

# SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



**Wednesday 14 December 2022**

**2.00 pm Luttrell Room - County Hall,  
Taunton**

To: The members of the Scrutiny for Policies, Environment Committee

Cllr S Ashton, Cllr A Boyden (Vice-Chair), Cllr A Bradford, Cllr B Clarke, Cllr M Dimery (Chair), Cllr H Hobhouse, Cllr M Kravis, Cllr M Martin, Cllr H Munt, Cllr K Pearce, Cllr T Power, Cllr J Roundell Greene and Cllr A Wiltshire

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Democratic Services - 8 December 2022

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**Are you considering how your conversation today and the actions you propose to take contribute towards making Somerset Carbon Neutral by 2030?**



**RNID typetalk**

# AGENDA

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## **\*\*Public Guidance notes contained within agenda annexe\*\***

### **1 Apologies for absence**

To receive members' apologies

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

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The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via request to the Democratic Service Team.

### **3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

To approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

- To follow

### **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 Scrutiny for Policies, Environment committee work programme (Pages 9 - 12)**

To receive any updates from the Governance Manager, Scrutiny and discuss any items for the work programme.

To assist the discussion, attached are:

- The Committee's Forward Work Programme

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- The Scrutiny for Policies and Place committee's Forward Work Programme
- The Executive Forward Plan of key decisions can be viewed [here](#)

6 **Interreg 2 Seas- End of Project Progress Report** (Pages 13 - 42)

Members are asked to consider and note the update.

7 **Peat- Update on work with DEFRA on the future of Peat Workings** (Pages 43 - 46)

The Scrutiny for Environment and Policy is asked to note the approval to take discussions forward with DEFRA and the peat producers in Somerset and to support the proposed approach.

8 **Estates decarbonisation - our programme and progress** (Pages 47 - 72)

Scrutiny is asked to consider and comment on the accompanying presentation.

9 **Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty overview** (Pages 73 - 76)

Members are asked to consider and note the update.

10 **Any other business**

The Chair to raise any other urgent items of business