Dance, Cllr D Darch, Cllr H Davies, Cllr T Deakin, Cllr D Denton, Cllr M Dimery, Cllr A Dingwall, Cllr L Duddridge, Cllr M Dunk, Cllr S Dyke, Cllr C Ellis, Cllr H Farbahi, Cllr B Ferguson, Cllr B Filmer, Cllr D Fothergill, Cllr A Govier, Cllr T Grimes, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr Pauline Ham, Cllr Philip Ham, Cllr S Hart, Cllr M Healey, Cllr B Height, Cllr A Hendry, Cllr R Henley, Cllr M Hewitson, Cllr E Hobbs, Cllr H Hobhouse, Cllr J Hunt, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr H Kay, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr A Kendall, Cllr J Kenton, Cllr T Kerley, Cllr M Kravis, Cllr C Lawrence, Cllr M Lewis, Cllr L Leyshon, Cllr T Lock, Cllr M Lovell, Cllr D Mansell, Cllr M Martin, Cllr H Munt, Cllr T Munt, Cllr M Murphy, Cllr F Nicholson, Cllr G Oakes, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr O Patrick, Cllr C Payne, Cllr K Pearce, Cllr E Pearlstone, Cllr D Perry, Cllr E Potts-Jones, Cllr T Power, Cllr H Prior-Sankey (Vice-Chair), Cllr S Pugsley, Cllr F Purbrick, Cllr W Read, Cllr L Redman, Cllr B Revans, Cllr M Rigby, Cllr T Robbins, Cllr D Rodrigues, Cllr J Roundell Greene, Cllr D Ruddle, Cllr P Seib, Cllr H Shearer, Cllr G Slocombe, Cllr B Smedley, Cllr F Smith-Roberts, Cllr F Smith, Cllr J Snell, Cllr A Soughton, Cllr M Stanton, Cllr A Sully, Cllr C Sully, Cllr L Trimnell, Cllr S Wakefield, Cllr M Wales, Cllr R Wilkins, Cllr A Wiltshire, Cllr D Woan, Cllr R Woods, Cllr G Wren and Cllr R Wyke

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Monitoring Officer - Governance and Democratic Services - 14 February 2023

For further information about the meeting, please contact Mike Bryant – Service Manager, Democratic Services, democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk or 01823 357628.

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 Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

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AGENDA

Item County Council - 10.00 am Wednesday 22 February 2023

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 23 November 2023 (Pages 9 - 40)

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.

For Decision

5 Report of the Leader and Executive - for decision (Pages 41 - 524)

To consider a report with recommendations from the Leader of the Council, arising from the Executive meeting held on 13 February 2023.

The recommendations relate to:

- Paper A – Budget, Medium Term Financial Plan and Council Tax Setting
- Paper B – Adoption of the Council Plan for Somerset Council
- Paper C – Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2023-24
- Paper D – Housing Benefit War Pensions Disregard Policy
- Paper E – Housing Revenue Account (HRA) updated 30 year Business Plan and Rent Set 2023/24
- Paper F – Somerset Council Asset Management Plan and Strategy

6 Report of the Constitution and Governance Committee

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Report to follow:

- Proposed Constitution for Somerset Council
- Annual Report of the Constitution and Governance Committee

7 **Report of the HR Committee** (Pages 525 - 526)

To receive a report from the Chair of the HR Committee.

8 **Report of the Chief Executive (Senior Management Structure/Designation of Statutory Roles)** (Pages 527 - 554)

To receive a report from the Chief Executive.

9 **Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel** (Pages 555 - 592)

To receive the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

For Information

10 **Report of the Standards Committee** (Pages 593 - 598)

To receive a report from the Chair of the Standards Committee.

11 **Report of the Leader and Executive - for information** (Pages 599 - 604)

To receive reports by the Leader of Council summarising key decisions taken by him and the Executive, including at the Executive meetings held on 16 November, 14 December 2023, 18 January 2023 and 13 February 2023 - attached

(Note: Member Questions to the Leader and Executive Members will be taken under this item)