



Notice of Meeting of

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CORPORATE AND RESOURCES

Thursday, 9 November 2023 at 10.00 am

Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources

Chair: Councillor Bob Filmer
Vice-chair: Councillor Richard Wilkins

Councillor Shane Collins	Councillor Nick Cottle
Councillor Philip Ham	Councillor Tony Lock
Councillor Martin Lovell	Councillor Emily Pearlstone
Councillor Diogo Rodrigues	Councillor Peter Seib
Councillor Brian Smedley	Councillor Andy Soughton
Councillor Lucy Trimnell	

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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 Wednesday, 1 November 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 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 20)

To approve the minutes from the previous meetings on 7 September 2023 and 29 September 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

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 Work Programme (Pages 21 - 24)

To discuss the Work Programme (attached for committee and Somerset Council Forward Plan [Somerset Council Executive Forward Plan](#)) and to receive any updates from the Task and Finish Groups.

6 Council Tax Reduction & Exceptional Hardship Scheme for 2024/25 (Pages 25 - 138)

To receive the proposed Council Tax Reduction and Exceptional Hardship Schemes for 2024/25 and to make any comments before the schemes are put before Executive and Full Council.

7 2023/24 Budget Monitoring Report - Month 5 (Pages 139 - 184)

To receive an update report for Budget 2023/24 Month 5 – to the end of August 2023.

8 Financial Strategy Update (Pages 185 - 222)

To receive an update on the Financial Strategy