

SWT Full Council

Wednesday, 19th February, 2020,
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. 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.)

3. Public Participation - To receive only in relation to the business for which the Extraordinary Meeting has been called any questions, statements or petitions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 14,15 and 16

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.

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

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

6. To receive only in relation to the business for which the Extraordinary Meeting has been called any questions from Councillors in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13

7. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Review

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

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan contains the financial model of the service for the next 30 years. A number of largely external changes has meant that a full refresh of the Business Plan is necessary. This report identifies the changes and the impact of these. The report also sets out a new vision for the Housing Service and plans for growth in the number of new homes we plan to build. Lastly the report also proposes a new rent policy following the end of a period of four years of imposed rent reduction, this will provide a refreshed income position on which to build future plans set out in this report.

(Pages 7 - 62)

8. Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Budget 2020/21

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

This report updates Members on the proposed HRA Annual Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for

(Pages 63 - 98)

2020/21, the proposed Rent Setting for the average weekly rent for 2020/21 and the proposed Fees and Charges for 2020/21.

Note - A recorded vote on these recommendations will be required as per the legislation.

9. Off Street Car Parking Charges

(Pages 99 - 106)

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

The purpose of the report is to advise on proposals to change car parking fees across Somerset West and Taunton Council area. The report outlines the intention to raise car parking fees by 10% in all areas, the legal basis for doing so and the intentions of monies raised through this.

10. General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 (fees and charges)

(Pages 107 - 142)

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

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information required for Full Council to approve the proposed revenue budget estimates and capital programme for 2020/21, and to approve its proposed Council Tax rate for 2020/21.

An amendment will be proposed by Councillor Dave Mansell and seconded by Councillor Andy Pritchard.

Note - A recorded vote on these recommendations and amendments will be required as per the legislation.

11. Council Tax Resolution 2020/21

(Pages 143 - 152)

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

The purpose of this report is for Full Council to approve the calculation and setting of the Council Tax for 2020/21.

Note - A recorded vote on these recommendations will be required as per the legislation.

12. Capital, Investment and Treasury Management Strategies 2020/21

(Pages 153 - 220)

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

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Council's recommended strategies in relation to capital expenditure and financing, investments and treasury management activities.

13. Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Annual Fund Review

(Pages 221 - 254)

This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Community, Councillor Chris Booth and the Executive Councillor for Housing, Councillor Francesca Smith.

The purpose of the report is to present the findings of the annual review of grants the Council awards to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and Not for Profit organisations and to present recommendations in relation to the Council's financial support of Citizens Advice Taunton and West Somerset Advice.



**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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