



Notice of Meeting of

EXECUTIVE

Wednesday, 7 February 2024 at 10.00 am

John Meikle Room, The Deane House Taunton

To: The members of the Executive

Chair: Councillor Bill Revans
Vice-chair: Councillor Liz Leyshon

Councillor Theo Butt Philip	Councillor Adam Dance
Councillor Dixie Darch	Councillor Heather Shearer
Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts	Councillor Richard Wilkins
Councillor Ros Wyke	

For further information about the meeting, including how to join the meeting virtually, please contact Democratic Services democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk.

All members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings and ask questions or make a statement **by giving advance notice** in writing or by e-mail to the Monitoring Officer at email: democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk by **5pm on Thursday, 1 February 2024**.

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 Tuesday, 30 January 2024

AGENDA

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Public Guidance Notes contained in 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.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting - 15 January 2024 (Pages 13 - 48)

To approve the minutes from 15 January 2024 Executive Meeting.

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

Amended procedures for the budget meetings:-

Due to the high volume of submissions anticipated for the budget meetings of Scrutiny (Corporate and Resources), Executive and Full Council, the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair of each meeting, has allocated up to 45 minutes at the meeting for Public Question Time meeting (with a maximum of 9 speakers permitted to speak at the meeting). Generally this will be set aside near the beginning of the meeting or the Chair may invite speakers at the specific agenda item their questions relate to.

Based on the time to be set aside for PQT, we anticipate up to nine speakers will be invited by the Chair to individually address the meeting. Each speaker will have for up to 3 minutes and will be allowed a maximum of 3 questions. The nine speakers will receive a verbal response at the meeting.

Each speaker must direct their questions and comments through the Chair. You may not take a direct part in the members' debate at the meeting. The Chair will have the discretion to conclude or extend the time permitted for public participation.

Any submissions that are received over the nine speakers allowed at the meeting, will receive a written response after the meeting. However, all questions and statements received will be published on the Council's website and circulated to all members at least 1 working day before the meeting.

If you wish to speak or ask a question about any matter on the agenda, please contact Democratic Services by 5pm providing 3 clear working days before the meeting. (for example, for a meeting being held on a Wednesday, the deadline will be 5pm on the Thursday prior to the meeting) Email democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk or telephone 01823 357628. You will need to include your full name, address and contact details.

Anyone wishing to speak, make a statement or ask a question will need to attend in person or alternatively can join the meeting remotely. If you are unable to do either of these then your question or statement could be read out at the meeting if time permits.

If an item on the agenda is contentious, with many people wishing to attend the meeting or if multiple speakers wish to ask questions that are similar to others, a representative will need to be nominated to present the views of the group. Democratic Services will assist in the process of nominating a representative if this occurs.

5 Executive Forward Plan

To note the latest Executive Forward Plan of planned key decisions that have been published on the Council's website.

[Click here to access - Executive Forward Plan](#)

6 2023/24 Budget Monitoring Report - Month 9 - End of December 2023 Q3 (Pages 49 - 122)

To consider the report.

7 2023/24 Capital Budget Monitoring Report - Q3 (Pages 123 - 150)

To consider the report.

8 2023/24 Housing Revenue Account Capital and Revenue Budget Monitoring Report Q3 (Pages 151 - 176)

To consider the report.

9 2024/25 HRA Budget setting report (Pages 177 - 272)

10 2024/25 Treasury Management Strategy (Pages 273 - 308)

To consider the report.

11 2024/25 Capital Strategy (Pages 309 - 350)

To consider the report.

12 2024/25 General Fund Capital Budget (Pages 351 - 376)

To consider the report.

13 2024/25 General Fund Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (Pages 377 - 514)

To view all the supporting documents, including the Savings Proposals, the Cumulative Impact Assessment and the relevant Equality Impact Assessment forms, please access the web library by using this link – [Supporting Documents](#)

14 Developing the Approach to Transformation (Pages 515 - 568)

To consider the report.

Exclusion of Press and Public (Pages 569 - 570)

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 and in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those parts of this agenda item which relate to exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

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

15 Heart of the South West LEP Transition (Pages 571 - 600)

To consider the report.

16 Determination of 2025/26 Somerset Council Admission Arrangements (Pages 601 - 618)