

## **WEST SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Meeting to be held on Wednesday 27 June 2012 at 4.30 pm**

**Council Chamber, Williton**

### **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting of Annual Council held on 16 May 2012 to be approved and signed as a correct record – **SEE ATTACHED.**

**3. 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.

**4. Public Participation**

The Chairman 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 wishing to speak at this meeting there are a few points you might like to note.

A three-minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue. There will be no further opportunity for comment at a later stage. Your comments should be addressed to the Chairman and any ruling made by the Chair is not open to discussion. If a response is needed it will be given either orally at the meeting or a written reply made within five working days of the meeting.

**5. Chairman's Announcements**

**6. Request for Allocation of Seaside Strategy Funding to the Regal Theatre**

To consider Report No. WSC 88/12, to be presented by Councillor D J Sanders, Lead Member for Economic Regeneration and Growth – **SEE ATTACHED.**

The purpose of the report is to consider a proposal from the Regal Theatre for the allocation and use of an element of the Seaside Strategy earmarked reserve funding for schemes in Minehead.

**7. Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review and Corporate Complaints 2011/12**

To consider Report No. WSC 76/12, to be presented by Councillor T Taylor, Leader of Council – **SEE ATTACHED.**

The purpose of the report is to bring to Members' attention a summary of the complaints made to the Local Government Ombudsman and an overview of the corporate complaints received in respect of 2011/12.

8. **Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Dog (Exclusion) Orders**

To consider Report No. WSC 84/12, to be presented by Councillor D Westcott, Lead Member for Community and Customer – **SEE ATTACHED**.

The purpose of the report is review the proposals presented to Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 in relation to the Dog Exclusion Order 2012 created under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005; to amend the order in line with the consultation carried out as part of the adoption process; and to request that Council agree to the adoption of the amended order.

9. **Core Members of Policy Advisory Groups (PAGs)**

To approve the core membership of Policy Advisory Groups (PAGs), the current membership is as follows:-

**Housing, Environmental Health & Licensing**

\*Councillor K H Turner  
Councillor D J Westcott  
Councillor A M Chick  
Councillor B Heywood  
Councillor A F Knight  
Councillor P N Grierson  
Councillor L W Smith  
Councillor A P Hadley  
Councillor E May

**Community and Customer**

\*Councillor D J Westcott  
Councillor K H Turner  
Councillor G S Dowding  
Councillor B Heywood  
Councillor A F Knight  
Councillor L W Smith  
Councillor I R Melhuish

**Performance & Corporate Support**

\*Councillor T Taylor  
\*Councillor S J Pugsley  
\*Councillor K V Kravis  
Councillor M J Chilcott  
Councillor R P Lillis

**Environment**

\*Councillor C Morgan  
Councillor G S Dowding  
Councillor P N Grierson  
Councillor K M Mills  
Councillor S Y Goss  
Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew  
Councillor J Freeman  
Councillor I R Melhuish  
Councillor E May  
Councillor M A Smith

**Regeneration & Economic Growth**

\*Councillor D J Sanders  
Councillor R P Lillis  
Councillor M O A Dewdney  
Councillor S Y Goss  
Councillor A M Chick  
Councillor M J Chilcott  
Councillor A P Hadley  
Councillor K J Ross  
Councillor E May  
Councillor M A Smith  
Councillor D D Ross

Councillor M O A Dewdney  
Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew  
Councillor J Freeman  
Councillor I R Melhuish  
Councillor D D Ross

**Note:** for information, also listed below are current internal groups with those members who are serving in them:-

- Asset Management Group – Councillors Kravis, Morgan, and Sanders
- Budget Strategy Project Team – Councillors Taylor and Kravis
- Hinkley Point Community Benefit – Councillor Taylor
- Hinkley Point Corporate Working Group – Councillors Morgan (Chair), Sanders, Westcott, Melhuish, Freeman, Kravis, Turner, M Smith, Goss, Taylor and Knight
- Planning Obligations Group – Councillor Kravis
- Sale of Seaward Way Project Team – Councillors Turner, Dowding and Hadley
- Standards Liaison Group – Councillor Taylor

**10. Localism Act 2011 – Preparing for the Implementation of the New Ethical Standards Regime**

To consider Report No. WSC 82/12, to be presented by Councillor S Pugsley, Lead Member for Executive Support and Democracy – **SEE ATTACHED.**

The purpose of the report is to enable the Council to adopt a new code of conduct and arrangements for dealing with complaints in relation to the new code to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 (the Act) which are expected to commence from 1 July 2012 (or such later date as may be stipulated by the Secretary of State).

**11. Tenancy Strategy & Localism Act Housing Related Requirements**

To consider Report No. WSC 78/12, to be presented by Councillor K Turner, Lead Member for Housing, Environmental Health & Licensing – **SEE ATTACHED.**

The purpose of the report is to outline the Council's Tenancy Strategy and the process that has led to the production of that strategy; to request that Council adopt the Tenancy Strategy to ensure that the Council addresses the requirements of the Localism Act relating to flexible tenancies; and to describe other duties contained within the Localism Act and how they are being discharged.

**12. Low Cost Home Ownership Scheme**

To consider Report No. WSC 79/12, to be presented by Councillor K Turner, Lead Member for Housing, Environmental Health & Licensing – **SEE ATTACHED.**

The purpose of the report is to outline to Members the proposed amendment to the Council's Low Cost Home Ownership Policy and the circumstances that have led to the proposals being required.

### **13. Minutes and Notes for Information**

Notes and minutes relating to this item can be found on the Council's website using the links below:

- Hinkley Point Somerset Nuclear Energy Group (SNEG) – draft minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2012  
<http://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/Council---Democracy/Council-Meetings/Full-Council/Full-Council---27-June-2012.aspx>
- Standards Committee – draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2012 <http://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/Council---Democracy/Council-Meetings/Standards-Committee-Meetings/Standards-Committee---13-March-2012>
- Draft notes of the Exmoor Panel held on 8 March 2012  
<http://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/Council---Democracy/Council-Meetings/Exmoor-Area-Panel/Exmoor-Area-Panel---8-March-2012>
- Draft notes of the Minehead Area Panel held on 14 March 2012  
<http://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/Council---Democracy/Council-Meetings/Minehead-Area-Panel/Minehead-Area-Panel---14-March-2012>
- Draft notes of the Watchet, Williton and Quantocks Area Panel held on 27 March 2012 <http://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/Council---Democracy/Council-Meetings/Watchet,-Williton-and-Quantock-Area-Panel/Watchet,-Williton---Quantocks-Area-Panel---27-Marc>
- Draft notes of the Dunster Panel held on 23 April 2012  
<http://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/Council---Democracy/Council-Meetings/Dunster-Area-Panel/Dunster-Area-Panel---23-April-2012>

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