

Scrutiny Board

Tuesday, 16 November 2021

Council Chamber

Mendip District Council

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6.30 pm

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Substitutes: Councillors Eve Berry, Josh Burr, John Clarke, Nigel Hewitt-Cooper, Michael Gay, Edric Hobbs and Mike Pullin.

NB: Whilst formal meetings are returning to Council premises from 7 May 2021, COVID restrictions are still in place. This means that whilst meetings will be open to the public, attendance will be limited. Meetings will be live streamed where at all possible. Please contact the Democratic Services Officer in the first instance should you wish to attend.

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 website at www.mendip.gov.uk. If you wish to have a hard copy of the report then Please contact the Democratic Services 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) by 12 noon on the day of the meeting, or
 - b) complete the online form by 12 noon on the day 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 Deputy-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 Chair 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 Democratic Services Officer.

AGENDA

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| 1 | 6.30pm | CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mobile phones should be switched to silent. |
| 2 | | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
To receive apologies from Members who are unable to attend the meeting. |
| 3 | | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST See Note 3
If a member of the Scrutiny Board 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 declare its existence and nature publicly. |
| 4 | | PUBLIC PARTICIPATION See Note 4
a) For items on the agenda
b) For items not on the agenda |
| 5 | 6.45pm | MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the meetings held on 16 September 2021 will be considered. |
| 6 | 7.00pm | QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT
This report provides a summary of the high level actions and projects that support the delivery of the Corporate Plan 2020/2023. Additionally, the Corporate Performance Management report provides performance information in relation to Quarter 2 2021/2022 |
| 7 | 7.30pm | EMERGING PROPOSALS FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN SOMERSET JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
The establishment of the LGR Joint Scrutiny Committee will help to ensure that the decisions taken by the Local Government Reorganisation in Somerset Joint Committee have the appropriate checks and balances to ensure the transition is carried out efficiently and that the related decisions of the five Councils are collaborative, transparent and democratically accountable. |
| 8 | 8.00pm | SCEEG ANNUAL THREE POINT PLAN
Part of the remit of SCEEG (Scrutiny Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Group) is to develop an annual three-point action plan of core projects to address priority areas in support of the Council's climate change and biodiversity objectives. |

9 8.30pm POLICY DP7 SPD AND NET ZERO CARBON TOOLKIT

This report introduces a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) providing guidance on the interpretation of Local Plan Policy DP7; Design and Amenity of New development, incorporating guidance on energy efficiency, sustainable construction and renewable energy. It also recommends that the Council endorses the Net Zero Carbon Toolkit as technical guidance to help developers and homeowners move towards net zero carbon building.

10 9.00pm MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE

Scrutiny board is asked to provide any comments and feedback on the draft Medium Term Financial Plan for consideration by the Cabinet.

11 9.30pm UPDATES FROM THE SCRUTINY WORKING GROUPS

- a **Climate and Ecological working group:** Councillor Janine Nash
- b **Policies and Strategies working group:** Councillor Nigel Woollcombe-Adams
- c **Access working group:** Councillor Phillip Ham
- d **Breaking the cycle of disadvantage working group:** Councillor Chris Inchley.
- e **Contracts working group:** Councillor Barbi Lund

12 URGENT BUSINESS See Note 6

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