

**SWT Community Scrutiny
Committee**

**Wednesday, 31st August, 2022,
6.15 pm**

**Somerset West
and Taunton**

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

Members: Libby Lisgo (Chair), Dave Mansell (Vice-Chair), Simon Coles, Tom Deakin, Roger Habgood, Steve Griffiths, Dawn Johnson, Richard Lees, Mark Lithgow, Janet Lloyd, Andy Milne, Martin Peters, Andy Pritchard, Ray Tully and Vivienne Stock-Williams

Agenda

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. 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

(Pages 7 - 14)

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.

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5. Community Scrutiny Request/Recommendation Trackers (Pages 15 - 18)

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

6. Community Scrutiny Forward Plan (Pages 19 - 20)

To receive items and review the Forward Plan.

7. Executive and Full Council Forward Plans (Pages 21 - 24)

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

8. CCTV Review and Upgrade (Pages 25 - 44)

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Chris Booth, Portfolio Holder for Community.

This is an information report to update on capital investment to replace 11 CCTV cameras in the 'spine' of Taunton's CCTV network from junction of Staplegrove Road with North Street, through Bridge Street, Fore Street and East Street.

9. Parking Strategy Actions Review (Pages 45 - 54)

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Mike Rigby, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation.

Prior to the formation of Somerset West and Taunton Council the two former Councils of West Somerset and Taunton Deane had separate car parking strategies. The Refreshed Parking Strategy for Taunton was presented and adopted by Full Council on 22nd February 2018. The Final Report of the Parking in West Somerset Task and Finish Group was approved by the Cabinet on 6th March 2019. Both contained recommendations for the future of off-street parking in the separate authority areas. This report highlights what action has been taken in respect of those recommendations since the formation of Somerset West and Taunton Council.

10. Executive Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation - Councillor Mike Rigby

(Pages 55 - 68)

To consider updates from Executive Councillor for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation, Councillor Mike Rigby

3.2 of the Scrutiny Terms of Reference state that the Scrutiny Committee may review and scrutinise and ask questions of the Leader, lead Councillors, the Executive in relation to their portfolios.

Attached is Cllr Rigby's July Full Council Portfolio Holder Report. Since the publication of this Agenda the Report for September's Ordinary will be published on 25th August 2022 and can be accessed via that Agenda Pack.

11. Access to Information - Exclusion of Press and Public

During discussion of the following items 12 and 13 (Item 12 ONLY Appendix E & Item 13 in totality), 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. Community Scrutiny 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 two items of business (Item 12 Appendix E only) 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).

12. 2022/23 Housing Revenue Account Financial Monitoring as at Quarter 1 (30 June 2022)

(Pages 69 - 88)

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

This report provides an update on the projected outturn financial position of the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the financial year 2022/23 (as at 30 June 2022).

13. Confidential Item - Asset Management Lease

(Pages 89 - 104)

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Mike Rigby, Executive Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation.

This report seeks approval to enter into a new lease agreement.

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

**ANDREW PRITCHARD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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