

SWT Executive

**Wednesday, 22nd January, 2020,
6.15 pm**

**Somerset West
and Taunton**

**The John Meikle Room - The Deane
House**

Members: **Federica Smith-Roberts (Chair), Benet Allen (Deputy Chair),
Chris Booth, Ross Henley, Marcus Kravis, Richard Lees,
Peter Pilkington, Mike Rigby and Francesca Smith**

Agenda

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive

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

(Pages 7 - 14)

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. Executive Forward Plan

(Pages 15 - 16)

To receive items and review the Forward Plan.

6. Somerset Waste Partnership Draft Business Plan 2020-25 and Variations to the Inter-Authority Agreement

(Pages 17 - 100)

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

The purpose of the report is to seek approval of the Somerset Waste Partnership's Draft Business Plan 2020-2025, annual budget 2020-2021 and variations to the Inter-Authority Agreement to align it with the new collection contract. Subject to agreement by all partner authorities, these will then be finalised at the February meeting of the Somerset Waste Board.

7. Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements Scheme - Phase 2

(Pages 101 - 160)

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

The report is part of the Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements Scheme Project Delivery Plan which sets the framework 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.

8. Purchase of Otterford B Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site

(Pages 161 - 184)

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

The report gives details of the proposed acquisition of a site known as Otterford B for use as a Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site.

9. East Quay Wall

(Pages 185 - 214)

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

This report sets out the current situation with the East Quay wall, Watchet and the options that the Council have to maintain this asset into the future. It does not seek approval of a permanent solution for the repair at Splash Point, this will be dealt with separately once possible

design options have been established, but does request financial approval of the design work for this permanent repair.

10. Budget Update and Outline Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 (Pages 215 - 234)

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

The purpose of this report is to provide the Executive with an update on progress with regard to Budget Setting for 2020/21, the latest Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) forecasts and the areas to be finalised.

11. Budget Monitoring (Pages 235 - 256)

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

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

12. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan (Pages 257 - 306)

This matter is the responsibility of 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.

13. Housing Revenue Account Budget Estimates 2020/21 (Pages 307 - 342)

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

This report updates Members on the proposed HRA Annual Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2020/21, the proposed Rent Setting for the average weekly rent for 2020/21 and the proposed Fees and Charges for 2020/21.

14. 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).

15. Housing Revenue Account Acquisitions

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

(Pages 343 - 362)



**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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