



Notice of Meeting of

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITIES

Wednesday, 11 September 2024 at 10.00 am

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

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Communities

Chair: Councillor Gwil Wren
Vice-chair: Councillor Dawn Johnson

Councillor Simon Coles	Councillor Dawn Denton	Councillor Andy Dingwall
Councillor Lance Duddridge	Councillor Pauline Ham	Councillor Susannah Hart
Councillor Edric Hobbs	Councillor Andy Kendall	Councillor Kathy Pearce
Councillor Hazel Prior- Sankey	Councillor Wes Read	

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Issued by David Clark (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 3 September 2024

AGENDA

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1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting - 13 June 2024 (Pages 7 - 14)

To approve the minutes from the previous 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

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.

We are now live webcasting most of our committee meetings and you are welcome to view and listen to the discussion. The link to each webcast will be available on the meeting webpage, please see details under 'click here to join online meeting'.

5 Work Programme (Pages 15 - 16)

To discuss the work programme.

To assist the discussion, the following documents are attached:-

- a) The Committee's work programme
- b) The Committee's outcome tracker

Please use the following links to view the latest Somerset Council Forward Plans and Executive Forward Plan of planned key decisions that have been published on the Council's website:

[Somerset Council Forward Plans](#)

[Somerset Council Executive Forward Plan](#)

6 Future Meetings

Committee to discuss future meetings and possible venue change.

7 Update L2/L3 Restructure

To receive a verbal update.

8 Budget Outturn 23/24 and Month 3 Report (Pages 17 - 26)

To receive the report.

9 Wheelchair Accessible Taxis (Pages 27 - 50)

To receive the report