

SWT Full Council

Tuesday, 3rd December, 2019,
6.15 pm

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The John Meikle Room - The Deane
House

Members: Hazel Prior-Sankey (Chair), Simon Coles (Vice-Chair), Ian Aldridge, Benet Allen, Lee Baker, Marcus Barr, Mark Blaker, Chris Booth, Paul Bolton, Sue Buller, Norman Cavill, Dixie Darch, Hugh Davies, Dave Durdan, Kelly Durdan, Caroline Ellis, Habib Farbahi, Ed Firmin, Andrew Govier, Roger Habgood, Andrew Hadley, John Hassall, Ross Henley, Marcia Hill, Martin Hill, John Hunt, Marcus Kravis, Andy Milne, Richard Lees, Sue Lees, Libby Lisgo, Mark Lithgow, Janet Lloyd, Dave Mansell, Chris Morgan, Simon Nicholls, Craig Palmer, Derek Perry, Martin Peters, Peter Pilkington, Andy Pritchard, Steven Pugsley, Mike Rigby, Francesca Smith, Federica Smith-Roberts, Vivienne Stock-Williams, Phil Stone, Andrew Sully, Nick Thwaites, Anthony Trollope-Bellew, Ray Tully, Terry Venner, Sarah Wakefield, Alan Wedderkopp, Danny Wedderkopp, Brenda Weston, Keith Wheatley, Loretta Whetlor and Gwil Wren

Agenda

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of Full Council

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive and note any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or prejudicial or personal interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The personal interests of Councillors and Clerks of Somerset County Council, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes.)

(Pages 7 - 16)

4. Public Participation

The Chair 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 who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue.

5. To receive any communications or announcements from the Chair of the Council

6. To receive any communications or announcements from the Leader of the Council

7. To receive any questions from Councillors in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13

8. Adoption of the international definition of Anti-Semitism

(Pages 17 - 22)

This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Chris Booth, Portfolio Holder for Community.

This report seeks agreement for the council to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism, in line with central government's decision to do so and its encouragement of local authorities to follow suit. This is intended primarily as a clear signal of the council's intolerance for anti-Semitism and an aid to help our council and our community identify the types of actions that may be anti-Semitic so that these can be robustly challenged.

9. Financial Monitoring - 2019/20 as at 30 September 2019

(Pages 23 - 42)

This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Ross Henley, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources.

This report provides an update on the projected outturn financial position of the Council for the financial year 2019/20 (as at 30 September 2019).

10. Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21

(Pages 43 - 54)

This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Ross Henley, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources.

The purpose of the report is to advise and update

members on the current CTS scheme.

11. Garden Town Charter and Checklist

(Pages 55 - 70)

This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Mike Rigby, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation.

The Taunton Garden Town Charter and Checklist extend from the Garden Town Vision adopted by Executive and Full Council in July 2019. They also link to the National Design Guide and the Council district-wide Design Guide that is being produced, to be available in early 2020 which will illustrate the aims and requirements regarding the general quality of design expected across the whole of the new combined area. It is intended that the Design Guide will be a Supplementary Planning Document.

12. Creech St. Michael Neighbourhood Development Plan

(Pages 71 - 84)

This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Mike Rigby, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation.

Creech St Michael Neighbourhood Development Plan (CSM NDP) is a community led planning document which has been produced by Creech St Michael Parish Council. The document and its evidence base passed an Independent Examination and was put to a local referendum. 95.51% of those voting, voted in support of the Plan and the Plan is now proposed for adoption.

13. Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public

During discussion of the following item(s) it may be necessary to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Article 13 13.02(e) (a presumption in favour of openness) of the Constitution. This decision may be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Executive will need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Recommend that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to the financial or

business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

14. North Taunton Woolaway Project - Phase A Update and Home Owner Acquisition Budget

(Pages 85 - 102)

This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Member Francesca Smith, Portfolio Holder for Housing.

The regeneration of the North Taunton Woolaway Project is an essential part of the Council's commitment to offer a choice of good quality homes for our residents, whatever their age and income, in communities where support is available for those in need. The proposals identified in this Report will assist the progression of vacant possession of Phases B – E in a timely manner.



**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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