



Notice of Meeting of

**LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK  
- CHARD AND BLACKDOWNS**

**Wednesday, 17 January 2024 at 7.00 pm**

**Tatworth Memorial Hall,  
Kents Road, South Chard TA20 2QA**

To: The members of the Local Community Network - Chard and Blackdowns

Chair: Councillor Keith Read (West Hatch Parish Council)  
Vice-chair: Councillor Sarah Wakefield

Councillor Jason Baker  
Councillor Jenny Kenton  
Councillor Martin Wale

Councillor Ross Henley  
Councillor Connor Payne  
Neroche Parish Council

Buckland St Mary PC  
Churchstanton PC  
Corfe PC  
Neroche PC  
Pitminster PC  
Stoke St Mary PC  
Wambrook PM  
Whitestaunton PM

Chard TC  
Combe St Nicholas PC  
Hatch Beauchamp PC  
Otterford PC  
Ruishton & Thornfalcon PC  
Tatworth & Forton PC  
West Hatch PC

And other stakeholders as detailed in the core membership on pages 5 and 6.

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For further information about the meeting, including how to join the meeting virtually, please contact the LCN Team [lcn@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:lcn@somerset.gov.uk)

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[lcn@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:lcn@somerset.gov.uk).

Issued by David Clark, Monitoring Officer (the Proper Officer) on Thursday, 4 January 2024.

# **AGENDA**

## **Local Community Network - Chard and Blackdowns 7.00 pm Wednesday, 17 January 2024**

### **Core Membership (Pages 5 - 6)**

### **Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 7 - 8)**

#### **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 Notes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 16)**

To approve the notes from the previous meeting.

#### **4 Update on Somerset Council's current financial position - Q & A**

#### **5 Actions from last meeting**

#### **6 Public Question Time**

The Chair to advise of any questions, statements or petitions received that are not covered by items on the agenda for the meeting on which members of the public have requested to speak.

## **7 Discussion**

What can we do / want to do locally regarding asset and service devolution?

- a. What are the opportunities and risks?
- b. What information do we have and what do we need?
- c. How can we work together to achieve agreed actions?

## **8 Formation of workgroups**

## **9 Dates of future meetings**