



MetroWest+

Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

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Applicant: North Somerset District Council

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of the Meeting of

The Council

Tuesday, 25 June 2019

held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.



Meeting Commenced: 6.00 pm Meeting Concluded: 7.30 pm

Councillors:

P David Shopland (Chairman)

A Richard Westwood (Vice-Chairman)

P Marc Aplin	P Karin Haverson
P Nigel Ashton	P Sandra Hearne
P Mike Bell	P David Hitchins
P Mike Bird	P Steve Hogg
P Steve Bridger	P Nicola Holland
P Peter Bryant	P Ruth Jacobs
P Gill Bute	P Huw James
P Mark Canniford	P Patrick Keating
P Ashley Cartman	P John Ley-Morgan
P John Cato	P Stuart McQuillan
A Caritas Charles	P Ian Parker
P Caroline Cherry	A Robert Payne
P James Clayton	P Marcia Pepperall
P Sarah Codling	P Bridget Petty
A Andy Cole	P Lisa Pilgrim
P Peter Crew	P Terry Porter
P John Crockford-Hawley	P Geoffrey Richardson
P Ciaran Cronnelly	P Timothy Snaden
P Mark Crosby	A Mike Solomon
P Donald Davies	P James Tonkin
P Paul Gardner	P Stuart Treadaway
P Catherine Gibbons	P Richard Tucker
P Hugh Gregor	A Roz Willis
P Wendy Griggs	
A Ann Harley	

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Officers in attendance:

Sheila Smith (Director of People and Communities), Nicholas Brain (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Joanne Butcher (Corporate Services), Michèle Chesterman (Corporate Services), Sue Efford (Corporate Services), Alex Hearn (Development and Environment), Paul Morris (Corporate Services), Jonathan Kirby, (Corporate Services), James Willcock (Development and Environment), Rudy Taylor (Agilisys ICT)

COU 32 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37) (Agenda Item 4)

None.

COU 33 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2019 (Agenda Item 5)

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

**COU 34 Motions by Members (Standing Order No. 14)
(1) Governance Reform (Councillor Donald Davies) (Agenda Item 6)**

Motion: Moved by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Tonkin

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Seven members signalled their support for a debate on the Motion.

Councillor Davies spoke in support of the Motion.

Following discussion, the Motion was put to the vote and it was

Resolved:

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COU Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 8)

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The Chairman shared with members the memento presented to him at the steel signing ceremony for the new FoodWorksSW development, on 29 May 2019, the new regionally-significant food development centre under construction at the Junction 21 Enterprise Area.

Finally, he referred to cards he had received in relation to the Bristol International Airport Application and suggested that local residents should include their name and address when contacting councillors.

COU Leader's Announcements (Agenda Item 9)

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The Leader announced that a number of councillors had expressed a desire to meet after Council for refreshments. All interested to contact Councillor Crockford-Hawley regarding arrangements.

*****Change to Agenda*****

COU MetroWest Phase 1 Submission of Development Consent Order

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Application and Associated Approvals (includes exempt appendices) **(Agenda Item 18)**

The Chairman agreed a change to the agenda order, to consider item 18 next.

Councillor Tonkin introduced the report. At the invitation of the Chairman the representative of the Director of Corporate Services delivered a presentation to members detailing the MetroWest Phase 1 project which centred on the re-opening of the disused railway line and reintroduction of a regular train service between Portishead, Pill and Bristol.

Members discussed the paper prepared for them to enable them to consider approving the submission of the Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate. The DCO application sought powers to build and operate the disused section of railway from Portishead to Pill, to gain environmental consent to undertake works to the existing freight railway through the Avon Gorge and to obtain powers for the compulsory acquisition of land. A copy of the power point presentation is filed on the Minute Book.

Councillor Tonkin thanked officers for the significant amount of work they had put into the Project.

Members welcomed the report and also thanked Councillor Ashton and the previous administration on their work bringing the project to fruition.

Motion: Moved by Councillor Tonkin, seconded by Councillor Davies
and

Resolved:

(1) that Council notes the following:

- a) the estimated out-turn capital cost of MetroWest Phase 1 entailing re-opening the Portishead Branch Railway Line and providing an enhanced passenger train service for the Severn Beach line and the Bath line, is £116.4M and that funding for the project to this amount has now been allocated, following the allocation of £15M by the Council on 12th February 2019 and the allocation of £31.9M by the Secretary of State on 5th April 2019. The drawdown of this funding is subject to the business case approvals, as would be expected for external funding allocations;
- b) the project total spend to date from commencement in 2013 to the end of 2018-19 financial year is £16.167M including £0.973M of land acquisition costs and that there remains a risk of revenue reversion should the project not be delivered and the quantum of which risk will increase as further funds are spent until project assets are delivered;
- c) the critical path for the project is approval of the Final Approval Business Case, scheduled for autumn 2021. The major milestones required to achieve approval of the Final Approval Business Case in summary are; securing all necessary consents, including the Development Consent Order (DCO), detailed design (GRIP 5), and completion of the procurement of the construction works. The scheme will not be implemented until the approval of the Final Approval Business Case by the Council, the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), the West of England Joint Committee and the Department for Transport. Upon approval of the Final Approval Business Case construction contracts can then be awarded and construction can commence;
- d) that the DCO application will include powers for the compulsory acquisition of land as shown on the attached land plans (together with such additional land and rights or changes to the proposed type of acquisition as the project team may identify as being required for the railway project to proceed), including:
 - i. Land required for the proposed railway reopening;
 - ii. Working space compounds and haul roads, construction of the proposed railway;
 - iii. Land required for highway works required for the railway project to proceed;
 - iv. Environmental mitigation land; and
 - v. New rights and temporary possession powers to support the construction and operation of a new railway;
 - vi. The acquisition of public open space and the provision of exchange land;
- e) that the proposed DCO will also seek powers to:
 - i. construct, maintain and operate the new railway, provide accommodation works for the new railway such as new accesses, drainage channels and works to divert utilities' apparatus;

- ii. divert and stop up Quays Avenue, Portishead, as well as powers to temporarily stop up rights of way or restrict traffic on highways in Portishead Portbury and Pill; and
 - iii. make temporary and permanent traffic regulation orders;
 - f) the requirement for the functions of the Council that are engaged as planning authority, environmental health authority, highway authority, lead local flood authority, and in its responsibility for parks and open spaces to be administered separately from the council's role as a promoter of the MetroWest Phase 1 project.
 - g) that the human rights and public sector equalities duties of the Council are engaged by the application for the DCO and the implementation of the DCO, if made, as are outlined in this report;
- (2) that the Executive Member for Planning and Transport in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Performance be authorised to finalise and submit to the Planning Inspectorate the application for the DCO for the powers to construct Phase 1B of the MetroWest Phase 1 project comprising the works required to re-open the Portishead Branch Railway Line (the DCO Scheme), subject to the following decisions and matters, which are scheduled to be taken on the 14th June 2019:
- a) confirmation by West of England Combined Authority (WECA) of its authorisation to complete the Initial Promotion Agreement version 3 with North Somerset Council (NSC);
 - b) confirmation by the WECA of its agreement to submit the DCO application, as joint promoter in connection with its share of project risks and liabilities;
 - c) confirmation by the WoE Joint Committee of its authorisation for the submission of the DCO application, as co-funder;
 - d) confirmation by the WoE Joint Committee of its approval for the project to drawdown a further £4.491M for 2019/20 and £7.159M for 2020/21, totalling £11.650M of Local Growth Funding allocated to the project, to complete all technical work feeding into the Final Approval Business Case, including the completion of major processes, planning and environmental consents, undertaking detailed design (both the railway and highway works) and the procurement of project construction;
 - e) receipt of a letter of no objection issued by Network Rail to North Somerset Council in respect of the DCO application documentation.
- (3) that the Executive Member for Planning and Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Performance be authorised to:
- a) finalise and complete the Promotion Agreement with Network Rail for the joint working arrangements for taking the project through the Development Consent Order process, as outlined in section 13 of this report,

- b) approve further addendums of the Development Services Agreement with Network Rail, to progress the procurement of GRIP 5 to 8, to undertake GRIP 5 detailed design and to provide technical support through the DCO process, and
 - c) note the estimated cost of a) and b) above has been included within the project budget for 2019/20 (£4.491M) and 2020/21 (£7.159M), agreed by the Council on 12th February 2019.
- (4) that the addition of £4.491M into the 2019/20 capital programme for MetroWest Phase 1, be authorised, funded from headroom resources, previously earmarked for the project, until approval has been granted to drawdown Local Growth Funding, as referred to in recommendation 2d. Authorisation is also sought to delegate authority to the S151 officer to switch the funding on receipt of the associated confirmation from the WECA as the administering body; and
- (5) that the decisions be taken by the Executive Member for Planning and Transport set out in resolutions 2 and 3, above the Director of Development and Environment be authorised to :
- a) procure safety works to Sheepway Bridge, Old Portbury Station Bridge, Royal Portbury Dock Road Bridge and Marsh Lane Bridge, at an estimated cost of up to £400,000, in advance of the start of the main railway works, to avoid delay to the overall programme and to reduce overall costs.
 - b) take all necessary steps to secure the making of the DCO by the Secretary of State including all of the provisions described in this report and to serve all notices requiring information on title from parties interested in land, prepare environmental reports, Statements of Reasons and other required supporting documents and for the presentation of the Council's case at the examination into the proposed DCO that will be held by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.
 - c) make or request the making and service of all notices and Orders as are required to secure the making of the DCO and to advertise the DCO being made, including acquisition of land (including the acquisition of public open space at Portishead), new rights over land, temporary possession of land; traffic regulation orders; stopping up and diversion of highways; the temporary stopping up or restriction of use of highways, as outlined in section 9 of this report.
 - d) agree terms for the acquisition by agreement of land or any interests in land and to complete acquisition transactions (including the entering into of options for the acquisition and/or use of land and agreements as to compensation and/or accommodation works) as may be required for the proposed railway and associated works, up to a total ceiling of £1M, in advance and for the duration of the DCO examination, as outlined in section 16 of this report.

- e) make any necessary payments and compensation (including interim payments, advance payments, payments relating to blight notices and payments of interest as well as payment of professional fees either as agreed with owners or as determined by the Lands Chamber of the Upper Tribunal) in relation to the acquisition, extinguishment, overriding or suspension of rights in land or the granting of new interests in land, including powers of temporary possession or use of land, as outlined in section 9 of this report.
- f) enter in to agreements and agree protective provisions with statutory undertakers including provision for expenditure on the costs for drafting the agreements and activities reasonably required for the successful implementation of the DCO Scheme, at an estimated cost of up to £120,000 as outlined in section 9 of this report.
- g) include in the DCO powers for the grant of new rights over public open space held by North Somerset Council at Watch House Hill, Pill and to secure provisions for the temporary use of land at Victoria Park, Pill, as outlined in section 9 of this report.
- h) seek powers in the DCO to modify existing legislation and to dis-apply byelaws as required for the DCO Scheme, as outlined in section 10 of this report.
- i) seek powers in the DCO to alter the existing public right of way network including the creation of new public rights of way, modification of the existing right of way and the extinguishment of public rights of way together with the temporary suspension of public rights of way during construction periods, as outlined in section 7 of this report.
- j) seek powers in the DCO (and to rely on and use the Council's existing powers) to access land for the purposes of environmental or pre-construction surveys and other required survey purposes as required for the DCO Scheme, as set out in section 9 of this report.
- k) negotiate and enter into any agreements or give assurances or undertakings or conclude compromise agreements, to secure the withdrawal of objections to the DCO, as outlined in section 11 of this report.
- l) reach agreement with Network Rail for the transfer of the benefit of those provisions of the DCO relating to the operation of the railway to Network Rail, as well as for the transfer to Network Rail of land held by the Council required for railway operations, conditional on the approval of the Final Approval Business Case in due course, as set out in section 13 of this report.

COU 38 Forward Plan dated 31 May 2019 (Agenda Item 11)

Councillor Davies presented the Forward Plan.

Resolved: that the Forward Plan be noted.

COU 39 Question Time (Standing Order No. 18) (Agenda Item 13)

Oral questions were directed to Members concerned and the summary notes and the topics involved are contained in Appendix 1.

COU 40 Reports on joint arrangements and external organisations and questions relating thereto (Agenda Item 17)

West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee

Councillor James gave a report on discussions at the last meeting (12 June 2019). Members were asked to contact Councillor James with any queries.

COU 41 Housing Infrastructure Fund (Forward Fund) Commissioning Plan Approval (Agenda Item 19)

Councillor Tonkin presented the report and explained that a decision was expected within a few weeks from central government on the £100m bid submitted to construct a bypass for Banwell and a new secondary school at Locking to complement the planning housing growth outlined in the West of England Joint Spatial Plan.

The report sought approval from members to enable procurement decisions to be delegated to the Executive Member for Planning and Transport once the funding decision was announced.

Motion: Moved by Councillor Tonkin, seconded by Councillor Davies and

Resolved:

(1) that the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) (Forward Fund) Commissioning Plan be approved to proceed; and

(2) that in order to minimise delay to the programme the receipt of the Housing Infrastructure Fund grant be delegated to the Executive Member for Planning and Transport.

COU 42 Appointments on Outside Bodies and Other Roles (Agenda Item 20)

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report. He drew Members' attention to the proposed nominations from the group leaders as tabled at the meeting. A copy of which is filed on the Minute Book. He proposed that where nominations had yet to be made, these be delegated to group leaders.

In discussing the nominations it was noted that Councillor Holland would replace Councillor Snaden on the Portishead Youth Centre Management Committee.

Councillor Codling referred to the Winter Gardens Access Board which was not included on the list advising she had been the representative for the

previous four years and expressing a desire to continue, if acceptable to Council.

The Chairman referred to the proposal that the Wessex Reserve Forces & Cadets Association be deleted from the schedule of outside bodies and asked, as Armed Forces Champion, for this decision be reconsidered as he felt the Council having a representative on this body was a key factor in developing links with the local military organisations.

Following further discussions it was:

Resolved: that the appointments contained in the updated schedule attached as an appendix to these minutes be approved and adopted for the 2019/20 Municipal Year and group leaders be authorised to provide any outstanding nominations not yet notified.

Chairman

**Appendix 1
North Somerset Council
Council Meeting, 25 June 2019
Question Time (Agenda Item 13)**

**Question 1
From Councillor Griggs
To Councillor Tonkin, Executive Member for Planning and Transport**

Concerns of residents of Yatton and Clevedon regarding cancellation of X7 Bus Services

Councillor Griggs raised the issue of anxiety and concern from the residents of Yatton and Clevedon in connection with the cancellation of the X7 bus service. She mentioned that Yatton residents could no longer access medical appointments in the surgeries or the hospital and Clevedon residents could not link to the train services. She asked for assurance from Councillor Tonkin that this would be given priority for consideration so that the situation could be resolved.

In response Councillor Tonkin stated that Councillor Bridger and Councillor Westwood had already engaged with officers on this matter and he suggested Councillor Griggs contact them.

Question 2

From Councillor Codling

To Councillor Canniford, Executive Member for Business, Economy and Employment

Changes to be made by the New Administration

Councillor Codling stated she had been encouraged that both Councillor Canniford and the Chairman had joined her at the steel signing ceremony to mark completion of the structure of the FoodWorks Innovation Centre in the Winterstoke ward she represented. She stated that working to support and enable such projects was exactly the place the Council needed to be in. The new Council administration would understandably be seeking to introduce many changes but she sought assurance that these changes would not be for change's sake; that they would be progressive and not regressive; that strategically vital projects such as the innovative FoodWorks Centre were nurtured and not swept away, regardless of which administration set the wheels in motion.

In response Councillor Canniford concurred that FoodWorks was a great piece of work by the previous administration. He would be striving forwards with economic development and engaging with the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) in driving forward benefits in consultation with the residents of North Somerset.

Question 3

From Councillor Petty

To Councillor Tonkin, Executive Member for Planning and Transport

Accessibility for Nailsea and Backwell Railway Stations

Councillor Petty asked Councillor Tonkin if he could commit to holding Great Western Rail (GWR) to the previous promises they made to make Nailsea and Backwell railway stations accessible by installing ramps. She believed that to date the train provider had failed the residents and this should not be accepted. She asked how Councillor Tonkin would investigate this situation.

Councillor Tonkin responded that he had been in touch with Mr Hopwood, GWR who had advised there was unlikely to be another funding round until 2024 which was not good enough. He would get back in touch to pursue this matter.

Question 4

From Councillor Cronnelly

To Councillor Charles, Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism

Second Swimming Pool for the residents of North Somerset

Councillor Cronnelly noted that Councillor Charles was on leave and so directed his question to the Leader/Deputy Leader. He explained that in 2015 the residents of

North Somerset had been promised a much needed second swimming pool to be built at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre. Since there had been some confusion as to whether this would be happening at all he asked for a commitment to look into this and to report back within 6 months to confirm whether the second swimming pool would be going ahead.

In response Councillor Bell explained that the current administration was committed to a coherent leisure policy. There had been an under-investment in leisure and new pools were expensive at around £20m – £30m. There was a significant need to invest in the existing pool and also a definite need for a second pool and Councillor Charles would be keen to work with Councillor Cronnelly on pursuing that.

Question 5

From Councillor Pepperall

To Councillor Don Davies, Leader of the Council

Fracking – Bleadon

Councillor Pepperall referred to tests being carried out in Bleadon to see if the ground was suitable for fracking. She asked Councillor Davies for his view on this.

Councillor Davies responded that he was very keen to oppose fracking as strongly as possible anywhere in North Somerset and the UK as a whole.

Question 6

From Councillor Hogg

To Councillor Tonkin, Executive Member for Planning and Transport

Gatcombe Farm Industrial Estate, Wrington

Councillor Hogg asked Councillor Tonkin if he agreed with him that the situation at Gatcombe Farm Industrial Estate in Wrington was (and continued to be) at odds with recent and historic planning approvals. In addition he asked if Councillor Tonkin would help him to address issues that had had such a negative impact on the lives of local residents for many years.

Specifically, he referred to repeated breaches of conditions set out in the planning approval document 15 February 2019 and investigate (at pace) a potential issue of public health and safety due to significant amounts of asbestos roofing which was collapsing into disrepair due to long term neglect. To quote Liam Fox, he stated that Gatcombe Park was and remains ‘a mixture of debris and industrial squalor’. As the new councillor for Wrington, Councillor Hogg stated he found it difficult to accept that the Council had failed for so many years to adequately address the situation at Gatcombe Farm, especially given that it was in the heart of the green belt.

Councillor Tonkin responded that he agreed with Councillor Hogg in respect of the situation at Gatcombe Park and would be addressing the issues.

Question 7

From Councillor Clayton

To Councillor Canniford, Executive Member for Business, Economy and Employment

Investment of Revenue from Parking Charges in North Somerset

Councillor Clayton asked Councillor Canniford if he could assure him that if parking charges were not rolled out fairly across the district and only kept in Weston 'the cash cow of North Somerset' that all revenue from parking charges would be invested in Weston only.

In response Councillor Canniford responded no and added that the principle of having a fair charge across the district – a coherent parking policy over the whole of the district would be a decision made by Members of the Council as a whole.

Question 8

From Councillor Cherry

To Councillor Don Davies, Leader of the Council

Safety of Cladding on Buildings in North Somerset

Councillor Cherry asked Councillor Davies, in light of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, if the Council could be assured that North Somerset had made all necessary checks to ensure that properties did not contain similar materials to those found in Grenfell Tower.

Councillor Davies responded that all housing associations in North Somerset had been inspected and deemed to be safe. Avon Fire Authority had confirmed there were a number of private properties still containing the cladding. The response had been to enhance security in the buildings. Councillor Davies could not totally assure Councillor Cherry in the case of privately-owned tower blocks in Weston super Mare but would liaise with officers to find out more information.

Question 9

From Councillor Parker

To Councillor Davies, Leader of the Council

CCTV

Councillor Parker asked Councillor Davies what was being done to rectify the problem that 50% of CCTV cameras were out of action thereby potentially putting members of the public at risk.

Councillor Davies confirmed that he was aware of the situation that the CCTV system was old and did not work properly. Following a discussion with officers the previous week he had asked for a report on how the CCTV system could be better utilised and what steps were being taken to repair the damaged equipment. A solution would need to be found and to future proof for the next 5 to 10 years.

Question 10

From Councillor Ley-Morgan

To Councillor Canniford Executive Member for Business, Economy and Employment

Flooding of Worle High Street

Councillor Ley-Morgan stated that 2-3 weeks ago the shops in Worle were flooded to a depth of several inches by the ingress of rain water from the road outside ruining carpets and flooring and destroying fridges, freezers and other electrical goods. The colour and revolting smell of that water indicated that much of it had come up from the drains and sewers. He asked Councillor Canniford if he could tell him how often the drains were cleared in that commercial area and since this had happened before, could he assure Councillor Ley-Morgan that the drains would be flushed out more regularly in future.

In response Councillor Canniford noted that Worle gulleys were last cleared in June 2019. The flooding had been due to a huge amount of water. Two damaged and two partially blocked gulleys had been discovered and these were being dealt with. When double or even triple the amount of rain fell in such a short period of time (1 hour) it created problems that were difficult to tackle.

In a supplementary question Councillor Ley-Morgan referred to a photograph in the Mercury showing a car driving past the shops throwing up water higher than the vehicle itself. He stated that such moronic behaviour made the situation worse as it sent waves against the shop fronts and under the doors. He asked if Councillor Canniford could assure him that when (not if) this happened again Worle High Street would be shut to all traffic as fast as possible.

In response Councillor Canniford responded that yes but sensible steps should be taken to ensure that people were in the right place at the right time. In the case of the recent flooding which happened at 7-8 pm it would have been difficult to get people there within the hour at that time of night.

Question 11

From Councillor Tucker

To Councillor Petty, Executive Member for Climate, Emergency and Environment

Installing more Litter Bins

Councillor Tucker asked if Councillor Petty could advise on the possibility of installing more litter bins particularly if the relevant Town and Parish Councils could be asked to contribute towards the cost of emptying any new sites that could be agreed. The lack of litter bin provision was one of the most common complaints that councillors received as ward members.

In response Councillor Petty stated that as part of the current Executive a governance review would be taking place which would be addressing engagement with parish and town councils. In addition with the review of the 2019/20 Parks and Street Cleaning Contract taking place this was the ideal time to look at this.

Question 12

From Councillor Bell

To Councillor Tonkin, Executive Member for Planning and Transport

Plans for Weston Town Centre Enhancements - Consultation with Residents and Businesses

Councillor Bell asked Councillor Tonkin to confirm that full consultation with local residents and businesses would take place before any detailed plans for Weston town centre enhancements, particularly in Alexandra Parade, were implemented.

In response Councillor Tonkin stated that this would happen and that members would be fully involved in plans as they developed through mechanisms such as the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Panel etc.

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS: APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE COUNCIL

Section A - Appointments subject to political balance (appointments of three or more)

ORGANISATION	Apts	Auth. Granted by	Representative(s)	Political Group Nominating	Term of Office Expires	Name & Address of Correspondent
Avon Fire Authority	4 (1:1:1:1) [Exp N]	COU 22/2019	Cllr Donald Davies Cllr Ruth Jacobs Cllr Robert Payne Cllr Richard Tucker	I C LD L	May 2023 4-year term (subject to 8 year limit in total)	Guy Goodman, Executive Assistant to the Chair of the Fire Authority www.avonfire.gov.uk
Local Government Association General Assembly	4 (1:1:1:1) [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Nigel Ashton Cllr Mike Bell Cllr Don Davies Cllr Catherine Gibbons	C LD I L	Municipal Year End	Member Services, Local Government Association Member.services@local.gov.uk

Section B - appointments not subject to political balance (less than three appointments)

ORGANISATION	Appts	Auth. Granted by	Representative	Term of Office Expires	Name & Address of Correspondent
Alliance Homes Board	1 [Exp N]	93 COU 43/2019	TBC	Municipal Year End	Company Secretary Alliance Homes philippa.armstrong- owens@alliancehomes.org.uk
Birnbeck Regeneration Trust	2 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr John Ley-Morgan Cllr Robert Payne	Municipal Year End	Charles McCann chaless@talk21.com
Bristol Airport Consultative Committee	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Steve Hogg	Municipal Year End	James Gore, Bristol International Airport jgore@bristolairport.com
Bristol Port Company Liaison Committee	2 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Nigel Ashton Cllr Don Davies	Municipal Year End	PA to the Chief Operating Officer, Bristol Port Company PA@bristolport.co.uk
Campaign to Protect Rural England	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Steve Bridger	Municipal Year End	Gill Sammons, CPRE gillsayzeland@googlemail.com
Clevedon Business Improvement District	1	COU 43/2019	Cllr Geoff Richardson	Municipal Year End	George Grace, BID Manager
Clevedon Community Association	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Caroline Cherry	Municipal Year End	Clevedon Community Centre admin@ccassoc.org.uk
Clevedon Pier & Heritage Trust	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Mark Crosby	Municipal Year End	Clevedon Pier & Heritage Trust admin@clevedonpier.com
Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Ashley Cartman	Municipal Year End	Tim Baines, Clerk to the Trustees tim.baines@bcscsconsultants.co.uk
Durnford Quarry Local Liaison Group	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Stuart McQuillan	Municipal Year End	Tarmac Southern Ltd. andy.cadell@tarmac.com
Heritage & Regeneration Champion	1	COU 43/2019	Cllr John Crockford- Hawley	Municipal Year End	Roger Willmot, Development & Environment

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North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Catherine Gibbons	Municipal Year End	Director North Somerset Citizen's Advice Bureau bureau@nsomersetcab.cabnet.org.uk
Police and Crime Panel	2 [Exp N]	COU 22/2019	Cllr Richard Westwood Cllr Roz Willis	June 2023 4-year term	Clerk to the Police & Crime Panel
Portishead Youth Centre Management Committee	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Nicola Holland	Municipal Year End	Portishead Youth Centre Ltd., mail@portisheadyouthcentre.co.uk
Sevenside Sirens Trust	1 [Exp N]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Tim Snaden	Municipal Year End	Cooksley & Co, Trust Administrators info@sevensesidesirens.co.uk
Standing Conference of Severnside Local Authorities	1 [Exp: Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Bridget Petty [Cllr Don Davies as substitute]	Municipal Year End	Severn Estuary Partnership, c/o School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Main Building, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3AT severn@cardiff.ac.uk
Strawberry Line Society	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Ann Harley	Municipal Year End	Treasurer & Membership Secretary Irene.thresher@btinternet.com
Uphill Victory Hall	1 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Peter Bryant	Municipal Year End	Uphill Victory Hall
Wessex Reserve Forces & Cadets Association	2 [Exp N]	COU 43/2019	Cllr David Shopland Cllr Roz Willis	Municipal Year End	Staff Officer Wessex RFCA wx-offman@rfca.mod.uk
Winter Gardens Access Board	1	COU 43/2019	Cllr Sarah Codling	Municipal Year End	NSC Policy and partnerships Officer
Weston Town Centre Co Ltd	2 [Exp Y]	COU 43/2019	Cllr Mike Bell Cllr Mark Canniford	Municipal Year End	steve.townsend@wsmtcp.co.uk

Appointments to other roles

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Children's Champions Group		94 COU 43/2019	TBC		Democratic Services
Home to School Transport Appeals Panel		95 COU 43/2019	TBC		Integrated Transport Unit
North Somerset Local Access Forum	3 [Exp Y]	96 COU 43/2019	Cllr Mike Bird (I) Cllr Ann Harley (C) Cllr Robert Payne LD)	May 2023 4-year term	Democratic Services
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	3 [Exp Y]	97 COU 43/2019	Cllr Stuart Treadaway (LD) Cllr Sarah Codling (C) 1 vacancy (I)	May 2023 4-year term	Democratic Services
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