

SWT Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 3rd March, 2021,
6.15 pm



Somerset West
and Taunton

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Members: Gwil Wren (Chair), Libby Lisgo (Vice-Chair), Ian Aldridge, Sue Buller, Norman Cavill, Simon Coles, Dixie Darch, Habib Farbahi, Ed Firmin, Dave Mansell, Derek Perry, Phil Stone, Ray Tully, Nick Thwaites and Keith Wheatley

Agenda

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Scrutiny Committee

To approve the minutes of the previous meetings of the Committee held on 27th January and 3rd February 2021.

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 7 - 22)

Temporary measures during the Coronavirus Pandemic

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5. Scrutiny Committee Request/Recommendation Trackers (Pages 23 - 30)

To update the Scrutiny Committee on the progress of resolutions and recommendations from previous meetings of the Committee.

6. Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan (Pages 31 - 32)

To receive items and review the Forward Plan.

7. Executive Forward Plan (Pages 33 - 36)

8. Full Council Forward Plan (Pages 37 - 40)

9. Options appraisal for delivering future single rough sleeper and homelessness accommodation in SWT (Pages 41 - 190)

This matter is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services Councillor Fran Smith.

The Executive in November 2020 requested officers to return in early 2021 to present the best options to deliver accommodation to support the identified demand and needs for single homeless and rough sleepers. This report provides;

- An update on progress made since November,
- Recommendations in relation to the future use of Canonsgrove, and
- Future actions and activity to increase the supply of accommodation and
- Better outcomes for single homeless in the District.

10. Quarter 3 Performance Report (Pages 191 - 200)

This matter is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources Cllr Ross Henley.

This paper provides an update on the council's performance for the first 9 months (April – December) of the 2020/21 financial year. The report includes information for a range of key performance indicators.

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| <p>11. 2020/21 Budget Monitoring Quarter 3</p> <p>This matter is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources, Cllr Ross Henley.</p> <p>This report provides an update on the projected outturn financial position of the Council for the financial year 2020/21 (as at 31 December 2020).</p> | <p>(Pages 201 - 222)</p> |
| <p>12. Scrutiny Chair Annual Report</p> <p>This matter is the responsibility of the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Gwil Wren.</p> <p>To approve the Annual report on the Scrutiny Committee 2020/21 for consideration by Full Council. Article 6 of the SWT Constitution states that <i>“The Scrutiny Committee(s) must report annually to Council on their work.”</i></p> | <p>(Pages 223 - 234)</p> |
| <p>13. Establishment of a Task and Finish Group looking into funding sources for a Zero Carbon Retrofit programme for SWT's Council Housing stock</p> <p>This matter is the responsibility of the Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>As per the Constitution, the Scrutiny Committee may appoint Task and Finish Groups. At the 27th January Scrutiny Committee the Committee resolved that:</p> <p><i>“A Task and Finish Group on funding sources and approaches for a zero carbon retrofit programme for SWT's council housing is further investigated with a further report brought back to the Scrutiny Committee to decide on establishment, with Terms of Reference.”</i></p> <p>The Scrutiny Committee are to consider and decide whether to establish said Group and establish the Terms of Reference.</p> | <p>(Pages 235 - 242)</p> |
| <p>14. Access to Information - Exclusion of the press and public</p> <p>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 Scrutiny Committee 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. If Councillors on</p> | |

the Committee wish to discuss any of the confidential appendices included in the following reports, a motion to exclude will have to be passed as follows;

Recommend that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next items of business on the grounds 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. Confidential Capital Loan to Third Party

(Pages 243 - 248)

This matter is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources, Cllr Ross Henley.



**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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The Governance and Democracy Case Manager will take the details of your question or speech and will distribute them to the Committee prior to the meeting. The Chair will then invite you to speak at the beginning of the meeting under the agenda item Public Question Time, but speaking is limited to three minutes per person in an overall period of 15 minutes and you can only speak to the Committee once. If there are a group of people attending to speak about a particular item then a representative should be chosen to speak on behalf of the group.

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