



Notice of Meeting of

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CORPORATE AND RESOURCES

Thursday, 7 March 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 Henry Hobhouse

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

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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, 28 February 2024

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 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](#))

3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 24)

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on Friday 2 February 2024.

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 Scrutiny Corporate and Resources Forward Plan 2023/2024 (Pages 25 - 26)

To note the Forward Plan 2023/2024 for the Scrutiny Corporate and Resources and propose any other items for the consideration by the committee.

6 Delivering Economic Growth via Gravity Enterprise Zone (Pages 27 - 54)

To receive a report on the recommendations to the Executive associated with the planned occupation of part of the Gravity Enterprise Zone by Agratas.

7 Developing the approach to Transformation (Pages 55 - 114)

To receive the report on the vision and strategy for the council wide Transformation Programme with a number of considerations for the committee to discuss as detailed within the recommendations.

8 2023/2024 Budget Monitoring Report Month 10 (Pages 115 - 178)

To receive a report detailing the General Fund revenue monthly budget monitoring report for the end of January 2024 (Month 10).

Exclusion of Press and Public

PLEASE NOTE: Although the main report for this item not confidential, supporting appendices available to Members contain exempt information and are therefore marked confidential – not for publication. At any point if Members wish to discuss information within this appendix then the Council will be asked to agree the following resolution to exclude the press and public:

Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing a resolution having been duly proposed and seconded under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

Reason: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

9 Property Rationalisation Programme (Pages 179 - 198)

To receive an update and presentation on the progress with the Property Rationalisation Programme – please note there is a confidential appendix attached with supporting information and if members wish to discuss any information contained within this appendix, the committee will need to vote to go into closed session.