

## SWT Community Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 24th November, 2021,  
6.15 pm



Somerset West  
and Taunton

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**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021

(Pages 5 - 10)

**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.

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- 5. Community Scrutiny Request/Recommendation Trackers** (Pages 11 - 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. 2021/22 Housing Revenue Account Financial Monitoring as at Quarter 2 (30 September 2021)** (Pages 21 - 42)

This report is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Francesca Smith, Portfolio Holder for Housing.

This report is to be noted as the HRA's forecast financial performance and projected reserves position for 2021/22 financial year as at 30 September 2021.

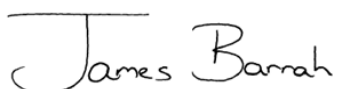
A request of the Executive is that they approve the return of £175k from earmarked reserves to general reserves.

**9. Draft 2022/23 Housing Revenue Account Budget Update**

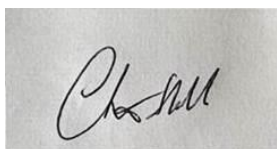
(Pages 43 - 56)

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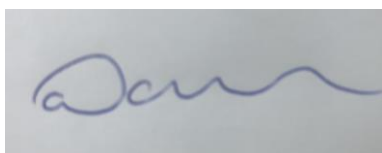
The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on progress of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) regarding Budget Setting for 2022/23, the latest Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) forecasts, the 30-Year Business Plan, and the areas to be finalised.



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