

SWT Full Council

Monday, 27th April, 2020,
6.15 pm



Somerset West
and Taunton

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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.

(Pages 7 - 30)

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 - 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.

Temporary measures during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Due to the Government guidance on measures to reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), we will holding meetings in a virtual manner which will be live webcast on our website. Members of the public will still be able to register to speak and ask questions, which will then be read out by the Governance and Democracy Case Manager during Public Question Time and will either be answered by the Portfolio Holder or followed up with a written response.

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 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

8. Changes to the Constitution - Delegation of Decision Making (Urgent Report)

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

In light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), a review of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution – Responsibilities for Functions (including delegations to Officers) has been carried out to ensure that the Chief Executive (and Directors if the Chief Executive is not available) have sufficient powers to allow the business of the Council to continue to function if Council meetings are postponed on Government advice.

(Pages 31 - 34)

- 9. Approval of the Annual Pay Policy Statement 2020/21** (Pages 35 - 66)
- This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Corporate Resources, Councillor Ross Henley.
- The pay policy statement describes the pay arrangements and policies that relate to the pay of the workforce which serves Somerset West & Taunton Council. The statement describes in particular the arrangements for senior staff and its lowest paid employees.
- 10. Splash Point Repair Works** (Pages 67 - 84)
- This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Asset Management and Economic Development, Councillor Marcus Kravis.
- This report provides Members with an update on the emergency repair work carried out at Splash Point, Watchet.
- 11. 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).
- 12. Tangier Report** (Pages 85 - 96)
- This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Asset Management and Economic Development, Councillor Marcus Kravis.
- 13. Planning Report** (Pages 97 - 108)
- This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Planning and Transportation, Councillor Mike Rigby.

This report is for Full Council to ratify the recommendation of the Planning Committee on 12 March 2020.

14. Firepool Report

(Pages 109 - 120)

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

15. Future High Street Fund Report

(Pages 121 - 126)

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

16. HRA Acquisition Report

(Pages 127 - 140)

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



**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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The Governance and Democracy Case Manager will take the details of your question or speech and will distribute them to the Committee prior to the meeting. The Chair will then invite you to speak at the beginning of the meeting under the agenda item Public Question Time, but speaking is limited to three minutes per person in an overall period of 15 minutes and you can only speak to the Committee once. If there are a group of people attending to speak about a particular item then a representative should be chosen to speak on behalf of the group.

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