

Notice of Meeting of

FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday, 23 April 2024 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 Wednesday, 17 April 2024**.

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 Monday, 15 April 2024

AGENDA

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Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 7 - 12)

Useful information about making a statement or asking a public question at a meeting, attending a meeting and registering in advance for the limited seating available, participating or observing the meeting online.

Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 13 - 14)

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 15 - 38)

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest (Pages 39 - 40)

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'.

5 **Chair's Announcements** (Pages 41 - 42)

To note the Chair's Announcements including events detailed on the Chair's Information Sheet.

Reports for Decision

6 **Report of the Leader and Executive** (Pages 43 - 122)

To consider the report that was discussed by the Executive on 8 April 2024 on the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2029-30.

7 **Report of the Chief Executive - Interim Service Director Appointment** (Pages 123 - 132)

To consider the report to appoint an interim Service Director.

8 **Report of the Monitoring Officer - Member Dispensation** (Pages 133 - 142)

To consider the report on Member Dispensation.

9 **Motions** (Pages 143 - 144)

To consider the two motions received from Members.

Supplemental Note in relation to Motion B:

On 23 April 2024, Somerset Council voted on a motion in respect of a commercial investment property it owns at 600 Aztec West. That motion included a statement that “*the tenant Elbit UK [is] a major UK based provider of weapons to the Israeli Defence Forces, used in the current Gaza catastrophe*“.

Elbit Systems UK Limited have contacted us to say this is factually incorrect and they do not supply weapons or military equipment to the Israeli Defence Forces or the Israeli Ministry of Defence.

The Council would like to apologise and withdraw the statement that Elbit Systems UK Limited supplies military equipment to the Israeli Defence Forces or the Israeli Ministry of Defence.

Reports for Information

10 **Report of the Leader and Executive - For Information** (Pages 145 - 148)

To note the report of the Leader and Executive and to also receive any questions with notice for the Lead Members.

10.1 Annual Report of the Lead Member for Economic Development, Planning and Assets (Pages 149 - 188)

To note the annual report of the Lead Member for Economic Development, Planning and Assets.

11 **Report of the five Scrutiny Committees** (Pages 189 - 198)

To note the report of the five Scrutiny Committees.

12 **Annual Report of the Standards Committee** (Pages 199 - 204)

To note the annual report of the Standards Committee.