

SWT Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 7th July, 2021,
6.15 pm



Somerset West
and Taunton

The John Meikle Room - The Deane
House

Members: Gwil Wren (Chair), Nick Thwaites (Vice-Chair), Ian Aldridge, Benet Allen, Marcus Barr, Sue Buller, Norman Cavill, Simon Coles, Habib Farbahi, Ed Firmin, John Hassall, Libby Lisgo, Danny Wedderkopp and Loretta Whetlor

Agenda

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the previous Corporate Scrutiny Committee held on 2 June 2021

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 2 June 2021.

(Pages 5 - 10)

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.

Temporary measures during the Coronavirus pandemic

Due to the temporary legislation (within the Coronavirus Act 2020, which allowed for use of virtual meetings) coming to an end on 6 May 2021, the council's committee meetings will now take place in the office buildings at the John Meikle Room, Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton. Unfortunately due to capacity requirements the Chamber at West Somerset House is not able to be used at this current moment.

Following the Government guidance on measures to reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), the council meeting rooms will have very limited capacity. With this in mind, we will only be allowing those members of the public who have registered to speak to attend the meetings in person at the office buildings, if they wish. (We will still be offering to those members of the public that are not comfortable in attending, for their statements to be read out by a member of the Governance team). Please can we urge all members of the public who are only interested in listening to the debate to view our live webcasts from the safety of their own home to help prevent the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

5. **Corporate Scrutiny Request/Recommendation Trackers** (Pages 11 - 12)
To update the Scrutiny Committee on the progress of resolutions and recommendations from previous meetings of the Committee.
6. **Corporate Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan** (Pages 13 - 14)
To receive items and review the Forward Plan.
7. **Executive and Full Council Forward Plan** (Pages 15 - 20)
8. **Financial Monitoring - Outturn Position 2020/21** (Pages 21 - 66)
9. **Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2022/23** (Pages 67 - 88)
10. **Corporate Performance Report, Quarter 4 and Outturn, 2020/21** (Pages 89 - 104)
11. **Executive Cllr PFH Session - Leader of the Council & Communications**
12. **Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that the press and the public be excluded from the meeting for the items numbered 14 (appendices only) and 15 on the Agenda as the items contained exempt information as

defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and the public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

13. Financial Monitoring - Outturn Position 2020/21 - Confidential Appendix G

(Pages 105 - 106)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'James Hassett', written in dark ink.

**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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If an item on the agenda is contentious, with a large number of people attending the meeting, a representative should be nominated to present the views of a group. These arrangements do not apply to exempt (confidential) items on the agenda where any members of the press or public present will be asked to leave the Committee Room. Full Council, Executive, and Committee agendas, reports and minutes are available on our website: www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

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