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Dear Councillor

I hereby give you notice to attend the following meeting:

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 25 April 2018

Time: 4.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

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Yours sincerely

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SPECIAL MEETING

WEST SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Wednesday 25 April 2018 at 4.30 pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Warding Arrangements for the New Council

To consider Report No. WSC 38/18, to be presented by Councillor S Pugsley, Lead Member for Executive Support and Democracy – **TO FOLLOW**.

One of the important steps to be taken to prepare for the establishment of the new Council is for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to undertake an Electoral Review of the area. The Structural Change Order (SCO) laid before parliament provides for a size of 58 councillors and so the focus is on agreeing a warding pattern for the distribution of the 58 councillors across the new Council area. Until the SCO is approved by parliament – probably late May/early June 2018 – the process will be handled by the Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The MHCLG have requested that any proposal(s) for warding arrangements should be submitted to them by 4 May 2018 before the LGBCE commence their formal review in June 2018 and this report provides the Council with the opportunity to agree to the submission of such a proposal(s).