

SWT Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 1st March, 2023,
6.15 pm



Somerset West
and Taunton

The John Meikle Room - The Deane
House

Members: Sue Buller (Chair), Ian Aldridge, Norman Cavill, Simon Coles, Habib Farbahi, Ed Firmin, John Hassall, Nicole Hawkins, Marcus Kravis, Libby Lisgo, Simon Nicholls, Nick Thwaites, Loretta Whetlor and Gwil Wren

Agenda

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the previous Corporate Scrutiny Committee

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on

(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.

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5. To receive an update on the Local Government Review (LGR) and Community Governance Review (CGR)

Executive Portfolio Holder Report for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – Councillor Sarah Wakefield.

To provide a verbal update on LGR progress. This has been requested as a standing item on the agenda by the Chair, Cllr Sue Buller.

6. Corporate Scrutiny Request/Recommendation Trackers

(Pages 11 - 26)

To update the Scrutiny Committee on the progress of resolutions and recommendations from previous meetings of the Committee.

7. Executive and Full Council Forward Plan

(Pages 27 - 30)

To review the final meetings of the Executive and Full Council via the Forward Plans.

8. Corporate Scrutiny Chair's Annual Report

(Pages 31 - 32)

This report is the responsibility of Councillor Sue Buller – Chair of Corporate Scrutiny and has been drafted in collaboration with the Vice Chair, Councillor Nick Thwaites.

To approve the Annual report of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee 2022/23 for consideration by Full Council. Article 6 of the SWT Constitution states that *“The Scrutiny Committees must report annually on their work”*.

9. Corporate Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 3 2022/23

(Pages 33 - 50)

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Member Benet Allen.

Report Author: Malcolm Riches, Business Intelligence and Performance Manager.

10. Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public - Appendix F ONLY

During discussion of the following item (Agenda Item 11 – Appendix F only) 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. Corporate Scrutiny 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.

Recommend that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business (Agenda Item 11 – Appendix F only) on the ground 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).

11. General Fund Financial Monitoring Report as at Quarter 3 (31 December 2022)

(Pages 51 - 88)

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Benet Allen, Portfolio Holder for Communication and Corporate Resources.

Report Author: Kerry Prisco, Management Accounting and Reporting Lead.



**ANDREW PRITCHARD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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