

Notice of Meeting of

FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 27 September 2023 at 2.00 pm

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

All Somerset Council Members are requested to attend.

For further information about the meeting, including how to join the meeting virtually, please contact Democratic Services democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk

All members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings and ask questions or make a statement **by giving advance notice** in writing or by e-mail to the Monitoring Officer at email: democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk by **5pm on Thursday, 21 September 2023**.

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, 19 September 2023

AGENDA

Full Council - 2.00 pm Wednesday, 27 September 2023

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

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

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 20)

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

To receive and note any declarations of interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The other registrable interests of Councillors of Somerset Council, arising from membership of City, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes: [City, Town & Parish Twin Hatters - Somerset Councillors 2023](#))

4 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'.

Decision Reports

5 Report of the Leader and Executive (Pages 21 - 46)

To note the year end position of the legacy Councils' General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Capital Programmes.

6 Report of the Monitoring Officer (Pages 47 - 54)

This report sets out a proposed appointment of a co-opted member to the Scrutiny Committee for Children and Families (see Paper A) and a Chief Executive Non-Key Decision relating to Member Dispensation (Paper B).

7 Report of the Chief Executive (Pages 55 - 58)

To agree emergency cover arrangements for two vacant Service Director roles.

8 Report of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee (Pages 59 - 126)

To approve the Statement of Licensing Policy.

Information Reports

9 Report of the Leader and Executive (Pages 127 - 130)

To note the report.

10 Annual Report of Lead Member for Communities, Housing and Culture (Pages 131 - 156)

To note the report.

11 Annual Report of Lead Member for Public Health, Equalities and Diversity (Pages 157 - 180)

To note the report.

12 Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board (Pages 181 - 240)

To note the report.

- 13 **Annual Report of the Somerset Armed Forces Covenant Partnership** (Pages 241 - 246)

To note the report.

Decision Reports - Exclusion of the Press and Public

PLEASE NOTE: Although some of the documents for the following items are 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 these documents, 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 which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

- 14 **Redundancies Arising from Changes in Services** (Pages 247 - 262)

To consider the recommendations in the report.

- 15 **Report of the Special Members Panel** (Pages 263 - 280)

To consider the recommendations in the confidential report.