



## Council

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 11 September 2012 at 18:30.

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### **Agenda**

The meeting will be preceded by a Prayer to be offered by the Mayor's Chaplain.

- 1 To report any apologies for absence.
- 2 To receive any communications.
- 3 Declaration of Interests  
To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
- 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 - Adoption of the Taunton Deane Core Strategy (attached).

Tonya Meers  
Legal and Democratic Services Manager

03 October 2012

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.

If an item on the agenda is contentious, with a large number of people attending the meeting, a representative should be nominated to present the views of a group.

These arrangements do not apply to exempt (confidential) items on the agenda where any members of the press or public present will be asked to leave the Committee Room.

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**For further information about the meeting, please contact the Corporate Support Unit on 01823 356414 or email [r.bryant@tauntondeane.gov.uk](mailto:r.bryant@tauntondeane.gov.uk)**

## **Council Members:-**

Councillor L Lisgo, MBE (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor T Hall (Mayor of Taunton Deane)  
Councillor J Adkins  
Councillor J Allgrove  
Councillor J Baker  
Councillor A Beaven  
Councillor C Bishop  
Councillor R Bowrah, BEM  
Councillor S Brooks  
Councillor N Cavill  
Councillor S Coles  
Councillor B Denington  
Councillor D Durdan  
Councillor K Durdan  
Councillor M Edwards  
Councillor H Farbahi  
Councillor M Floyd  
Councillor E Gaines  
Councillor A Govier  
Councillor J Govier  
Councillor K Hayward  
Councillor R Henley  
Councillor C Herbert  
Councillor C Hill  
Councillor M Hill  
Councillor J Horsley  
Councillor J Hunt  
Councillor L James  
Councillor R Lees  
Councillor S Lees  
Councillor J Meikle, MBE  
Councillor N Messenger  
Councillor I Morrell  
Councillor M Mullins  
Councillor B Nottrodt  
Councillor U Palmer  
Councillor H Prior-Sankey  
Councillor D Reed  
Councillor J Reed  
Councillor S Ross  
Councillor T Slattery  
Councillor G Slattery  
Councillor F Smith  
Councillor P Smith  
Councillor V Stock-Williams  
Councillor P Stone  
Councillor B Swaine  
Councillor P Tooze  
Councillor J Warmington

Councillor P Watson  
Councillor E Waymouth  
Councillor D Webber  
Councillor A Wedderkopp  
Councillor D Wedderkopp  
Councillor J Williams - Leader of the Council  
Councillor G Wren

## **Usual Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

### **Full Council**

- **Members of Somerset County Council – Councillors Brooks, A Govier, Henley, Prior-Sankey, Mrs Waymouth, D Wedderkopp**
- **Employees of Somerset County Council – Councillors Mrs Hill, Mrs Smith and Stone**
- **Employee of Sedgemoor District Council – Councillor Slattery**
- **Employee of Job Centre Plus – Councillor Henley**
- **Employee of UK Hydrographic Office – Councillor Tooze**
- **Employee of Natural England – Councillor Wren**
- **Somerset Waste Board representatives – Councillor Hayward and Councillor Ross**
- **Director of Southwest One – Councillor Nottrodt**
- **Alternate Director of Southwest One – Councillor Ross**
- **Tone Leisure Board representatives – Councillors D Durdan and Stone**
- **Part-time Swimming Instructor at St James Street Pool – Councillor Swaine**
- **Employee of EDF Energy – Councillor Mullins**

# Taunton Deane Borough Council

## Council Meeting – 11 September 2012

### Councillor Williams

#### Adoption of the Taunton Deane Core Strategy

The Executive has recently considered the proposed adoption of Taunton Deane's Core Strategy as part of the statutory development plan for the district.

The Core Strategy has been prepared over a number of years and sets out a long-term strategic vision and spatial policies to guide planning decisions in Taunton Deane up to 2028.

Earlier in the year, the Government's Planning Inspector considered issues that had been raised in representations and made verbally at the hearing sessions. This included the need for any 'Main Modifications', which he considered necessary in order for the plan to be considered 'sound' and recommended for adoption. In addition, a number of further consultations had been held to address the publication of new national planning policies such as the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The Taunton Deane Core Strategy Inspector's Report was received on 3 July 2012. This report identified a number of Main Modifications which are outlined below:-

- Clarifications to Policy CP3 to define the geographical extent of town centres and the operation of the 500 m<sup>2</sup> threshold for impact assessment;
- Additional text following Policy CP4 to set out the process for advancing sites into the five-year housing land supply;
- Removal of a reference in Policy CP7 to an interim policy pending the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule;
- Amendment to Policy SP1 relating to housing allocations in minor rural centres to allow greater flexibility;
- Numerical corrections to the housing provision figures in Policies SP4 and SS1;
- Removal of the requirement for the allocation of strategic housing sites within the identified 'broad locations' (Policies SS6 and 7) to await a Core Strategy Review in 2016 and substitution of reference to allocation in the Site Allocation and Development Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) by 2015; and
- Re-wording of Policy SS8 (Broad location for Taunton Strategic Employment)

to provide a clear criterion-based context for site identification in a future DPD.

In addition, a new Policy (CP1) has been introduced as a main modification to ensure that the plan properly reflected the presumption in favour of sustainable development introduced in the NPPF.

The incorporation of these changes means that the Plan can be considered sound and capable of adoption. A Core Strategy document for adoption has now been prepared.

Should Members resolve not to adopt the Plan, they need to know that there would be no up-to-date development plan to provide the framework for decision-making in Taunton Deane beyond the Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan. The Taunton Deane Local Plan which the Core Strategy supersedes is technically time-expired (it ran from 1991 – 2011) although a number of its policies have been saved by Secretary of State Direction.

In the circumstances, it is **recommended** that the Taunton Deane Core Strategy 2011-2028, incorporating the Inspector's recommended modifications, be formally adopted.