



Notice of Meeting of

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 22 June 2023 at 10.00 am

Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY

To: The members of the Strategic Planning Committee

Chair: Councillor Tony Lock
Vice-chair: Councillor Andy Soughton

Councillor Steve Ashton	Councillor Mike Caswell
Councillor Simon Coles	Councillor Michael Dunk
Councillor Philip Ham	Councillor Edric Hobbs
Councillor John Hunt	Councillor Andy Kendall
Councillor Matthew Martin	Councillor Wes Read
Councillor Martin Wales	

For further information about the meeting, including how to join the meeting virtually, please contact Democratic Services – see contact details below.

Requests to speak at the meeting about a planning application must be made to the Democratic Services Team no later than **12noon on Tuesday, 20 June 2023** by email to democraticservicessouth@somerset.gov.uk . Further information on the public speaking arrangements at Planning Committee is provided in the Public Guidance Notes near the front of this agenda pack.

This meeting will be recorded and then uploaded to YouTube following the meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting.

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.

Issued by David Clark, Monitoring Officer (the Proper Officer) on Wednesday, 14 June 2023.

AGENDA

Strategic Planning Committee - 10.00 am Thursday, 22 June 2023

Public Guidance Notes for Planning Committees (Agenda Annexe) (Pages 7 - 10)

Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 11 - 12)

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence and notification of substitutions.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 13 - 20)

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting (the meeting of 16 March 2023 of the former Regulation Committee of Somerset County Council).

3 Declarations of Interest (Pages 21 - 22)

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.)

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.

Requests to speak at the meeting at Public Question Time must be made to the Monitoring Officer in writing or by email to democraticserviceteam@somerset.gov.uk by 5pm on Friday 16 June 2023.

5 Planning Application SCC/4040/2023 - Chard Junction Quarry, Westford Park Farm, Chard. (Pages 23 - 30)

To consider an application for variation of Conditions 5 (Adherence to approved plans and details) and 6 (Depth of working) of planning application 1/D/12/000079 (for the winning and working of circa 1.5 million tonnes of sand and gravel) to vary the Phase 3 and 4 Working Plans, Restoration Plan and Cross Section Plan.

6 Future Reports

To consider a verbal update from officers.

7 Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public - Agenda Item 8

During discussion of the following item (Agenda Item 8) it may be necessary to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Section 1.34 in Part A of the Constitution (decisions are as open and transparent as possible). This decision may be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Committee will need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Recommend that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business (Agenda Item 8) on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

8 Planning Staff Update

To consider a verbal update from officers.

Please note:

Exclusion of the Press and Public for any discussion regarding exempt information

The Press and Public will be excluded from the meeting when a report or appendix on this agenda has been classed as confidential, or if the Committee wish to receive confidential legal advice at the meeting. If the Planning Committee wish to discuss information in Closed Session then the Committee 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: Para 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

(Or for any other reason as stated in the agenda or at the meeting)

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