

Notice of Meeting of

**FULL COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, 22 May 2024 at 2.00 pm**

**Hollinsworth Hall, Canalside Conference Centre,  
Marsh Lane, Huntworth, Bridgwater TA6 6LQ**

All Somerset Council Members are requested to attend.

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For further information about the meeting, including how to join the meeting virtually, please contact Democratic Services [democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk) by **5pm on Thursday, 16 May 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 Tuesday, 14 May 2024



# AGENDA

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## **Public Guidance Notes**

The [Public Guidance Notes](#) contain details to assist members of the public attending our council meetings.

**Click here to join the online meeting** (Pages 7 - 8)

### **1 Election of Chair of the Council**

To invite nominations and elect the Chair of the Council to serve until the Annual General Meeting in May 2025.

### **2 Election of Vice Chair of the Council**

To invite nominations and elect the Vice Chair of the Council to serve until the Annual General Meeting in May 2025.

### **3 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **4 Minutes from the Previous Meeting** (Pages 9 - 46)

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

### **5 Declarations of Interest** (Pages 47 - 48)

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](#) )

## 6 **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'.

## 7 **Chair's Announcements** (Pages 49 - 50)

To note the Chair's Announcements including events detailed on the Chair's Information Sheet.

## **Reports for Decision**

### 8 **Octagon Theatre - Addition to Capital Programme** (Pages 51 - 64)

Recommendations from the Leader and the Executive.

### 9 **First year review of the Council's Constitution** (Pages 65 - 494)

Recommendations from the Constitution and Governance Committee.

### 10 **Appointments to Committees, Internal and Outside Boards and Panels and Calendar of Meetings** (Pages 495 - 530)

Recommendations from political group leaders and the Monitoring Officer.

### 11 **Somerset Council Redundancies Requiring Full Council Approval** (Pages 531 - 544)

Recommendations from the Special Members' Panel and the Chief Executive.

12 **Scrutiny Review** (Pages 545 - 550)

Recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee Corporate and Resources and the Chairs of the five scrutiny committees.

**Reports for Information**

13 **Annual Report of the five Scrutiny Committees** (Pages 551 - 588)

To receive and note the annual report from the five scrutiny committees for their work undertaken during 2023/24.

14 **Key Decisions taken since the last Council Meeting** (Pages 589 - 592)

To receive and note the report from the Executive, the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer of key decisions taken since the last meeting on 24 April 2024.

15 **Annual Report of the Leader of the Council** (Pages 593 - 600)

To receive and note the annual report.

16 **Annual Report of the Constitution and Governance Committee** (Pages 601 - 604)

To receive and note the annual report.

17 **Annual Report of the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel** (Pages 605 - 626)

To receive and note the annual report.

## 18 **Questions from Councillors to the Executive**

Councillors are required to give notice of any such question in writing to the Monitoring Officer no later than 12noon providing three clear working days' notice before the meeting, in order to be guaranteed a written response. For this meeting the deadline is 12noon on 16 May 2024.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

Any question received after 12noon on 16 May 2024 and no later than 9am 22 May 2024 may only receive a verbal response at the meeting or the Chair may direct them to the appropriate committee or the next meeting of the Council.

Questions may be asked without notice and councillors are limited to one minute to put their question. Supplementary questions can only be asked with the consent of the Chair. The Chair will determine the number of questions asked without notice and the total time allocated for this item.

Councillors are reminded of the opportunities outside of the Council meeting to raise matters directly with the Leader of the Council, Executive Lead Members or Directors. In addition, Councillors can raise questions at meetings of the Executive.