South Somerset District Council

Notice of Meeting



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Making a difference where it counts

Thursday 11th December 2014

7.30 pm

Council Chamber Council Offices Brympton Way Yeovil BA20 2HT

(disabled access is available at this meeting venue)



All members of Council are requested to attend the meeting:

The public and press are welcome to attend.

If you would like any further information on the items to be discussed, please ring the Agenda Co-ordinator, **Angela Cox, Democratic Services Manager**

This Agenda was issued on Wednesday 3 December 2014.

lan Clarke, Assistant Director (Legal & Corporate Services)



This information is also available on our website www.southsomerset.gov.uk

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Sylvia Seal Gina Seaton Peter Seib Angie Singleton Sue Steele Paul Thompson Kim Turner Andrew Turpin Linda Vijeh William Wallace Colin Winder **Derek Yeomans** Martin Wale **Barry Walker** Lucy Wallace Nick Weeks

Information for the Public

The meetings of the full Council, comprising all 60 members of South Somerset District Council, are held at least 6 times a year. The full Council approves the Council's budget and the major policies which comprise the Council's policy framework. Other decisions which the full Council has to take include appointing the Leader of the Council, members of the District Executive, other Council Committees and approving the Council's Consultation (which details how the Council works including the scheme allocating decisions and Council functions to committees and officers).

Members of the Public are able to:-

- attend meetings of the Council and its committees such as Area Committees, District Executive, except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
- speak at Area Committees, District Executive and Council meetings;
- see reports and background papers, and any record of decisions made by the Council and Executive;
- find out, from the Executive Forward Plan, what major decisions are to be decided by the District Executive.

Meetings of the Council are scheduled to be held monthly at 7.30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month in the Council Offices, Brympton Way although some dates are only reserve dates and may not be needed.

The agenda, minutes and the timetable for council meetings are published on the Council's website – www.southsomerset.gov.uk/councillors-and-democracy/meetings-and-decisions

The Council's Constitution is also on the web site and available for inspection in Council offices.

The Council's corporate aims which guide the work of the Council are set out below.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the agenda co-ordinator named on the front page.

South Somerset District Council - Council Aims

Our key areas of focus are: (all equal)

- Jobs a strong economy which has low unemployment and thriving businesses
- Environment an attractive environment to live in with increased recycling and lower energy use
- Homes decent housing for our residents that matches their income
- Health & Communities communities that are healthy, self-reliant and have individuals who are willing to help each other

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Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 6th November 2014.

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Council's current Code of Conduct (adopted July 2012), which includes all the provisions relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), personal and prejudicial interests, Members are asked to declare any DPI and also any personal interests (and whether or not such personal interests are also "prejudicial") in relation to any matter on the Agenda for this meeting. A DPI is defined in The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 No. 1464) and Appendix 3 of the Council's Code of Conduct. A personal interest is defined in paragraph 2.8 of the Code and a prejudicial interest is defined in paragraph 2.9.

Members are reminded that they need to declare the fact that they are also a member of a County, Town or Parish Council as a Personal Interest. As a result of the change made to the Code of Conduct by this Council at its meeting on 15th May 2014, where you are also a member of Somerset County Council and/or a Town or Parish Council within South Somerset you must declare a prejudicial interest in any business on the agenda where there is a financial benefit or gain or advantage to Somerset County Council and/or a Town or Parish Council which would be at the cost or to the financial disadvantage of South Somerset District Council. If you have a prejudicial interest you must comply with paragraphs 2.9(b) and 2.9(c) of the Code.

4. Public Question Time

Questions, statements or comments from members of the public are welcome at the beginning of each meeting of the Council. The total period allowed for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes except with the consent of the Council and each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes. Where there are a number of persons wishing to speak about the same matter, they should consider choosing one spokesperson to speak on their behalf where appropriate. If a member of the public wishes to speak they should advise the committee administrator and complete one of the public participation slips setting out their name and the matter they wish to speak about. The public will be invited to speak in the order determined by the Chairman. Answers to questions may be provided at the meeting itself or a written reply will be sent subsequently, as appropriate. Matters raised during the public question session will not be debated by the Council at that meeting.

5. Chairman's Announcements

Items for Discussion

- **6. Chairman's Engagements** (Page 1)
- 7. Non Domestic (Business) Rate Pooling (Pages 2 27)
- 8. Adoption of Housing Strategy Implementation Plan (Pages 28 108)
- 9. Loan to Drayton Community Venture (Pages 109 110)
- **10.** Report of Executive Decisions (Pages 111 113)
- **11. Audit Committee** (Pages 114 115)
- **12. Scrutiny Committee** (Pages 116 117)
- 13. Motions

There were no Motions submitted by Members.

14. Questions Under Procedure Rule 10

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.

15. Date of Next Meeting (Page 118)

