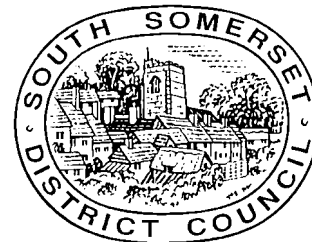


# South Somerset District Council

*Notice of Meeting*



## District Executive

*Making a difference where it counts*

### Thursday 2nd March 2017

### 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 contact the Democratic Services Manager on 01935 462148 or [democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk)

This Agenda was issued on Wednesday 22 February 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Clarke'.

**Ian Clarke**, Assistant Director (Legal & Corporate Services)

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# District Executive Membership

Ric Pallister  
Clare Aparicio Paul  
Carol Goodall  
Peter Gubbins  
Henry Hobhouse  
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 - [www.southsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk).

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.

Questions, statements or comments from members of the public are welcome at the beginning of each meeting of the Council. 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. Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes. 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 Committee at that meeting.

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

# District Executive

**Thursday 2 March 2017**

## Agenda

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the District Executive meeting held on 1 February 2017.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

### 3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Council's current Code of Conduct (as amended 26 February 2015), 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.

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. 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.

### 4. Public Question Time

### 5. Chairman's Announcements

#### Items for Discussion

### 6. District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants 2017/18 (Pages 4 - 50)

### 7. Council Tax Penalties & Civil Penalties in Housing Benefit (Pages 51 - 57)

### 8. Proposed Changes to Business Rates Relief Policy (Pages 58 - 72)

### 9. Review of Discretionary Housing Payments Policy (Pages 73 - 113)

### 10. Quarterly Corporate Performance and Complaints Monitoring Report - 3rd Quarter 2016/17 (Pages 114 - 123)

### 11. District Executive Forward Plan (Pages 124 - 128)

### 12. Date of Next Meeting (Page 129)