



Notice of Meeting of

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CORPORATE AND RESOURCES

Wednesday, 19 June 2024 at 10.00 am

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

To: The members of the Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources

Chair: Councillor Bob Filmer
Vice-chair: Councillor Henry Hobhouse

Councillor Shane Collins	Councillor Nick Cottle
Councillor Philip Ham	Councillor Tony Lock
Councillor Martin Lovell	Councillor Diogo Rodrigues
Councillor Peter Seib	Councillor Brian Smedley
Councillor Andy Soughton	Councillor Lucy Trimnell
Councillor Mike Murphy	

For further information about the meeting, including how to join the meeting virtually, please contact Democratic Services democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk.

All members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings and ask questions or make a statement **by giving advance notice** in writing or by e-mail to the Monitoring Officer at email: democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk by **5pm on Thursday, 13 June 2024**.

This meeting will be open to the public and press, subject to the passing of any resolution under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A: Access to Information.

The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Monday 10 June 2024.

AGENDA

**Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources - 10.00 am Wednesday, 19 June
2024**

Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 7 - 8)

Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 9 - 10)

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.

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'.

4 Forward Plan 2024/25

To consider the Forward Plan for Executive and for this committee and propose areas or items for consideration by the committee.

[Somerset Council Forward Plans](#)

[Somerset Council Executive Forward Plan](#)

5 Provisional revenue outturn and emerging issues 2024/25

6 Productivity Plan (Pages 11 - 22)

To note the contents of the Productivity Plan proposed in Appendix A and provide any feedback.

7 LGR Benefits Update (Pages 23 - 34)

To note the work to date and to provide feedback on the planned way forward.

8 Equalities Objectives for Somerset Council (Pages 35 - 38)

To note the report in respect of Members responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 and due Regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty as part of the role of Scrutiny Members.

Committee Members will also receive training at the end of the meeting.

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).

9 5 C`s Contract (Pages 39 - 56)

To consider a report in respect of a current contract.