



Notice of Meeting of

## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CLIMATE AND PLACE**

**Thursday, 25 July 2024 at 10.00 am**

**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 Henry Hobhouse

Councillor Adam Boyden	Councillor Alan Bradford
Councillor Bente Height	Councillor Edric Hobbs
Councillor Marcus Kravis	Councillor Dave Mansell
Councillor Matthew Martin	Councillor Harry Munt
Councillor Tom Power	Councillor Suria Aujla
Councillor Rob Reed	

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Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Wednesday, 17 July 2024

# AGENDA

Scrutiny Committee - Climate and Place - 10.00 am Thursday, 25 July 2024

**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 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 Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting – *to follow*

## **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 Scrutiny Climate and Place Work Programme (Pages 9 - 20)**

To receive an update from the Service Manager, Governance Scrutiny. 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 Equality due regard (Pages 21 - 22)**

Scrutiny committee are asked to:

1. Reconfirm their commitment to equality Due Regard being part of their Scrutiny function.
2. Support further training opportunities that are provided for the delivery of this commitment.

## **7 Bus Service Improvement Plan (Pages 23 - 148)**

Scrutiny are asked to note the revised BSIP (Appendix A) and the BSIP Overview Table (Appendix B)

## **8 Waste Services update (Pages 149 - 192)**

To note the following Waste Services updates

- 1) Expansion of Flex Plastics trial
- 2) Suez contract negotiations

## **9 Climate and Place provisional outturn report (Pages 193 - 200)**

To consider and comment on the provisional outturn report.

## **10 Items for Information (Pages 201 - 216)**

**This is a standing agenda item for 'information only' that cover the Committee's policy areas.**

Members are asked to note the following items for information -

- 1) Development of the Economic Strategy
- 2) Connecting Devon and Somerset
- 3) Local Nature Recovery strategy

### **Exclusion of Press and Public**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Although the main report for this item not confidential, supporting appendices available to Members contain exempt information and are therefore marked confidential – not for publication. At any point if Members wish to discuss information within this appendix then the Council will be asked to agree the following resolution to exclude the press and public:

#### **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To consider passing a resolution having been duly proposed and seconded under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

**Reason:** Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).