

**Somerset Council – Decisions taken by the Scrutiny Committee - Communities on Wednesday, 21 June 2023**

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
<b>Part A – Items considered in public</b>		
<b>A1</b>	Apologies for Absence	Cllr Susannah Hart (attended online), Cllr Kathy Pearce, Cllr Pauline Ham, Cllr Edric Hobbs (Cr Martin Lovell as sub) and Cllr Lance Duddridge (attended online)
<b>A2</b>	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest received.
<b>A3</b>	Public Question Time	There were no members of the public in attendance either in person or online.
<b>A4</b>	Committee briefing from the Scrutiny Manager, Somerset Council	The committee noted a presentation from Jamie Jackson, Governance Manager Scrutiny on the role and function of the new Scrutiny Communities committee.
<b>A5</b>	Committee briefing from the Executive Lead Member Communities, Housing and Culture	The committee noted a presentation from Chris Hall, Executive Director for the new Communities, Housing and Culture directorate regarding the senior leadership structure and remit of the Communities, Housing and Culture directorate.
<b>A6</b>	Communities, Housing and Culture Service Directors introductions	The committee noted a verbal introduction to the Housing service from Chris Brown, Service Director of Housing at Somerset council.
<b>A7</b>	Scrutiny Communities committee work programme	<p>The committee considered the future work programme for Scrutiny Communities and the following items were suggested by members –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure provision</li> <li>• CCTV provision across Somerset</li> <li>• Future model for housing provision</li> <li>• Customer service KPI's, customer satisfaction etc...</li> <li>•</li> </ul>

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		<p>Libraries, museums and theatres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gypsy traveller communities</li> <li>• Parking at leisure centres</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Heritage</li> <li>• Fairs and markets in decline</li> <li>• Neighbourhood policing (could the Police attend this committee on a regular basis?)</li> <li>• Strategic planning around housing</li> <li>• Park provision and maintenance</li> </ul>
<b>A8</b>	Date of the next meeting	The committee noted that the next meeting would be held on 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2023, at 10am in the Luttrell Room at County Hall.