



Notice of Meeting of

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CORPORATE AND RESOURCES

Thursday, 4 January 2024 at 10.00 am

John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton TA1 1HE

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 Friday, 22 December 2023

AGENDA

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2024**

Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 7 - 8)

Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 9 - 10)

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 18)

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on 5 December 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 Financial Budget Update Month 7 (Pages 19 - 76)

To receive the update and consider any mitigations or recommendations to make to the Executive.

6 Somerset Council Reserves Amalgamation (Pages 77 - 84)

To receive the report and consider any recommendations to the Executive.

7 Business System for Finance Implementation Review (Pages 85 - 108)

To receive an update on the Business System for Finance Implementation project.

8 Property Maintenance and Compliance Report (Pages 109 - 118)

To receive a presentation from Strategic Asset Management on Building Maintenance and compliance (non-schools) and an update on the Condition Programme.

9 Surplus Assets Review (Pages 119 - 124)

To receive a report on the progress of the surplus assets review.

10 Commercial Asset and Realisation Task and Finish Group Report (Pages 125 - 128)

To receive an update from the Task and Finish Working Group on Commercial Assets and Realisation.

11 Scrutiny Corporate and Resources Forward Plan (Pages 129 - 132)

To review the Forward Plan and to make any amendments or add new items.