

Somerset Council – Decisions taken by the Constitution and Governance Committee on Wednesday, 16 August 2023

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs Simon Carswell (substituted by Cllr Theo Butt-Philip), Cllr Barry Clarke (virtual attendance), Cllr Hugh Davies, Cllr Helen Kay, Cllr Christine Lawrence (virtual attendance), Cllr Martin Lovell (substituted by Cllr Dixie Darch), Cllr Steven Pugsley.														
A3	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillors present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor of a Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th align="center">UNITARY COUNCILLOR</th> <th align="center">TOWN AND/OR PARISH COUNCIL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cllr Theo Butt-Philip</td> <td>Wells City Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simon Carswell</td> <td>Street Parish Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ross Henley</td> <td>Wellington Town Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Kerley</td> <td>Somerton Town Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Martin Lovell</td> <td>Shepton Mallet Town Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Wilkins</td> <td>Curry Rivel Parish Council</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	UNITARY COUNCILLOR	TOWN AND/OR PARISH COUNCIL	Cllr Theo Butt-Philip	Wells City Council	Simon Carswell	Street Parish Council	Ross Henley	Wellington Town Council	Tim Kerley	Somerton Town Council	Martin Lovell	Shepton Mallet Town Council	Richard Wilkins	Curry Rivel Parish Council
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A4	Public Question Time	The were no questions received for Public Question Time.														
A5	Update on Electoral Commission	The Elections Manager, Steven Lake, introduced the report and presented a slideshow														

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	Parliamentary Constituency Review	<p>to update the Committee on the Final Recommendations that formed part of the Final Report of the 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries in England and also an update on the impact of Voter Identification at the recent elections that formed part of the amendments brought in by the Elections Act 2022.</p> <p>The Constitution and Governance Committee requested the presentation be made available on the Council website and noted the presentation and report.</p>
A6	Internal Governance Arrangements	<p>The Acting Strategic Manager for Business Change, Alastair Higton, introduced the report which described the new informal corporate governance arrangements and assured the Committee of their purpose and intention.</p> <p>The Constitution and Governance Committee noted the report and provided feedback and views on the arrangements in order to ensure they remained appropriate, fit for purpose and consistent with the established democratic and constitutional governance.</p>
A7	Chair's Announcements	<p>The Chair of the Constitution and Governance Committee, Cllr Ross Henley, provided the Members with a verbal update on some of the queries raised at the Workshop held in June 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suggestions and feedback regarding Full Council meeting delivery, and the

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		<p align="center">improved operation of Full Council held 26 July 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor proposal views regarding Gifts and Hospitality. <p>The Monitoring Officer, David Clark, advised the Constitution and Governance Committee that a Gifts and Hospitality report to be considered at the Standards Committee - 30 August 2023.</p>