



Notice of Meeting of

EXECUTIVE

Monday, 2 December 2024 at 10.00 am

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

To: The members of the Executive

Chair: Councillor Bill Revans
Vice-chair: Councillor Liz Leyshon

Councillor Theo Butt Philip	Councillor Graham Oakes
Councillor Mike Rigby	Councillor Heather Shearer
Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts	Councillor Sarah Wakefield
Councillor Richard Wilkins	

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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 Tuesday, 26 November 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 Friday, 22 November 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)

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 20)

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 Executive Forward Plan

To note the latest Executive Forward Plan of planned key decisions that have been published on the Council's website.

[Click here to access - Executive Forward Plan](#)

6 Somerset Council Improvement and Transformation Programme – December Update (Pages 21 - 54)

- 7 **2024/25 General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report - Month 6 (Qtr2) (Pages 55 - 158)**
- 8 **2024/25 Housing Revenue Account Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report - Qtr2 (Pages 159 - 172)**
- 9 **Budget Proposals 2025/26 to 2029/30 (Pages 173 - 192)**
- 10 **Q2 Corporate Performance Management Report (Pages 193 - 222)**
- 11 **Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2025/26 (Pages 223 - 366)**
 - 11.1 Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources recommendations to Executive regarding the Consultation on changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2025/26
- 12 **Review of the Non-Domestic Rating Discretionary Rate Relief and Hardship Policy (Pages 373 - 424)**

Exclusion of Press and Public (Pages 425 - 426)

PLEASE NOTE: Although the main report for these items are 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 these appendices then the Executive 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 and in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those parts of this agenda item which relate to exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

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

- 13 **Award contract for Advocacy Services (Pages 427 - 464)**
- 14 **The Provision of OPMH Block Beds in Somerset (Pages 465 - 490)**
- 15 **The Provision of Dementia Residential Block Beds (Pages 491 - 522)**
- 16 **Award contract for Extra Care Services (Pages 523 - 572)**
- 17 **Key Decision to enter into a lease for a Commercial Investment Property (Pages 573 - 580)**