



Notice of Meeting of

## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITIES**

**Wednesday, 21 June 2023 at 10.00 am**

**Wyndham Room - County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY**

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Communities

Chair: Councillor Gwil Wren  
Vice-chair: Councillor Dawn Johnson

Councillor Simon Coles	Councillor Dawn Denton
Councillor Andy Dingwall	Councillor Lance Duddridge
Councillor Pauline Ham	Councillor Susannah Hart
Councillor Edric Hobbs	Councillor Andy Kendall
Councillor Kathy Pearce	Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey
Councillor Wes Read	

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The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 13 June 2023

# **AGENDA**

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**Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 5 - 6)**

**Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 7 - 8)**

## **1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

## **2 Declarations of Interest (Pages 9 - 10)**

To receive and note any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable 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.)

## **3 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'.

## **4 Committee briefing from the Scrutiny Manager, Somerset Council (Pages 11 - 20)**

Members are asked to consider and comment on the presentation from the Scrutiny Manager.

**5 Committee briefing from the Executive Lead Member Communities, Housing and Culture**

Members are asked to consider and comment on the briefing from the Executive Lead Member for Communities, Housing and Culture.

**6 Communities, Housing and Culture Service Directors introductions**

To introduce the Scrutiny committee to the four Service Directors in the new Somerset Council Communities, Housing and Culture directorate.

**7 Scrutiny Communities committee work programme**

Members are invited to suggest items for the new Scrutiny Communities work programme.

To aid discussion the Executive Forward Plan of decisions can be found [here](#).

**8 Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Scrutiny Communities committee will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 10am in The Luttrell Room, County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY.