

**Wednesday, 25th May, 2022,  
6.15 pm**

**The John Meikle Room - The Deane  
House**

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**Members:**

### **Agenda**

**1. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

**2. Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Community  
Scrutiny Committee**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the  
Community Scrutiny Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.

**4. 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.)

**5. 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 - 14)

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**6. Community Scrutiny Request/Recommendation Trackers** (Pages 15 - 20)

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

**7. Community Scrutiny Forward Plan** (Pages 21 - 22)

To receive items and review the Forward Plan.

**8. Executive and Full Council Forward Plans** (Pages 23 - 28)

To review the Forward Plans of the Executive and Full Council.

**9. Somerset West and Taunton, Department for Transport Escooter Trial** (Pages 29 - 52)

This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Member for Climate Change.

Report Author: Sue Tomlinson, Programme Manager for Climate Change.

The escooter trial in Somerset West and Taunton is an approved scheme which forms part of the Department for Transport escooter trials, launched in July 2020.

The Department for Transport is collecting data from all trial areas and this data will inform decision making regarding any new legislation.

The Somerset West and Taunton trial went live 30 October 2020 in Taunton and 5 June 2021 in Minehead. All trials are due to end 30 November 2022.

This report provides an update on the scheme based on questions raised by the Community Scrutiny Committee.

**10. Ecological Emergency Action Plan** (Pages 53 - 102)

This matter is the responsibility of the Executive Member for Climate Change.

Report Author: Katherine Church, Project Manager, Climate Change.

The Ecological Emergency Vision and Action Plan (EEVAP) is a joint initiative between Somerset West and Taunton and Sedgemoor District Councils. The vision sets out our ambitions for nature recovery and the action plan is the framework through which we will deliver these ambitions. This work builds on the nature-based actions listed within the Carbon Neutrality and Climate Resilience Action Plan (CNCR) with a particular focus on nature recovery.

If approved, the vision and action plan will embed ecological actions across work streams and will deliver ecological enhancement and protection across the two districts and beyond. In the advent of unitary, the EEVAP sets a precedent and a template for collaboration which can be duplicated across the county after vesting day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Pritchard', with a horizontal line underneath.

**ANDREW PRITCHARD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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