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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.

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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.)

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. Motion on Local Independent Schools, proposed by Councillor Libby Lisgo, seconded by Councillor Brenda Weston (motion attached, proforma to follow)

This motion is a means to facilitate a voluntary agreement in which local Independent Schools and Somerset West and Taunton Council innovate to jointly deliver and demonstrate the local public benefit of the schools.

(Pages 45 - 46)

9. The Future of Local Government in Somerset

This matter is the responsibility of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts.

Members will be aware that the Leader of Somerset County Council has stated that he wishes to pursue the option of a single Unitary Council for Somerset. This Report sets out the work conducted to date, looking at the options for the future of local government in Somerset, and suggests an option of further collaboration and integration as being the preferred option moving forward.

(Pages 47 - 60)

10. Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements Scheme (TSFAIS)

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Councillor Peter Pilkington.

The Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements Scheme (TSFAIS) Project Delivery Plan sets the framework

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of measures to be implemented in phases over the next 30+ years which will reduce the current flood risk, and appropriately mitigate against the future impacts of climate change over the next 100 year period.

11. Hinkley Tourism Strategy Phase 4 Action Plan 2020 - 2023

(Pages 121 - 148)

This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Asset Management and Economic Development, Councillor Marcus Kravis.

To report to Council on what has been achieved in the first five years of delivering the Hinkley Tourism Strategy 2015-20 under Phase 1, 2 and 3 Action Plans.

12. Prosperity and Economic Development Strategy

(Pages 149 - 226)

This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Asset Management and Economic Development, Councillor Marcus Kravis.

The document Somerset West and Taunton's "*Prosperity and Economic Development Strategy*", produced with the support of Deyton Bell consultants, is the first economic development strategy and framework for the new Council against which future interventions and business support and skills projects can be assessed, in terms of whether they address issues and market failure, build on existing activity, support and complement local and sub-regional stakeholder programmes or address evidenced gaps in the business support and skills landscape.

13. Somerset Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2019 - 2023

(Pages 227 - 320)

This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Housing, Councillor Fran Smith.

District Councils have a statutory duty to adopt a Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy. This strategy sets out the strategic goals for the four Somerset Housing Authorities including a detailed action plan to show how the strategy will be delivered.

14. Capital Loan to YMCA Dulverton Group

(Pages 321 - 326)

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

Officers have been working with the YMCA Dulverton Group to determine final requirements for the requested

loan finance and to progress due diligence. The timing of meetings and requirement to provide the further loan advance before the end of March requires this report to come forward straight to Full Council, without prior review by the Executive or Scrutiny. The YMCA has approached SWTC with this request given the Council's security invested in the asset and as a key funder of the capital project, and have not sought finance from any other source.

15. Access to Information - Exclusion of 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 Council 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(s) 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).

16. Procurement Report

(Pages 327 - 340)

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

17. Land Acquisition Report

(Pages 341 - 358)

This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Asset Management and Economic Development, Councillor Marcus Kravis.

18. Coastal Improvement Works - report to follow

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Environment, Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts.

19. To consider reports from Executive Councillors

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Part I – To deal with written questions to the Executive.

Part II – To receive reports from the following Members of the Executive:-

- a) Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts – Leader of the Council and Environmental Services
- b) Councillor Benet Allen – Deputy Leader & Communications and Culture
- c) Councillor Christopher Booth – Community
- d) Councillor Ross Henley – Corporate Resources
- e) Councillor Marcus Kravis – Asset Management and Economic Development
- f) Councillor Richard Lees – Sports, Parks and Leisure
- g) Councillor Peter Pilkington – Climate Change
- h) Councillor Mike Rigby – Planning and Transportation
- i) Councillor Francesca Smith – Housing

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JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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