



Notice of Meeting of

## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITIES**

**Wednesday, 9 August 2023 at 10.00 am**

**Luttrell 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 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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Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 1 August 2023

# AGENDA

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

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### **1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting 21st June 2023 (Pages 7 - 10)**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

### **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 (Pages 11 - 12)**

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 Recommissioning of 16+ Housing/Supported Accommodation (Pages 13 - 26)**

To receive a presentation on the Recommissioning of 16+ Housing/Supported Accommodation, for information, from Julie Breeze Strategic Commissioner for Childrens' Services.

For information members may wish to watch the recent BBC documentary Joe Swash: Teens in Care

[BBC One - Joe Swash: Teens in Care](#)

#### **6 Somerset Council Service Introduction: Customer Services (Pages 27 - 42)**

To receive a presentation, for information, on the Customer Services function at Somerset Council, from Jan Stafford Service Director Customer Services.

#### **7 Annual Approval as sole shareholder of Homes in Sedgemoor (Pages 43 - 110)**

To receive a verbal update on the Annual Approval as sole shareholder of homes in Sedgemoor from Chris Hall, Executive Director Communities and Dave Baxter, Strategic Housing Manager.

For background, members may wish to review the slides delivered as part of the LGR all-member briefings held in Jan/Feb of 2023.

#### **8 Date and venue of the next meeting**