

**Somerset Council – Decisions taken by the Scrutiny Committee - Climate and Place on Wednesday, 20 March 2024**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A2</b>	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interested received.
<b>A3</b>	Minutes from the Previous Meeting	Resolved that the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee - Climate and Place held on <i>17<sup>th</sup> January 2024</i> be confirmed as a correct record.
<b>A4</b>	Public Question Time	<p>There were two members of the public registered to speak at the meeting.</p> <p>1) Nick Hall – Glastonbury Festival Traffic Management 2) Eva Bryczkowski- Full Council meeting venue and Bus Services</p> <p>The committee heard the public questions and the verbal responses from Somerset Council officers, and both members of the public were advised that they would receive a full written response within 5 days of the meeting.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Scrutiny Climate and Place Work Programme	<p>The Committee received and noted the Forward Plan, Outcome tracker and Executive Forward Plan.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Manager advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An additional meeting to discuss 'Water Quality in Somerset' has been confirmed for</li> </ul>

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		<p align="center">Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April to be held at 1.30pm in Deane House, Taunton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The schedule of meetings for the year 2024/2025 has not yet been finalised, but when it has this detail will be included in the committee’s Forward Plan.</li> <li>• The intention is that the Forward Plan will include quarterly budget monitoring and performance reporting going forward.</li> </ul>
<b>A6</b>	Annual report on the Trading Standards Service	The Scrutiny committee received the Annual Report of the Trading Standards Service. A brief question and answer session took place, during which members were reminded that the detail around casework could not be discussed in public session, and the committee noted the report.
<b>A7</b>	Section 19 Reports from 2020-2022 Flood Events	<p>The committee received a presentation on the Section 19 Reports from 2020-2022 Flood Events and the officer invited comments and questions from members.</p> <p>During the discussion there was concern regarding the difficulties faced when applying for planning permission to install flood defences on listing buildings. At the end of the debate the committee unanimously agreed to recommend that:</p>

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		<p>1. The Scrutiny Committee- Climate and Place recommends that the Somerset Council Planning Service review its policies and advice to residents regarding the application of flood defence mechanisms to listed buildings.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Henry Hobhouse, seconded by Cllr Steve Ashton.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Preliminary Report Section 19s 2023 Flood Events	The committee noted the Preliminary report for the 2023 Flood events, and were advised that this report sets out the methodology for the full S19 Flood Investigation report.
<b>A9</b>	Somerset Energy Investment Plan - Report of the Task and Finish Group	<p>The committee noted the report from the Task and Finish Group, chaired by Cllr Mansell.</p> <p>The committee unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations as set out in the report, with the addition of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Scrutiny Committee - Climate and Place recommends that the Planning Service reports back to this committee on the efficacy of providing;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A supplementary planning document on how we approach energy efficiency developments in listed buildings, as per BANES. (Bath and Northeast Somerset Council)</li> <li>b) A policy like Bristol City Council’s BCS14: The heat hierarchy.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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<b>A10</b>	2023-24 Budget Monitoring Report – Month 10	The committee noted the Month 10 Budget monitoring update.
<b>A11</b>	Items for Information	The committee noted the items for information.