

SWT Executive

Wednesday, 18th March, 2020,
6.15 pm

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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 meetings of the Executive held on 22nd January 2020, 28th January 2020 and 10th February 2020.

(Pages 5 - 32)

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 33 - 36)
To receive items and review the Forward Plan.
- 6. Approval of the Annual Pay Policy Statement 2020/2021** (Pages 37 - 70)
This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Corporate Resources, Councillor Ross Henley.

The purpose of this report is for Executive to recommend to Full Council that the Pay Policy Statement 2020/21 is approved for publication, as required under statute.
- 7. HPC Planning Obligations Board (POB) - Recommendation to transfer balance of ring-fenced Community Impact Mitigation Funding (CIM)** (Pages 71 - 84)
This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Community, Councillor Chris Booth.

The report requests the Executive approves the recommendations of the HPC Planning Obligations Board, for the transfer of ring-fenced monies £158,994 for Cannington from the HPC CIM Fund to Cannington Parish Council and for the allocation of £201,545 from the HPC CIM Fund ring-fenced for Stogursey to Stogursey Victory Hall Committee for use as contingency for the Stogursey Victory Hall Project, with any unspent contingency to be returned to the HPC CIM Fund ring-fenced for Stogursey in July 2020.
- 8. Gull Control Programme in Taunton Town Centre 2020** (Pages 85 - 108)
This matter is the responsibility of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts.

This report concerns the implementation of a Gull Control Programme for Taunton Town Centre to reduce the associated noise nuisance and aggressive behaviour along with long-term population reduction.
- 9. South West Audit Partnership Transformation Audit - Lessons Learnt** (Pages 109 - 130)
This report is the responsibility of the Leader of the Council.

The Executive is recommended to note the report.

The draft minutes of the Joint Committee of Scrutiny and Audit, Governance and Standards held on 12th February 2020 are included for information.

10. 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 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).

11. Confidential Report - Disposal of HRA Asset

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

(Pages 131 - 136)



**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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