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FAO All SWT Parish Clerks

The Strategy Team are currently working on the Issues and Options document for the newly formed Somerset West and Taunton Council (excluding the Exmoor National Park area). The consultation will take place from

Monday 13th January to Monday 16th March 2020.

We are also inviting comments on two documents which are needed to support and evidence the Local Plan: the Sustainability Appraisal; and the Habitats Regulations Assessment.

This is the first consultation stage in the Local Plan process. The document looks at the key issues and draft objectives for the Local Plan, particularly around climate change and development needs over the next 20 years. Views from local communities and businesses are important in helping to shape Somerset West and Taunton and we would really appreciate your help in engaging with your areas.

Whilst the consultation doesn't begin until January, we wanted to inform you of our intention as we are aware that Parish Council meetings are held at varying intervals. It would also be really helpful if you were able to share the contents of this email with your Parish Councillors and, if appropriate, mention in your Parish Magazine, website or newsletter.

We will have the consultation information on our website and will contact directly all those on our existing consultee database by email (or send letters to those without an email address). The documents will be available to view at the following inspection points:

Deane House

West Somerset House

Bishops Lydeard Community Library

Dulverton Library

Minehead Library

Nether Stowey Community Library

North Petherton Community Library

Porlock Community Library

Priorswood Community Library

Taunton Library

Watchet Community Library

Wellington Library

Williton Library

Wiveliscombe Community Library

We will also be visiting these venues, where you can find out more and ask questions:

- Wellington, Quaker Meeting House – 21 January, 10am to 3pm
- Williton, West Somerset House – 30 January, 2pm to 7pm
- Taunton, the Orchard Shopping Centre – 6 February, 10am to 3pm
- Minehead, Methodist Church – 10 February, 2pm to 7pm
- Watchet, The Sanctuary – 11 February, 10am to 3pm
- Wiveliscombe, Community Centre – 20 February, 10am to 3pm
- Taunton, Deane House – 27 February, 2pm to 7pm

Thank you in advance for any help you are able to give in publicising this consultation, as we work through the production of the Plan there will be further opportunities to engage at the different stages, which we will of course keep you up to date with.

The Somerset West and Taunton Local Plan will not cover any parishes within Exmoor National Park, however we welcome comments from everyone .

Regards

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