

**Thursday, 28th October, 2021,  
6.15 pm**

**The John Meikle Room - The Deane  
House**

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**Members:** Libby Lisgo (Chair), Dave Mansell (Vice-Chair), Simon Coles, Steve Griffiths, John Hunt, Dawn Johnson, Richard Lees, Mark Lithgow, Janet Lloyd, Andy Milne, Andy Pritchard, Vivienne Stock-Williams, Ray Tully and Sarah Wakefield

### **Agenda**

**1. Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee**

(Pages 7 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

To receive and note any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or prejudicial or personal interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The personal interests of Councillors and Clerks of Somerset County Council, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes.)

**4. Public Participation**

The Chair to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak

before Councillors debate the issue.

### **Temporary measures during the Coronavirus pandemic**

Due to the temporary legislation (within the Coronavirus Act 2020, which allowed for use of virtual meetings) coming to an end on 6 May 2021, the council's committee meetings will now take place in the office buildings at the John Meikle Room, Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton. Unfortunately due to capacity requirements the Chamber at West Somerset House is not able to be used at this current moment.

Following the Government guidance on measures to reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), the council meeting rooms will have very limited capacity. With this in mind, we will be encouraging those members of the public who have registered to speak to attend the meetings in person at the office buildings, if they wish. (We will still be offering to those members of the public that are not comfortable in attending, for their statements to be read out by a member of the Governance team). Please can we urge all members of the public who are only interested in listening to the debate to view our live webcasts from the safety of their own home to help prevent the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

- 5. Community Scrutiny Request/Recommendation Trackers** (Pages 13 - 14)

To update the Community Scrutiny Committee on the progress of resolutions and recommendations from previous meetings of the Committee.
- 6. Community Scrutiny Forward Plan** (Pages 15 - 16)

To receive items and review the Forward Plan.
- 7. Executive and Full Council Forward Plans** (Pages 17 - 20)

To review the Forward Plans of the Executive and Full Council.
- 8. Review of Voluntary and Community Sector Grants** (Pages 21 - 40)

This matter is the responsibility of the Chair of the Working Group and Executive Councillor for Community, Cllr Chris Booth.

This report is pertaining to the results of the Member's Working Group regarding the Annual Review for Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Grants and makes a future spending proposal.

**9. Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public**

During discussion of the following items (Item 10, Appendix 3 and 6 and 7) it may be necessary to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Article 13 13.02(e) (a presumption in favour of openness) of the Constitution. This decision may be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Community Scrutiny Committee will need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Community Scrutiny Committee to resolve:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next items of business (Item 10, Appendix 3 and 6 and 7 only) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**10. North Taunton Woolaway Project - Authorisation to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in relation to the North Taunton Woolaway Project**

(Pages 41 - 116)

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Member Francesca Smith.

The Report has two purposes:

- To reinforce the Council's willingness to progress a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to achieve vacant possession of the North Taunton Woolaway Project (the Project) development area to achieve the successful regeneration of North Taunton. The Council throughout the CPO process enthusiastically attempt to purchase by mutual consent wherever possible.
- To request permission from the Executive to purchase two privately owned dwellings in the North Taunton Woolaway Project (the Project), if purchased this will avoid CPO activity in relation to these properties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Hasset", written in a cursive style.

**JAMES HASSETT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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