SWT Executive

Monday, 10th February, 2020, 6.15 pm



Council Chamber - West Somerset 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. 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

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. Executive Forward Plan

To receive items and review the Forward Plan.

5. Performance Report (For Information Only)

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

This paper is for information and provides a brief summary of current performance on a selection of key indicators.

6. General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Estimates 2020/21 (fees and charges)

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

The report sets out the draft budget estimates for 2020/21, Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) forecasts, and 2020/21 Capital Programme and the proposed sources of funding.

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

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

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

8. Car Park Fees and Charges

This matter is the responsibility of 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.

Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy and Action Plan

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

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.

10. Future of Local Government in Somerset Report

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

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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.

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. Disposal of Land

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

13. Park and Ride Procurement

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

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