

## SWT Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 4th November, 2020,  
6.15 pm



Somerset West  
and Taunton

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**Members:** Gwil Wren (Chair), Libby Lisgo (Vice-Chair), Ian Aldridge, Norman Cavill, Simon Coles, Dixie Darch, Habib Farbahi, Ed Firmin, John Hunt, Dave Mansell, Derek Perry, Phil Stone, Nick Thwaites, Danny Wedderkopp and Keith Wheatley

### Agenda

**1. Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 14 October 2020.**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 14 October 2020.

**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.

(Pages 5 - 12)

### **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 Chair of the Committee, or the relevant Portfolio Holder, or be followed up with a written response.

#### **5. A proposal for delivering future single rough sleeper and homelessness accommodation in SWT**

(Pages 13 - 24)

This report is the responsibility of Executive Portfolio Holder for Housing, Cllr Fran Smith.

This report seeks to propose an approach to identify future requirements for single homeless and rough sleeper accommodation in SWT and to evaluate and bring back recommendations on the best options to deliver against this need.

#### **6. Interim Policy Statement on planning for the Climate Emergency - Draft for public consultation**

(Pages 25 - 94)

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

The report concerns the Interim Policy Statement entitled Climate Positive Planning, which has been drafted for public consultation.

#### **7. Somerset Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy**

(Pages 95 - 224)

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Cllr Peter Pilkington.

The report concerns the Somerset EV (Electric Vehicle) Charging Strategy which has been produced by consultants WSP on behalf of the five Somerset Councils and Exmoor National Park Authority, working in partnership.

#### **8. Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public**

During discussion of the following item 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 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).

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| <p><b>9. Confidential Report - Commercial Investment Review</b></p> <p>This report is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Marcus Kravis, Portfolio Holder for Asset Management and Economic Development.</p> | <p>(Pages 225 - 300)</p> |
| <p><b>10. Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan</b></p> <p>To receive items and review the Forward Plan.</p>  | <p>(Pages 301 - 302)</p> |
| <p><b>11. Full Council Forward Plan</b></p>   | <p>(Pages 303 - 304)</p> |
| <p><b>12. Executive Forward Plan</b></p>  | <p>(Pages 305 - 306)</p> |



**JAMES HASSETT**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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