

## SWT Full Council - 15 April 2021

Present: Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey (Chair)

Councillors Simon Coles, Benet Allen, Lee Baker, Marcus Barr, Chris Booth, Sue Buller, Norman Cavill, Dixie Darch, Hugh Davies, Dave Durdan, Kelly Durdan, Caroline Ellis, Roger Habgood, Marcia Hill, John Hunt, Marcus Kravis, Richard Lees, Sue Lees, Libby Lisgo, Janet Lloyd, Dave Mansell, Andy Milne, Simon Nicholls, Craig Palmer, Derek Perry, Peter Pilkington, Andy Pritchard, Steven Pugsley, Mike Rigby, Francesca Smith, Federica Smith-Roberts, Nick Thwaites, Anthony Trollope-Bellew, Ray Tully, Terry Venner, Sarah Wakefield, Loretta Whetlor and Gwil Wren

Officers: Dawn Adey, James Barrahan, Lesley Dolan, Paul Fitzgerald, James Hassett, Alison North, Marcus Prouse, Clare Rendell, Amy Tregellas, Chris Hall and Joe Wharton

(The meeting commenced at 4.00 pm)

### 165. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors M Blaker, H Farbahi, A Hadley, M Peters, A Sully and D Wedderkopp.

### 166. **Declarations of Interest**

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Minute No.	Description of Interest	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr L Baker	All Items	Cheddon Fitzpaine & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Barr	All Items	Wellington	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Booth	All Items	Wellington and Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr N Cavill	All Items	West Monkton	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Coles	All Items	SCC & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr H Davies	All Items	SCC	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Ellis	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr Mrs Hill	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted

Cllr J Hunt	All Items	SCC & Bishop's Hull	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr R Lees	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Lees	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr L Lisgo	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr J Lloyd	All Items	Wellington & Sampford Arundel	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr A Milne	All Items	Porlock	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Nicholls	All Items	Comeytrowe	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Palmer	All Items	Minehead	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr D Perry	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr P Pilkington	All Items	Timberscombe	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr H Prior-Sankey	All Items	SCC & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Rigby	All Items	SCC & Bishops Lydeard	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr F Smith	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr F Smith-Roberts	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr N Thwaites	All Items	Dulverton	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr R Tully	All Items	West Monkton	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr T Venner	All Items	Minehead	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr L Whetlor	All Items	Watchet	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr G Wren	All Items	Clerk to Milverton PC	Personal	Spoke and Voted

167. **Local Government Reorganisation - Potential Residents Poll**

The Leader of the Council made the following statement:-  
 In light of the Secretary of State's letter received on the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 and the specific and detailed legal issues raised therein, it was necessary to obtain further legal advice by means of leading counsel's opinion to ensure members had full and thorough legal advice when reaching their decision on such a significant issue. Therefore in relation to the proposed Council decisions to hold a Local Referendum on the proposals for local government reorganisation in Somerset the item had been withdrawn at this time and the meeting would be re-arranged to a future date to consider the matter further with the benefit of specific legal advice.

(The Meeting ended at 4.10 pm)