

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in The John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton on 14 December 2010 at 20:30.

Agenda

- 1 To report any apologies for absence.
- 2 To receive any apologies for absence.
- 3 Declaration of Interests. To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct. The usual declarations made at meetings of Full Council are set out in the attachment.
- 4 To receive questions from Taunton Deane Electors under Standing Order 15.
- 5 To receive any petitions or deputations from Taunton Deane Electors under Standing Orders 16 and 17.
- 6 To receive the following recommendation from the Executive:-

Councillor Williams

Recommendation relating to the proposed new Executive Arrangements.

Tonya Meers
Legal and Democratic Services Manager

07 December 2010

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and listen to the discussions.

There is time set aside at the beginning of most meetings to allow the public to ask questions.

Speaking under “Public Question Time” is limited to 4 minutes per person in an overall period of 15 minutes. The Committee Administrator will keep a close watch on the time and the Chairman will be responsible for ensuring the time permitted does not overrun. The speaker will be allowed to address the Committee once only and will not be allowed to participate further in any debate.

If a member of the public wishes to address the Committee on any matter appearing on the agenda, the Chairman will normally permit this to occur when that item is reached and before the Councillors begin to debate the item.

This is more usual at meetings of the Council’s Planning Committee and details of the “rules” which apply at these meetings can be found in the leaflet “Having Your Say on Planning Applications”. A copy can be obtained free of charge from the Planning Reception Desk at The Deane House or by contacting the telephone number or e-mail address below.

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Council Members:-

Councillor P Watson
Councillor T Slattery
Councillor P Stone
Councillor D Wedderkopp
Councillor M Whitmarsh
Councillor J Williams - Leader of the Council
Councillor A Beaven
Councillor R Bowrah, BEM
Councillor D Durdan
Councillor K Hayward
Councillor N Cavill
Councillor I Morrell
Councillor H Prior-Sankey
Councillor F Smith
Councillor N Stuart-Thorn
Councillor A Wedderkopp
Councillor N Wilson
Councillor J Allgrove
Councillor S Coles
Councillor C Hill
Councillor P Smith
Councillor J O'Brien
Councillor S Brooks
Councillor G Copley
Councillor J Court-Stenning
Councillor P Critchard
Councillor H Farbahi
Councillor C Herbert
Councillor J Horsley
Councillor L James
Councillor S Lees
Councillor T McMahon
Councillor V Stock-Williams
Councillor J Thorne
Councillor M Floyd
Councillor K Durdan
Councillor B Denington
Councillor M Edwards
Councillor E Gaines
Councillor A Govier
Councillor C Guerrier
Councillor T Hall
Councillor A Paul
Councillor R Henley
Councillor M Hill
Councillor E Waymouth
Councillor D House
Councillor N Messenger
Councillor B Swaine

Councillor R Lees
Councillor J Lewin-Harris
Councillor J Meikle MBE
Councillor M Mullins
Councillor D Webber
Councillor T Murphy
Councillor C Bishop

Usual Declarations of Interest by Councillors

Full Council

- **Members of Somerset County Council – Councillors Brooks, Govier, Henley, McMahon, Paul, Prior-Sankey, Mrs Waymouth, D Wedderkopp**
- **Employees of Somerset County Council – Councillors Mrs Court-Stenning, Mrs Hill, Mrs Smith and Stone**
- **Employee of Viridor – Councillor Miss James**
- **Employee of Sedgemoor District Council – Councillor Slattery**
- **Employees of Job Centre Plus – Councillors Henley and Mrs Wilson**
- **Somerset Waste Board representatives – Councillors Hayward and Mrs Whitmarsh**
- **Director of Southwest One – Councillor McMahon**
- **Alternative Director of Southwest One – Councillor Watson**

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Council Meeting – 14 December 2010

Councillor John Williams

New Executive Arrangements

A report was considered at the last meeting of Full Council concerning the provisions in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 regarding new Executive arrangements for Local Government.

This Act requires every Local Authority to reconsider its existing Executive arrangements and adopt one of only two specific Executive models.

Local Authorities are also required to pass a resolution by 31 December 2010 upon which one of the two Executive models will take effect three days after the next Local Government Elections on the 5 May 2011.

Taunton Deane currently operates an “old-style” Leader and Cabinet Executive which was one of three Executive models outlined in the Local Government Act 2000.

The 2007 Act now allows for only two Executive models:-

- Mayor and Cabinet, or
- Leader and Cabinet (the ‘Strong Leader’ model).

The ‘new’ Leader and Cabinet arrangements provide the closest match with the arrangements that the Council currently operates and would provide for an Executive consisting of:-

- a Leader elected by the Council; and
- two or more Councillors (with a maximum of nine) appointed to the Executive by the Leader.

Full Council has previously indicated that it would prefer to implement the Strong Leader and Cabinet model as the model that should be implemented. However, before taking a formal decision on this matter, a consultation exercise was required to be undertaken. The key dates of the process are set out in the table below:-

Date	Action
5 October 2010	Approval for procedure and consultation process
4 week consultation period	18 October – 19 November 2010
1 December 2010	Report to Executive with results of consultation process and recommendations on the two

	options
14 December 2010	Full Council resolution to adopt new arrangements
5 May 2011	Borough Council elections
9 May 2011	New Executive arrangements to take effect.

The consultation has now taken place which resulted in just one letter being received which supported the Strong Leader model.

At its meeting on 1 December 2010, the Executive decided to recommend the adoption of this model.

In the circumstances, it is **recommended** that:-

- (1) the Strong Leader and Cabinet model be adopted; and
- (2) the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution be approved.