

SWT Executive

Wednesday, 18th January, 2023,
6.15 pm

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The John Meikle Room - The Deane
House

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Members: Federica Smith-Roberts (Chair), Derek Perry (Vice-Chair), Benet Allen, Chris Booth, Dixie Darch, Caroline Ellis, Mike Rigby, Francesca Smith, Andrew Sully and Sarah Wakefield

Agenda

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive - TO FOLLOW

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee.

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.

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5. Executive Forward Plan

(Pages 5 - 6)

To receive items and review the Forward Plan.

6. Wellington Depot Solar PV/Battery Storage - Capital Supplementary Budget Approval

(Pages 7 - 8)

This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Councillor Dixie Darch.

In line with the Council's financial regulations, this report seeks to confirm and regularise the capital budget required for the installation of Solar Panels and Battery Storage at the Wellington Depot.

7. Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public - Agenda Item 8 - Appendix 2 and 3 ONLY

During discussion of the following item (Agenda Item 8 – Appendix 2 and 3 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. Executive 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 8 – Appendix 2 and 3 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).

8. North Taunton Woolaway Project - Vacant Possession of Site

(Pages 9 - 38)

This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Housing, Councillor Francesca Smith.

The purpose of the report is to request permission from the Executive to purchase one privately owned dwelling in the North Taunton Woolaway Project (the Project), if purchased this will avoid CPO activity in relation to this property.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Pritchard', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

ANDREW PRITCHARD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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