

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Executive to be held in The John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton on 30 November 2009 at 18:15.

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## **Agenda**

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 Public Question Time.
- 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 the Executive are set out in the attachment.
- 4 Executive Forward Plan - details of forthcoming items to be considered by the Executive and the opportunity for Members to suggest further items (attached)

The following items are likely to be considered after the exclusion of the press and public because of the likelihood that exempt information would otherwise be disclosed relating to the Clause set out below of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 5 Local Development Framework - Core Strategy and Small Site Consultation.  
Report of the Planning Policy Advisor (attached).  
Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972  
Reporting Officer: Ralph Willoughby-Foster

Tonya Meers  
Legal and Democratic Services Manager

03 December 2009

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.

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**Executive Members:-**

Councillor R Henley - Leader of the Council

Councillor R Lees

Councillor A Paul

Councillor T Slattery

Councillor H Prior-Sankey

Councillor F Smith

Councillor A Wedderkopp

Councillor N Wilson

Councillor S Coles

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

### **Executive**

- **Members of Somerset County Council – Councillors Henley, Paul and Prior-Sankey**
- **Employee of Somerset County Council – Councillor Mrs Smith**
- **Director of Southwest One – Councillor Coles**
- **Member of Somerset Waste Board and employee of Sedgemoor District Council – Councillor Slattery**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Details Of Consultation</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Decision To Be Made By</b>	<b>Date</b>
Gambling Act 2005 and re-adoption of Taunton Deane's Gambling Policy			Olivia Walton		02/12/2009
Built Facilities Sports Strategy			Ann Rhodes		02/12/2009
Green Spaces Strategy			Karen Hughes		02/12/2009
Playing Fields Strategy			Karen Hughes		02/12/2009
Quarterly Corporate Performance/finance Update (Quarter 2)			Dan Webb		02/12/2009
Fees and Charges 2010/2011			Emily Collacott		02/12/2009
Savings Delivery Plans 2010/2011			Emily Collacott		02/12/2009
Allotments Strategy			Karen Hughes		02/12/2009
Proposed Capital Spend on Play and Youth Facilities			Karen Hughes		02/12/2009
Treasury Management Update 2009/2010 and Minimum Revenue Provision for 2010/2011			Lizzie Watkin		02/12/2009
Carbon Reduction Plan			Kevin Toller		13/01/2010
Proposed extension of Wellington Cemetery			Paul Rayson		13/01/2010
Review of Essential Users and Car Allowances			Brendan Cleere		13/01/2010
Council Tax Base 2010/2011			Emily Collacott		13/01/2010
Locality Based Service Delivery			Richard Sealy		13/01/2010
Purchase of Capital Asset, Taunton			Joy Wishlade		13/01/2010
Pest Control Contracting			Martin Daly		13/01/2010
Somerset Tourism Partnership Business Plan			David McCubbin		03/02/2010
Corporate Strategy 2010 - 2013			Mark		03/02/2010

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Corporate Equality Scheme and Action Plan 2010 - 2013			Lisa Redston	03/02/2010
General Fund Revenue Estimates 2010/2011			Emily Collacott	03/02/2010
Council Tax Setting 2010/2011			Emily Collacott	03/02/2010
Housing Revenue Account, Revenue Estimates and Rent Levels, Deane Helpline and Deane Building DLO Account for the 2010/2011 Financial Year			Emily Collacott	03/02/2010
Capital Programme 2010/2011			Emily Collacott	03/02/2010
Economic Development Strategy			Phil Sharratt	03/02/2010
Private Sector Housing Partnership			Martin Daly	03/02/2010
Tourist Information Centre Review			Tim Burton	03/02/2010
Somerset Waste Partnership Business Plan			Joy Wishlade	03/02/2010
Establishment of a Taunton Growth Board			Joy Wishlade	03/02/2010
Quarterly Corporate Performance/Finance Update			Dan Webb	03/03/2010
Asset Management Plan			Joy Wishlade	31/03/2010
Quarterly Corporate Performance/Finance Update (Outturn)			Dan Webb	16/06/2010

## **Executive – 30 November 2009**

**Present:** Councillor Henley (Chairman)  
Councillors Coles, R Lees, Paul, Prior-Sankey, Slattery, Mrs Smith,  
and A Wedderkopp

**Officers:** Joy Wishlade (Strategic Director), Tonya Meers (Legal and  
Democratic Services Manager), Ralph Willoughby-Foster (Planning  
Policy Advisor), Maggie Hammond (Strategic Finance Officer) and  
Richard Bryant (Democratic Services Manager)

**Also present:** Councillors Bishop, Brooks, Cavill, Mrs Court-Stenning, Edwards,  
Hall, Horsley, Mrs Lewin-Harris, Meikle, Morrell, Mrs Stock-Williams,  
Mrs Waymouth and Williams.

(The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm.)

### **100. Apology**

Councillor Mrs Wilson.

### **101. Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Henley, Paul and Prior-Sankey declared personal interests as Members of Somerset County Council. Councillor Coles declared a personal interest as a Director of Southwest One. Councillor Mrs Smith declared a personal interest as an employee of Somerset County Council. Councillor Slattery declared personal interests both as a Member of the Somerset Waste Board and as an employee of Sedgemoor District Council. Councillor Williams declared a personal interest as the owner of a property in Monkton Heathfield. Councillor Farbahi declared an interest as the owner of land in the area. He stated that he would leave the meeting if sites near to his land were discussed. Councillor Cavill declared a personal interest as someone with an interest in agricultural matters.

### **102. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**Resolved** that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item because of the likelihood that exempt information would otherwise be disclosed relating to Clauses 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) to the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

### **103. Local Development Framework – Core Strategy and Small Site Consultation**

Submitted for consideration and comment a draft copy of the Core Strategy and Small Site Consultation document which set out suggested directions for the spatial planning policies of Taunton Deane up to 2026.

The document was not a draft plan. It requested the public to respond to planning issues and options and preferred policy directions. This would be the main opportunity for everyone to comment and the response to consultation would help to shape the Core Strategy which would be the subject of pre-submission consultation in September and October 2010.

The Local Development Framework Steering Group had met frequently to consider component parts of this document and its next meeting would consider the Sustainability Appraisal, which would also be subject to consultation.

The Core Strategy document was still being edited and the delegated authority of the Executive Councillor would be sought to approve any further amendments prior to it being formally launched for public consultation.

Reported that there was a significant amount to be done before the launch, including:-

- Final editing;
- document publishing and printing;
- preparation of leaflets, posters and exhibition material;
- printing and distribution of leaflets and consultation material;
- placing documents on the consultation website;
- preparation of statutory notices; and
- preparing for the consultation events, meetings and exhibitions.

With regard to the latter bullet point, Members expressed concern that the consultation period, between 11 January and 19 February 2010, appeared far too short to enable Parish Councils and other Community Groups to become fully engaged in the process. Mr Willoughby-Foster undertook to ensure Parish Councils were contacted about proposed consultation events/evenings at the earliest opportunity.

Mr Willoughby-Foster went on to say that whilst the Core Strategy document could not technically be considered to be confidential post approval, if the contents were to be proactively publicised now the Council would not be in a position to properly respond to public demands for information. Potentially this could jeopardise the public consultation in January 2010. A holding response to any enquiries that might be forthcoming between now and the second week in January was therefore being prepared.

During the discussion of the document, a number of points were made in terms of amendments which were required and inaccuracies that needed to be addressed. Further comments would also be provided to Mr Willoughby-Foster outside of the meeting.



**Resolved** that:-

- (1) The Core Strategy and Small Sites document be agreed for public consultation;
- (2) Executive Councillor Simon Coles be authorised to agree any further amendments to the Core Strategy and the Sustainability Appraisal for consultation; and
- (3) A holding response be prepared for any enquiries that were received prior to the second week in January 2010.

104. **Executive Forward Plan**

Submitted for information the Forward Plan of the Executive over the next few months.

**Resolved** that the Forward Plan be noted.

(The meeting ended at 8.14 p.m.)