



Notice of Meeting of

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CLIMATE AND PLACE

Friday, 26 April 2024 at 1.30 pm

**John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere
Road, Taunton TA1 1HE**

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Climate and Place

Chair: Councillor Martin Dimery

Vice-chair: Councillor Adam Boyden

Councillor Steve Ashton

Councillor Bente Height

Councillor Henry Hobhouse

Councillor Dave Mansell

Councillor Harry Munt

Councillor Alan Bradford

Councillor Edric Hobbs

Councillor Marcus Kravis

Councillor Matthew Martin

Councillor Tom Power

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AGENDA

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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 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.

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4 Overview of the nutrient pollution problem on the Somerset Levels and Moors designated sites

To receive a presentation from Natural England.

Further reading:

[Predicting Lemna growth based on climate change and eutrophication in temperate freshwater drainage ditches](#)

[Restoration management of phosphorus pollution on lowland fen peatlands: A data evidence review from the Somerset Levels and Moors \(sciencedirectassets.com\)](#)

5 Citizen Scientist research from the river catchments and the Ramsar sites

To receive a presentation from Dr Andrew Clegg

6 How is the water level controlled on the Somerset Levels and Moors?

To receive a presentation from Somerset Internal Drainage Boards.

7 Wessex Water improvements driving phosphate reduction on the Somerset Levels and Moors (Pages 9 - 20)

To receive a presentation from Wessex Water

8 The contribution of agricultural pollution to the nutrient problem on the Somerset Levels and Moors - in terms of scale and the known unknowns.

Item for discussion

9 Summing up and next steps

The Chair to summarise the discussion and any next steps.