



Notice of Meeting of

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITIES

Wednesday, 11 December 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 Suria Aujla	Councillor Simon Coles
Councillor Lance Duddridge	Councillor Pauline Ham
Councillor Susannah Hart	Councillor Andy Kendall
Councillor Marcus Kravis	Councillor Kathy Pearce
Councillor Tom Power	Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey
Councillor Wes Read	

For further information about the meeting, including how to join the meeting virtually, please contact Rebecca Dunstan democraticserviceteam@somerset.gov.uk.

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The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 3 December 2024

AGENDA

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Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 5 - 6)

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

Link below to join the online meeting

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting - 30 October 2024 (Pages 9 - 16)

Resolved that the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee – Communities held on 30 October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

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 17 - 18)

To discuss the work programme.

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

-) The Committee's work programme
-) 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 Month 6 Budget Monitoring Report (Pages 19 - 28)

To receive the report

7 HRA Q2 Budget Monitoring Report (Pages 29 - 40)

To receive the report

8 Housing Development Team (Pages 41 - 48)

To receive the report.

9 Devolution Update (Pages 49 - 62)

To receive the presentation.

10 Transformation Update

To receive the verbal update.