

Notice of Meeting of

**FULL COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 2.00 pm**

**Hollinsworth Hall, Canalside Conference Centre,  
Marsh Lane, Huntworth, Bridgwater TA6 6LQ**

All Somerset Council Members are requested to attend.

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This meeting will be open to the public and press, subject to the passing of any resolution under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A: Access to Information.

The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 16 May 2023



# **AGENDA**

**Full Council - 2.00 pm Wednesday, 24 May 2023**

**Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe** (Pages 7 - 8)

**Click here to join the online meeting** (Pages 9 - 10)

**1 Election of Chair of the Council**

To invite nominations and elect the Chair of the Council to serve until the Annual General Meeting in May 2024.

**2 Election of Vice Chair of Council**

To invite nominations and elect the Vice Chair of the Council to serve until the Annual General Meeting in May 2024.

**3 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**4 Declarations of Interest** (Pages 11 - 12)

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 of Somerset Council, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes.)

**5 Chair's Announcements**

To receive the Chair's Announcements.

**6 Minutes from the Previous Meeting** (Pages 13 - 60)

To approve the minutes from the previous meetings of Somerset County Council held on 22 February and 1 March 2023.

## 7 **Public Question Time**

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.

We are now live webcasting most of our committee meetings and you are welcome to view and listen to the discussion. The link to each webcast will be available on the meeting webpage, please see details under 'click here to join online meeting'.

## 8 **Report of the Special Members Panel - Somerset Council Redundancies Arising from Implementation of the Senior Leadership Structure - Decision** (Pages 61 - 138)

## 9 **Report of the Chief Executive - Decision** (Pages 139 - 146)

Statutory Officer appointments.

## 10 **Report of the Standards Committee - Decision** (Pages 147 - 150)

Recommendation for appointment of a Vice Chair.

## 11 **Report of the Returning Officer - Decision** (Pages 151 - 162)

Annual review of electoral fees and charges.

## 12 **Report of the Executive Director Public Health - Decision** (Pages 163 - 190)

Somerset Board Constitution.

## 13 **Motions on Notice - Decision** (Pages 191 - 194)

- 1) Somerset Council to treat care experience as if it were a protected characteristic.
- 2) Discounted youth bus pass for 16 to 25 year olds.

14 **Annual Report of the Leader of the Council and Report of the Leader and Executive - Information** (Pages 195 - 204)

- Annual Report of the Leader of the Council.
- Key decisions taken by the Executive, Executive Lead Members or Directors since the last Council meeting.

15 **Report of the Monitoring Officer - Decision** (To Follow)

**Exclusion of Press and Public for any discussion regarding exempt information minutes**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Although the main report for this item not confidential, supporting appendices available to Members contain exempt information and are therefore marked confidential – not for publication. At any point if Members wish to discuss information within this appendix then the Council will be asked to agree the following resolution to exclude the press and public:

**Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To consider passing a resolution having been duly proposed and seconded under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

**Reason:** Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).