



Notice of Meeting of

## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITIES**

**Wednesday, 12 March 2025 at 10.00 am**

**Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY**

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Communities

Chair: Councillor Gwil Wren

Vice-chair: Councillor Dawn Johnson

Councillor Suria Aujla  
Councillor Lance Duddridge  
Councillor Susannah Hart  
Councillor Marcus Kravis  
Councillor Tom Power  
Councillor Wes Read

Councillor Simon Coles  
Councillor Pauline Ham  
Councillor Andy Kendall  
Councillor Kathy Pearce  
Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey

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The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by the Proper Officer on Tuesday, 4 March 2025

## **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)**

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting - 22 January 2025 (Pages 9 - 16)**

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 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 9 Budget Monitoring Report (Pages 19 - 28)**

To receive the report

## **7 Customer Service Contact Centre Response Times (Pages 29 - 36)**

To receive the presentation.

## **8 Management of Open Spaces**

To receive the presentation