

# CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Monday 30 January 2023

10.00 am 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 - 20 January 2023

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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 held on 15 December 2022** (Pages 9 - 12)

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 **Update on the development of the Constitution for the new Somerset Council** (Pages 13 - 56)

To consider Report of the Monitoring Officer

6 **The Scrutiny Arrangements for new Somerset Council - REPORT TO FOLLOW**

To consider report.

7 **Decision Making, Scheme of Delegation and Proper Officer Arrangements for new Somerset Council** (Pages 57 - 132)

To consider report.

8 **Planning Functions and Arrangements for new Somerset Council** (Pages 133 - 166)

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To consider report.

9 **LCN Functions and Arrangements for new Somerset Council** (Pages 167 - 192)

To consider report.

10 **Work Programme** (Pages 193 - 194)

To consider the work programme of the Committee.

11 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.