

Scrutiny Board

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Substitutes: Councillors Eve Berry, John Clarke, Michael Gay, Peter Goater, Nigel Hewitt-Cooper and Mike Pullin

Notes

1. **Length of meeting** - Normally the meeting will end when all the business on the agenda has been completed. As soon as this meeting has lasted for three hours the Chair will ask members to vote on whether to end the meeting. There will be a short briefing from officers on implications but no debate on whether the meeting should end. If the vote is in favour of ending the meeting it will end immediately or at such point as the meeting agrees.
2. **Reports** – some agenda items refer to reports that have been produced. The full reports are only sent to relevant Members. If you wish to see a non-confidential report you can access these via the Mendip District Council web-site at www.mendip.gov.uk. If you wish to have a hard copy of the report then Please contact the Committee Officer (details on page 1 of the agenda). For members of the public requesting hard copies sent by post a charge may be raised.
3. **Declarations of Interest** – If a member of the Board/Committee or other Member of the Council present at the meeting has a personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item during this meeting they should now declare its existence and nature publicly.
4. **Public Speaking** – At the Chair’s discretion, members of the public can participate at meetings of a Council body by making representations on any matter. The maximum time for each speaker is three minutes, with a maximum time of 20 minutes for all speakers in total. Anyone who wishes to speak must
Either;
 - a) notify the Committee Officer (details on page 1) at least three hours before the start of the meeting, or
 - b) complete the form which will be in, or immediately outside, the room where the meeting is going to take place and hand this to the Committee Officer before the start of the meeting.**Items on the agenda** – The public may either speak during the Public Participation agenda item or before the agenda item of interest.
Items not on the agenda - Any matters raised cannot be debated at the meeting but may be referred to a future meeting.
5. **Suggestions for Future Business** – Suggestions for future business will only be adopted if agreed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting and if they are within the functions and delegated authority of the Council Body.
6. **Urgent Business** – To consider any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.
7. **Exclusion of the Press and Public** - The Local Government Act 1972 (LGA) allows the public to be excluded from any Council meeting during any item of business on the grounds that confidential or exempt information is likely to be disclosed. “Confidential” and “exempt” are each defined by the LGA, and there is an important difference between them. The public must be excluded from a meeting if “confidential” information is likely to be disclosed. However, if the information likely to be disclosed is “exempt”, members have discretion. They may exclude the public by passing a resolution, but are not obliged to do so.
8. In accordance with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 recording is allowed at all formal meetings of the authority to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings.

Those wishing to record proceedings should, as a courtesy, inform the chair (or Democratic Services Officer) of the committee of their intentions prior to the meeting.

In compliance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 a list of the background papers and the background papers themselves are available on request to the Committee Officer.

AGENDA

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY BOARD

2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY BOARD

3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies from Members who are unable to attend the meeting

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST See Note 3

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6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION See Note 4

- a) For items on the agenda
- b) For items not on the agenda

7 PREVIOUS MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 16 November 2020

8 PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR MENDIP CITIZENS ADVICE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNERSHIP FUNDING 2020-21

During the financial year of 2020/21 the Council allocated core funding of £98,000 and a one-off payment of £6,000 Local Assistance Scheme (LAS) funding to our strategic voluntary sector partner Mendip Citizens Advice. This report accompanies a presentation to be given to Scrutiny Board on 25 January by Ian Byworth, their Chief Executive Officer, which will cover service performance for the year to date, including the impact of COVID 19.

9 PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR SPARK SOMERSET VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNERSHIP FUNDING 2020-21

The Council allocated core funding to our partner SPARK Somerset of £25,000 for the financial year 2020/21. This report accompanies a presentation which will be given to Scrutiny Board on 25 January by Katherine Nolan, their Chief Executive Officer, which will cover service performance for the year to date including the impact of COVID-19.

10 SOMERSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN 2021-2026, DRAFT 2021/22 BUDGE

Scrutiny is recommended to Approve the draft Business Plan 2021-2026 and the annual budget 2021-22 for onward agreement of Cabinet.

11 COVID-19 FUNDING AND EXPENDITURE

In relation to COVID-19, Mendip District Council has currently received grant funding of £45 million, an increase of £8m since the report in August 2020. Additionally, the Council has granted business rates relief to nurseries and retail of a further £20m which is being fully reimbursed by Government in instalments

12 BUDGET REPORTS FOR SCRUTINY

- a) Medium Term Financial Plan
- b) Capital Strategy
- c) Treasury Management Strategy

13 UPDATES FROM THE SCRUTINY WORKING GROUPS

Reports by each of the recent Working Group Lead Convenors:

- a. **Policies and Strategies working group:** Councillor Nigel Woolcombe-Adams supported by Tracy Aarons
- b. **Contracts working group:** Councillor Garfield Kennedy supported by Haylee Wilkins
- c. **Access working group:** Councillor Philip Ham supported by Kelly Knight,
- d. **Deprivation working group:** Councillor Chris Inchley supported by Tracy Aarons

14 URGENT BUSINESS See Note 6

To consider any other business which the Chair decides is urgent.