

SWT Executive

Tuesday, 9th July, 2019,  
6.15 pm

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The John Meikle Room - The Deane  
House

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

### 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 5 - 12)

**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. District wide Local Plan: Local Development Scheme** (Pages 13 - 48)
- The Council is required to prepare a Local Development Scheme (LDS) which sets out the programme for the preparation of the District wide Local Plan and other development plan documents.
- The current adopted Local Plans by Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council are in need of updating.
- 6. District wide Local Plan: New Member Steering Group** (Pages 49 - 58)
- Having commenced the review of the district wide Local Plan, this report seeks to establish a Member Steering Group to support the review process.
- 7. Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): Draft for Consultation** (Pages 59 - 100)
- The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how Somerset West and Taunton will involve our community and stakeholders in the preparation, alteration and review of local planning policy and the consideration of planning applications within the Local Planning Authority area.
- This is our first SCI for the new Council and has been prepared to take account of changes to planning policy nationally, as well as learning from elements of the former SCI's for Taunton Deane BC and West Somerset Council respectively.
- 8. Executive Action Plan**
- To update the Executive on the progress of resolutions and recommendations from previous meetings of the Committee.
- 9. Executive Forward Plan** (Pages 101 - 104)
- To receive items and review the Forward Plan.
- 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 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)

**11. Laxton Road Housing Development**

(Pages 105 - 114)

**12. Coal Orchard Development**

(Pages 115 - 140)



**JAMES HASSETT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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