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To all Members of the Council

Dear Sir or Madam

**Summons to attend the Council Meeting – Tuesday, 20 February 2024 at 6.00 pm
New Council Chamber**

You are requested to attend the Meeting of the Council to be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 20 February 2024.

Please Note that any member of the press and public may listen in to proceedings at this meeting via the weblink below –

<https://youtube.com/live/Cb7leDhfHZU>

The agenda is set out below.

Yours faithfully

Assistant Director Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer

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Agenda

1. **Public Participation, petitions, and deputations (Standing Orders 2 (vi) and 17)**

The Council will hear any person who wishes to address it in accordance with the Standing Orders. The Chairperson will select the order of the matters to be heard.

Each person will be limited to a period of five minutes for public participation and deputations and three minutes for petitions. This section of the meeting must not exceed 30 minutes and discussion must not refer to a current planning application.

The Council will also receive questions from the public and provide answers thereto, subject to the Chairperson being satisfied that the questions are relevant to the business of the meeting.

Requests must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Director Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer, or to the officer mentioned at the top of this agenda letter, by noon on the day before the meeting and the request must detail the subject matter of the address.

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37)**

A Member must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest where it relates to any matter being considered at the meeting. A declaration of a disclosable pecuniary interest should indicate the interest and the agenda item to which it relates. A Member is not permitted to participate in this agenda item by law and should immediately leave the meeting before the start of any debate.

If the Member leaves the meeting in respect of a declaration, he or she should ensure that the Chairperson is aware of this before he or she leaves to enable their exit from the meeting to be recorded in the minutes in accordance with Standing Order 37.

4. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 20)**

9 January 2024, to approve as a correct record (attached)

5. **Chairperson's announcements**

6. **Reports and matters referred from the Executive - dated 7 February 2024 (Pages 21 - 382)**

The agenda item number mentioned in the heading of the individual extract refers to the agenda of the relevant Executive meeting. All Members have received the agenda papers and are commended to review them prior to the Council meeting.

(1) EXE84 Medium Term Financial Plan 2024-2028 (MTFP) and Revenue Budget for 2024-25 (Agenda Item 06) (draft minute extract and report attached)

Note: The published Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) that underpin the 2024/25 budget savings plans can be found at Appendix 9 to the Executive report. Councillors are asked to familiarise themselves with the EIAs in advance of the meeting.

(2) EXE86 Treasury Management Strategy 2024-25 (Agenda Item 08) (draft minute extract and report attached)

(3) EXE87 Capital Strategy 2024-28 and Capital Budget 2024-25 (Agenda Item 09) (draft minute extract and report attached)

Note for Councillors:

Council is requested to consider item 6 (1) above together with the following report (item 7) which contains the Council Tax charges for the Council and the precepting authorities for 2024/25.

If changes are approved to the recommendations from the Executive, alterations to the recommended Council Tax resolution as contained within the following report might be required. In this case Council will be requested to adjourn to enable the figures in the Council Tax resolution report to be recalculated and recirculated.

7. Budget and Council Tax Setting 2024-25 (Pages 383 - 402)

Report of Councillor Bell (attached)

Note: Councillors are reminded that Standing Order 22A requires a named vote to be taken on the budget decision.

8. Corporate Plan 2024-2028 (Pages 403 - 494)

Report of Councillor Bell (attached)

9. Award of Support Services Contract 1 (Pages 495 - 506)

Report of Councillor Bell (attached)

10. Commissioning Plan for the procurement of an operator for the Tropicana (Pages 507 - 516)

Report of Councillor Solomon (attached)

11. Corporate Parenting Report (Pages 517 - 522)

Report of Councillor Gibbons (attached)

12. Petitions to be presented by Members (Standing Order No. 16)

These have to be received by the Assistant Director Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer by 12.00 noon on the day of the meeting.

13. Motions by Members (Standing Order No. 14)

None.

14. Question Time (Standing Order No.18)

Questions must relate to issues relevant to the work of the Executive, the Planning and Regulatory Committee, Employment, Licensing, Audit or Standards Sub-Committee.

Members are requested to supply the Democratic Services Officer with a note of each question at, or just after, the meeting. A summary note of each question will be included in an appendix to the minutes.

15. Matters referred from previous meeting

None.

16. Leader's announcements

17. Chief Executive's announcements

18. Forward Plan dated 1 February 2024 (Pages 523 - 544)

(attached)

19. Policy and Scrutiny Panel Report

None

20. Reports and matters referred from the Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panels other than those dealt with elsewhere on this agenda

None.

21. Reports and matters referred from the other Committees other than those dealt with elsewhere on this agenda

None.

22. Reports on joint arrangements and external organisations and questions relating thereto (Pages 545 - 546)

(1) Avon Fire Authority

(2) Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel

Report of Councillors Crew and Davies (attached)

(3) West of England Combined Authority Joint Scrutiny Committee

23. Urgent business permitted by the Local Government Act 1972 (if any)

For a matter to be considered as an urgent item, the following question must be addressed: "What harm to the public interest would flow from leaving it until the next meeting?" If harm can be demonstrated, then it is open to the Chairperson to rule that it be considered as urgent. Otherwise the matter cannot be considered urgent within the statutory provisions.

Exempt Items

Should the Council wish to consider a matter as an Exempt Item, the following resolution should be passed -

"(1) That the press, public, and officers not required by the Members, the Chief Executive or the Director, to remain during the exempt session, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the ground that its consideration will involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972."

Mobile phones and other mobile devices

All persons attending the meeting are requested to ensure that these devices are switched to silent mode. The chairperson may approve an exception to this request in special circumstances.

Filming and recording of meetings

The proceedings of this meeting may be recorded for broadcasting purposes.

Anyone wishing to film part or all of the proceedings may do so unless the press and public are excluded for that part of the meeting or there is good reason not to do so, as directed by the Chairperson. Any filming must be done as unobtrusively as possible from a single fixed position without the use of any additional lighting, focusing only on those actively participating in the meeting and having regard to the wishes of any members of the public present who may not wish to be filmed. As a matter of courtesy, anyone wishing to film proceedings is asked to advise the Chairperson or the Assistant Director Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer's representative before the start of the meeting so that all those present may be made aware that it is happening.

Members of the public may also use Facebook and Twitter or other forms of social media to report on proceedings at this meeting.

Emergency Evacuation Procedure

On hearing the alarm – (a continuous two tone siren)

Leave the room by the nearest exit door. Ensure that windows are closed.

Last person out to close the door.

Do not stop to collect personal belongings.

Do not use the lifts.

Follow the green and white exit signs and make your way to the assembly point.

Do not re-enter the building until authorised to do so by the Fire Authority.

Go to Assembly Point C – Outside the offices formerly occupied by Stephen & Co