

**WEST SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**AGENDA**

**Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 2.30 pm**

A prayer will be read before the meeting commences.

**1. Election of Chairman**

It is a legal requirement that the first formal business at the Annual Meeting of Council shall be the election of a Councillor to be the Chairman of the Council.

Once the new Chairman is elected he/she will make and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and receive the Chain of Office from the former Chairman.

The newly elected Chairman will preside from this point in the proceedings.

**2. Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Following the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, there will be a short break for formal photographs of the incoming and outgoing Chairmen.

**3. Apologies for Absence**

**4. Declarations of Interest**

To receive and record any declarations of interest in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

**5. Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 15 April 2015 to be approved and signed as a correct record – **SEE ATTACHED.**

**6. Public Participation**

The Chairman to advise the Meeting of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak.

**7. Appointment of Leader**

**8. Appointment of Deputy Leader**

**9. Cabinet**

**9.1** The Leader to announce the Cabinet Lead Members and their allocated portfolios.

9.2 The Leader of the opposition to announce the Shadow Lead Members.

**10. Allocation of Seats to Committees**

To agree the list of Committee members nominated by Group Leaders to enable the following Committees to appoint Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of –

Scrutiny Committee

Planning Committee

Licensing Committee

Audit Committee

Local Development Panel

Standards Advisory Committee (Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be appointed at the first committee meeting of the municipal year)

**11. Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

To appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies for the period to Annual Meeting in 2016 (except where specific periods are stated) – **SEE ATTACHED.**

**12. Appointment of Representatives on the Planning Obligations Board for Hinkley Point**

To appoint Member and Officer representatives and deputies to serve on the Planning Obligations Board for Hinkley Point.

**COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED TO CHECK THEIR POST TRAY**

**The Council's Vision:**

To enable people to live, work and prosper in West Somerset

**The Council's Corporate Priorities:**

- Local Democracy:  
Securing local democracy and accountability in West Somerset, based in West Somerset, elected by the people of West Somerset and responsible to the people of West Somerset.
- New Nuclear Development at Hinkley Point  
Maximising opportunities for West Somerset communities and businesses to benefit from the development whilst protecting local communities and the environment.

**The Council's Core Values:**

- Integrity
- Respect
- Fairness
- Trust