### **South Somerset District Council**

Notice of Meeting



## **District Executive**

Making a difference where it counts

# **Thursday 3rd December 2015**

9.30 am

# **Council Chamber Council Offices Brympton Way** Yeovil Somerset BA20 2HT

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Members listed on the following page 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 01935 462148, website: www.southsomerset.gov.uk

This Agenda was issued on Wednesday 25 November 2015.

lan Clarke, Assistant Director (Legal & Corporate Services)



## **District Executive Membership**

Ric Pallister
Carol Goodall
Peter Gubbins
Henry Hobhouse
Shane Pledger
Jo Roundell Greene
Sylvia Seal
Peter Seib
Angie Singleton
Nick Weeks

## **Information for the Public**

The District Executive co-ordinates the policy objectives of the Council and gives the Area Committees strategic direction. It carries out all of the local authority's functions which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Council. It delegates some of its responsibilities to Area Committees, officers and individual portfolio holders within limits set by the Council's Constitution. When major decisions are to be discussed or made, these are published in the Executive Forward Plan in so far as they can be anticipated.

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 District Executive are held monthly at 9.30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the Council Offices, Brympton Way.

The Executive Forward Plan and copies of executive reports and decisions are published on the Council's web site - <a href="www.southsomerset.gov.uk">www.southsomerset.gov.uk</a>.

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

The Council's corporate priorities which guide the work and decisions of the Executive are set out below.

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

### **South Somerset District Council - Corporate Aims**

Our key aims are: (all equal)

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

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## **Agenda**

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the District Executive meeting held on 5th November 2015.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

### 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. Funding for Citizens Advice South Somerset 2016/17 (Pages 5 14)
- 7. Quarterly Performance and Complaints Monitoring Report 2nd Quarter 2015/16 (Pages 15 23)
- 8. Heart of the South West Formal Devolution Bid

The Heart of the South West formal devolution bid is due to be discussed at a meeting in Cullompton on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Therefore, this report will be circulated under separate cover on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November to include the latest information from that meeting.

- 9. Report of the Licensing Task and Finish Group (Pages 24 38)
- 10. Yeovil Innovation Centre Business Plan and Update Report (Pages 39 60)
- 11. Notification of an Urgent Executive Decision: The transfer of two sections of SSDC land needed to conclude the Horsey Roundabout improvements, Yeovil by 30 November 2015 (Pages 61 65)
- **12. District Executive Forward Plan** (Pages 66 70)
- **13.** Date of Next Meeting (Page 71)