



Date: Tuesday, 4th February 2025

Time: 10.30am

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

Membership:

Councillor Heather Shearer	Somerset Council
Julie Knight	Independent Member
Councillor Lisa Durston	Bristol City Council
Councillor Cara Lavan	Bristol City Council
Councillor Sibusiso Tshabalala	Bristol City Council
Councillor Ann Morgan	Bath & North East Somerset
Councillor Andy Wait	Bath & North East Somerset
Richard Brown	Independent Member
Gary Davies	Independent Member
Councillor Peter Crew	North Somerset Council
Councillor Stuart Davies	North Somerset Council
Councillor Brian Bolt	Somerset Council
Councillor Nicola Clark	Somerset Council
Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts	Somerset Council
Councillor Martin Wale	Somerset Council
Councillor John Bradbury	South Gloucestershire Council
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1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Public Question Time**

Members of the public who reside or work in the Avon and Somerset Force area may submit a statement or petition or ask a maximum of two questions at a Panel meeting.

Statements or questions should be e-mailed to Patricia.Jones@somerset.gov.uk, or sent to the Democratic Services Team, County Hall Taunton TA1 4DY (marked for the attention of Patricia Jones). Statements must be received no later than **12 noon on Monday 3rd February**. Questions must be received no later than 3 clear working days before the meeting (**5pm, Wednesday 29th January**).

Please note that all statements and questions must relate to matters that fall within the Panel's functions and responsibilities.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected by contacting Patricia Jones in the Democratic Services Team on Tel: 07855 284506 or patricia.jones@somerset.gov.uk.

4 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2024 (Pages 11 - 24)**

To confirm as a correct record.

5 **Matters Arising**

To consider any matters arising or actions emerging from the minutes.

6 **Chair's Business**

To receive any updates from the Chair.

7 Chief Constable's Presentation

To receive a PowerPoint presentation from Sarah Crew, Chief Constable for Avon and Somerset.

8 Review of the Budget and Precept Proposal (Pages 25 - 42)

Formal review of the Commissioner's proposed Council Tax precept and the overall draft Policing budget/proposed allocation.

9 Commissioner's Update Report (Pages 43 - 54)

To receive an update on the Commissioner's activities since the last meeting.

10 Standing Complaints Report (Pages 55 - 58)

To provide the Panel with an overview of all complaints.

11 Work Programme (Pages 59 - 62)

To note the current work programme.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30am on 25th March 2025 at County Hall, Taunton.