

## SWT Full Council

Tuesday, 29th March, 2022,  
6.15 pm



Somerset West  
and Taunton

The John Meikle Room - The Deane  
House

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**Members:** Hazel Prior-Sankey (Chair), Richard Lees (Vice-Chair), Ian Aldridge, Benet Allen, Lee Baker, Marcus Barr, Mark Blaker, Chris Booth, Sue Buller, Norman Cavill, Simon Coles, Dixie Darch, Hugh Davies, Tom Deakin, Dave Durdan, Kelly Durdan, Caroline Ellis, Habib Farbahi, Ed Firmin, Andrew Govier, Steve Griffiths, Roger Habgood, Andrew Hadley, Barrie Hall, John Hassall, Nicole Hawkins, Ross Henley, Marcia Hill, John Hunt, Dawn Johnson, Marcus Kravis, Sue Lees, Libby Lisgo, Mark Lithgow, Janet Lloyd, Dave Mansell, Andy Milne, Chris Morgan, Simon Nicholls, Craig Palmer, Derek Perry, Martin Peters, Andy Pritchard, Steven Pugsley, Mike Rigby, Francesca Smith, Federica Smith-Roberts, Vivienne Stock-Williams, Andrew Sully, Nick Thwaites, Anthony Trollope-Bellew, Ray Tully, Terry Venner, Sarah Wakefield, Danny Wedderkopp, Brenda Weston, Keith Wheatley, Loretta Whetlor and Gwil Wren

### Agenda

**1. Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting of Full Council**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee.

**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

(Pages 7 - 30)

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.

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#### **5. To receive any communications or announcements from the Chair of the Council**

#### **6. To receive any communications or announcements from the Leader of the Council**

#### **7. To receive any questions from Councillors in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13**

#### **8. Somerset West and Taunton Council amended Political Allocation and Councillor Appointments to Committees**

(Pages 31 - 40)

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

The purpose of this report is to amend the Council's numerical political allocation due to the following changes since the last update in July 2021.

#### **9. Decision taken under the urgency rules regarding the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme**

(Pages 41 - 50)

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

This report details the decision taken on 12 January 2022 by the Chief Executive under the urgency rules contained within paragraph 5 of the Budget and Policy Framework within the Council's Constitution.

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| <p><b>10. Budget Approval - Electric Vehicle Charging Points</b></p> <p>This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Councillor Dixie Darch.</p> <p>In line with the Council's financial regulations, this report seeks to confirm and regularise the capital budget required for the rollout of the Electric Vehicle Charging Points. This project does not require any new funding or borrowing.</p> | <p>(Pages 51 - 54)</p>   |
| <p><b>11. Annual Pay Policy Statement 2022/23</b></p> <p>This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Corporate Resources, Councillor Ross Henley.</p> <p>Section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 establishes a statutory requirement for local authorities to prepare and publish a pay policy statement for each financial year, approved by Full Council.</p>   | <p>(Pages 55 - 84)</p>   |
| <p><b>12. Capital, Investment and Treasury Strategies 2022/23 to 2024/25</b></p> <p>This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Corporate Resources, Councillor Ross Henley.</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to bring to Members three recommended strategies covering Capital, Investment and Treasury Management (CIT Strategies) for their consideration and adoption.</p>                                    | <p>(Pages 85 - 154)</p>  |
| <p><b>13. Wordsworth Drive and Coleridge Crescent Flats Regeneration, Taunton</b></p> <p>This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor for Housing, Councillor Francesca Smith.</p> <p>The report proposes that the flats no longer provide the quality of accommodation, in terms of decency and thermal efficiency, which SWT tenants should expect and which the Council strive to provide.</p>                          | <p>(Pages 155 - 174)</p> |
| <p><b>14. Motion on Water Quality</b></p> <p>To consider a Motion proposed by Councillor Dixie Darch, seconded by Councillor Gwil Wren.</p>   | <p>(Pages 175 - 178)</p> |
| <p><b>15. Motion on the use of Hybrid Meetings</b></p> <p>To consider a Motion proposed by Councillor Anthony Trollope-Bellew, seconded by Councillor Gwil Wren.</p>  | <p>(Pages 179 - 184)</p> |

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| <b>16. Corporate Scrutiny Committee - Chair's Annual Report - For Information Only</b>   | (Pages 185 - 192) |
| <b>17. Community Scrutiny Committee - Chair's Annual Report - For Information Only</b>   | (Pages 193 - 194) |
| <b>18. Audit and Governance Committee - Chair's Annual Report - For Information Only</b> | (Pages 195 - 198) |



**ANDREW PRITCHARD  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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