

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **South Somerset District Council** held on **Thursday 19 May 2016** in the Council Chamber.

(7.30 pm - 9.55 pm)

Present:

Members: Councillor Mike Best (Chairman)
Councillor Tony Capozzoli (Vice-Chairman)

Clare Aparicio Paul	Kaysar Hussain	Crispin Raikes
Jason Baker	Tim Inglefield	Wes Read
Cathy Bakewell	Val Keitch	Jo Roundell Greene
Marcus Barrett	Andy Kendall	Dean Ruddle
Mike Beech	Jenny Kenton	Sylvia Seal
Neil Bloomfield	Mike Lewis	Peter Seib
Amanda Broom	Sarah Lindsay	Garry Shortland
Dave Bulmer	Mike Lock	Angie Singleton
John Clark	Tony Lock	Sue Steele
Nick Colbert	Paul Maxwell	Rob Stickland
Gye Dibben	Sam McAllister	Andrew Turpin
Sarah Dyke-Bracher	David Norris	Linda Vijeh
John Field	Graham Oakes	Martin Wale
Nigel Gage	Sue Osborne	Nick Weeks
Carol Goodall	Tiffany Osborne	Colin Winder
Anna Groskop	Stephen Page	Derek Yeomans
Peter Gubbins	Ric Pallister	
Henry Hobhouse	Shane Pledger	

Officers

Rina Singh	Interim Chief Executive
Ian Clarke	Assistant Director (Legal and Corporate Services)
Donna Parham	Assistant Director (Finance & Corporate Services)
Martin Woods	Assistant Director (Economy)
Paul Wheatley	Principal Spatial Planner
Angela Cox	Democratic Services Manager

1. Election of Chairman (Agenda Item 1)

Councillor Peter Gubbins, seconded by Councillor Tony Lock, nominated Councillor Mike Best as Chairman of the Council.

There being no other nominations it was:

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mike Best be elected as Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2016/2017.

Following his appointment Councillor Best read and signed the formal declaration of acceptance of office, and thanked Members for their support.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman (Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Dean Ruddle, seconded by Councillor Jo Roundell Greene, nominated Councillor Tony Capozzoli as Vice Chairman of the Council.

There being no other nominations it was:

RESOLVED: that Councillor Tony Capozzoli be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2016/2017.

Following his appointment Councillor Capozzoli read and signed the formal declaration of acceptance of office.

3. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 3)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam Dance, Graham Middleton, David Recardo, Gina Seaton, Alan Smith, William Wallace and Vega Sturgess (Strategic Director).

4. Minutes (Agenda Item 4)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st April 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st April 2016 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 5)

Councillors Dean Ruddle, Linda Vijeh, Anna Groskop, Tony Lock, Mike Lewis and Derek Yeomans declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11: Superfast Broadband Extension Programme, as members of Somerset County Council who were also part of the programme.

6. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 6)

Mr Tony Cavalier, Vice Chairman of Mudford Parish Council, read out a letter which had been sent on behalf of the Parish Council to the Legal Manager of SSDC regarding the Councils adoption of Community Infrastructure Levy (Agenda Item 10). He said they contended that the appraisal summary which was published after the public consultation period had closed constituted an additional piece of evidence which the public had not had the opportunity to comment on. He asked that Councillors defer their decision on the Community Infrastructure Levy and re-run the public consultation, or, support the Parish Council's request to speak at the Examination.

Councillor Angie Singleton, Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning (Place Making) responded that the supporting evidence was prepared in response to questions raised during the public consultation. She said it was a normal part of the process and it had not resulted in a material change to the charging schedule. Mudford Parish Council had not specifically requested to be heard at the Examination hearing but they could take this up with the appointed Examiner at the time.

Mrs L Whitsun-Jones, a resident of East Coker, spoke regarding Agenda item 10, Community Infrastructure Levy – Draft Charging Schedule. Said she had raised concerns at the District Executive meeting the previous week and she referred to several parts of the report relating to the proposed zero rating of the two Yeovil sustainable urban extensions. She asked why the Yeovil urban extension typology was not used by the council for a more accurate test of viability before the public consultation period. She further asked why the same amount of infrastructure was required for 800 dwellings as had had previously proposed for 1,600 dwellings. She also asked for the location of the Yeovil sustainable transport interchange mentioned in the draft Regulation 123 list. She said if the Keyford site was zero rated then there would be no benefit to East Coker Parish Council when CIL levy receipts could provide the parish with funds to maintain a community facility.

Councillor Angie Singleton, Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning (Place Making), said the Council would provide a written response to her questions.

7. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 7)

Councillor Stephen Page expressed his regret at the recent and unexpected death of David Rendell who had been the prospective parliamentary candidate for the Liberal Democrats in the Somerton and Frome Constituency at the 2015 General Election. He said that he had given 110% effort during the election campaign and his death was a great loss.

8. Chairman's Engagements (Agenda Item 8)

The list of Chairman's Engagements was noted.

9. Appointment of Member Level Bodies 2016/17 (Agenda Item 9)

The Chairman asked for Members to consider each recommendation individually and it was resolved that:-

Recommendation (1) – to note the appointment of Leader of the Council

RESOLVED: that Council noted that it appointed Councillor Ric Pallister as Leader of the Council for a period of four years, starting on the day of his election (May 2015) and ending on the day of the post 4-year Council election annual meeting (May 2019).

Recommendation (2) – to note the appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council

RESOLVED: that Council noted that it appointed Councillor Jo Roundell Greene as Deputy Leader of the Council to hold office (subject to Article 7.03) until the end of the term of office of the Leader (May 2019).

Recommendation (3) - Appointment of Membership and establishment of District Executive Committee

RESOLVED: that the Leader appointed the following Members and Portfolio responsibilities for 2016/17;

Ric Pallister	Lib Dem	Leader: Strategy and Policy (including Strategic Housing, Local Strategic Partnership, Human Resources, Efficiencies, Performance, Customer Access, Private Sector Housing and oversight of Civil Contingencies).
Jo Roundell Greene	Lib Dem	Deputy Leader and Vice-Chairman of the Executive: Environment and Economic Development (including, Economic Development, Regeneration, Streetscene, Waste and Recycling, Tourism, Equalities and Diversity)
Sylvia Seal	Lib Dem	Leisure and Culture (including Sport, Arts, Countryside, Health and Well-Being, Third Sector, Operational Housing and Welfare).
Angie Singleton	Lib Dem	Strategic Planning (Place Making) , (including Development Management, Spatial Planning, Area Development, Market Town Investment Group, Waste and Recycling)
Henry Hobhouse	Lib Dem	Property and Climate Change (including Strategic Transport, Property and Engineering, ICT and GIS, Carbon Management)
Peter Seib	Lib Dem	Finance and Legal Services , (including Strategic Car Parking, Income, Revenues and Benefits, Strategic Asset Management, South West Audit Partnership and Procurement)
Carol Goodall	Lib Dem	Area West Chair + Environmental Health, Health and Safety, Democratic Services and Member Services.
Peter Gubbins	Lib Dem	Area South Chair + Yeovil Vision, Community Safety, Licensing, Crematorium.

Clare Aparicio Paul	Cons	Area North Chair + Building Control, Listed Buildings.
Nick Weeks	Cons	Area East Chair + Civil Contingencies, Heritage.

Recommendation (4) – Re-establishment of member level bodies for 2016/17

RESOLVED: that the following member-level bodies be re-established for 2016/17:

- 4 Area Committees (geographical representation)
 - Scrutiny Committee (14 members)
 - Audit Committee (10 members)
 - Regulation Committee (14 members)
 - Licensing Committee (15 members)
 - Appointments Committee (8 members)
 - Standards Committee (6 District Council members plus 5 co-optees)
- (Voting: unanimous in favour)*

Recommendation (5) - Appoint Members to Member-Level Bodies

RESOLVED: that the memberships of the bodies established as in recommendation (4) be approved as follows for 2016/17 having regard to the principles of political balance as set out in the report and giving effect to the wishes of the party political groups:

Area North Committee 13 members (exempt from political balance)

Adam Dance	Lib Dem	
Stephen Page	Lib Dem	
Crispin Raikes	Lib Dem	
Jo Roundell Greene	Lib Dem	
Sylvia Seal	Lib Dem	
Clare Aparicio Paul	Conservative	Chairman
Neil Bloomfield	Conservative	
Graham Middleton	Conservative	
Tiffany Osborne	Conservative	
Shane Pledger	Conservative	Vice Chairman
Dean Ruddle	Independent	
	Conservative	
Sue Steele	Conservative	
Derek Yeomans	Conservative	

Area South Committee 19 members (exempt from political balance)

Cathy Bakewell	Lib Dem	
John Clark	Lib Dem	
Peter Gubbins	Lib Dem	Chairman
Kaysar Hussain	Lib Dem	
Andy Kendall	Lib Dem	
Mike Lock	Lib Dem	

Tony Lock	Lib Dem	
Graham Oakes	Lib Dem	
Wes Read	Lib Dem	
David Recardo	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
Peter Seib	Lib Dem	
Alan Smith	Lib Dem	
Rob Stickland	Lib Dem	
Gye Dibben	Conservative	
John Field	Conservative	
Nigel Gage	Conservative	
Sarah Lindsay	Conservative	
Sam McAllister	Conservative	
Gina Seaton	Conservative	

Area East Committee 12 members (exempt from political balance)

Sarah Dyke Bracher	Lib Dem	
Henry Hobhouse	Lib Dem	
Tony Capozzoli	Independent	
Mike Beech	Conservative	
Nick Colbert	Conservative	
Anna Groskop	Conservative	
Tim Inglefield	Conservative	
Michael Lewis	Conservative	Vice Chairman
David Norris	Conservative	
William Wallace	Conservative	
Nick Weeks	Conservative	Chairman
Colin Winder	Conservative	

Area West Committee 16 members (exempt from political balance)

Jason Baker	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
Mike Best	Lib Dem	
Amanda Broom	Lib Dem	
Carol Goodall	Lib Dem	Chairman
Val Keitch	Lib Dem	
Jenny Kenton	Lib Dem	
Paul Maxwell	Lib Dem	
Ric Pallister	Lib Dem	
Garry Shortland	Lib Dem	
Angie Singleton	Lib Dem	
Dave Bulmer	Independent	
Andrew Turpin	Independent	
Marcus Barrett	Conservative	
Sue Osborne	Conservative	
Linda Vijeh	Conservative	
Martin Wale	Conservative	

Scrutiny Committee	14 members (political balance)		
2 Vice-Chairmen LD7, C6, I1	Jason Baker	Lib Dem	
	Amanda Broom	Lib Dem	
	John Clark	Lib Dem	Vice-Chairman
	Val Keitch	Lib Dem	
	Tony Lock	Lib Dem	
	Garry Shortland	Lib Dem	
	Rob Stickland	Lib Dem	
	Dave Bulmer	Independent	Vice-Chairman
	Mike Beech	Conservative	
	Sue Osborne	Conservative	
	Tiffany Osborne	Conservative	
	Sue Steele	Conservative	Chairman
	Martin Wale	Conservative	
	Vacancy	Conservative	

Audit Committee	10 members (political balance)		
(10 members,) LD5, C5	Jason Baker	Lib Dem	
	Mike Best	Lib Dem	
	Val Keitch	Lib Dem	
	Carol Goodall	Lib Dem	
	Tony Lock	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
	Mike Beech	Conservative	
	Graham Middleton	Conservative	
	David Norris	Conservative	
	Colin Winder	Conservative	
	Derek Yeomans	Conservative	Chairman

Regulation Committee	14 members (political balance)		
LD7, C6, I1	Mike Best (W)	Lib Dem	
	Sarah Dyke Bracher (E)	Lib Dem	
	Peter Gubbins (S)	Lib Dem	Chairman
	Graham Oakes(S)	Lib Dem	
	David Recardo(S)	Lib Dem	
	Sylvia Seal (N)	Lib Dem	
	Angie Singleton (W)	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
	Tony Capozzoli (E)	Independent	
	Sue Osborne (W)	Conservative	
	Shane Pledger (N)	Conservative	
	Clare Aparicio Paul (N)	Conservative	
	David Norris (E)	Conservative	
	Gina Seaton (S)	Conservative	
	Nick Weeks (E)	Conservative	

Licensing Committee 15 members (exempt from political balance)

Jason Baker	Lib Dem	
Val Keitch	Lib Dem	
Tony Lock	Lib Dem	
Crispin Raikes	Lib Dem	
Wes Read	Lib Dem	
David Recardo	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
Garry Shortland	Lib Dem	
Alan Smith	Lib Dem	
Dave Bulmer	Independent	
Neil Bloomfield	Conservative	
David Norris	Conservative	
Clare Aparicio Paul	Conservative	
Linda Vijeh	Conservative	
Martin Wale	Conservative	Chairman
Gye Dibben	Conservative	

Appointments Committee 8 members (political balance)

LD4, C3, I1	Ric Pallister	Lib Dem	Chairman
	Jo Roundell Greene	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
	Sylvia Seal	Lib Dem	
	Angie Singleton	Lib Dem	
	Andrew Turpin	Independent	
	Mike Beech	Conservative	
	Tim Inglefield	Conservative	
	Mike Lewis	Conservative	

Standards Committee 6 members (political balance)

(6 members,) LD3, C3	Val Keitch	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
	Paul Maxwell	Lib Dem	
	Angie Singleton	Lib Dem	
	Gye Dibben	Conservative	
	Neil Bloomfield	Conservative	
	Anna Groskop	Conservative	Chairman

Plus 3 parish representatives and 2 independent representatives:

Godfrey Townrow	Parish Rep
Elizabeth Glaisher	Parish Rep
Vacancy	Parish Rep
Christopher Borland	Independent
Peter Forrester	Independent

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

Recommendation (6) – to appoint the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Member-Level Bodies

RESOLVED: that the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the bodies listed under recommendations (5) above be approved for 2016/17 as shown in that resolution.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

Recommendation (7) - Terms of Reference of Member-Level Bodies

RESOLVED: that the bodies appointed under recommendation (4) above will operate in accordance with their existing terms of reference (as attached at Appendix A to the report) and the scheme of delegation set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

Recommendation (8) - Appointment to Council Wide Panels and Partnerships

RESOLVED: that the following appointments be made to Council wide panels and partnerships:

Panel or Partnership	Councillors appointed	Party
Appeals Panel (political balance) LD4, C3, I1	Jason Baker Peter Gubbins Val Keitch Peter Seib Tony Capozzoli David Norris Shane Pledger Linda Vijeh	Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Ind Cons Cons Cons
Transformation Board	Angie Singleton Ric Pallister Peter Seib John Clark Sarah Dyke-Bracher Tim Inglefield Sue Steele Andrew Turpin	Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Cons Cons Ind
Regeneration Board	Ric Pallister Jo Roundell Greene Angie Singleton Carol Goodall Peter Gubbins Shane Pledger Nick Weeks	Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Cons Cons
Strategic Alliance with Sedgemoor	Ric Pallister Jo Roundell Greene Dave Bulmer Mike Beech	Lib Dem Lib Dem Ind Cons

Income Generation Board	Henry Hobhouse Carol Goodall Val Keitch Crispin Raikes Dave Bulmer Dean Ruddle Clare Aparicio Paul Mike Beech Shane Pledger Reserve: Jason Baker	Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Lib Dem Ind Ind Cons Cons Cons Cons
Local Strategic Partnership	Ric Pallister (Plus Area Chairmen are automatically members of the LSP)	Lib Dem
South West Internal Audit Partnership Ltd	Tim Inglefield	Cons
Housing and Exceptions Appeals Panel	Jo Roundell Greene Sylvia Seal	Lib Dem Lib Dem
Police and Crime Panel	Martin Wale	Cons
Somerset Waste Board	Jo Roundell Greene Angie Singleton	Lib Dem Lib Dem
PATROL Joint Committee (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London)	Tony Lock	Lib Dem
Somerset Growth Board	Jo Roundell Greene	Lib Dem

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

Recommendation (9) - Appointment to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED: it was agreed to appoint members to the Council wide outside bodies as listed below and note that all other appointments to outside bodies would be made by the Area Committees for area specific issues.

Organisation	Councillor appointed for 2016/17
Board of Governors for Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	David Recardo
Board of Governors for Musgrove Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Sue Steele
District Councils Network Executive	Ric Pallister
South West Provincial Employers	Colin Winder
South West Councils	Sylvia Seal

Somerset Rivers Authority	Ric Pallister Jo Roundell Greene (Sub)
Parrett Drainage Board	Nick Weeks Mike Lewis Jo Roundell Greene
Somerset Water Management Partnership	Nick Weeks
Health & Well-Being Board	Sylvia Seal
Somerset Building Preservation Trust	Shane Pledger
Access for All	Sarah Dyke-Bracher
Armed Forces Community Covenant	Carol Goodall

(Voting for Board of Governors for Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust: 29 in favour of David Recardo, 22 in favour of John Field, 3 abstentions)

(Voting for Armed Forces Community Covenant: 28 in favour of Carol Goodall, 25 in favour of David Norris, 1 abstention)

Recommendation (10) - Members' Allowances Panel

RESOLVED: to NOTE that the membership of the Council's independent Members' Remuneration Panel.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

Recommendation (11) – Continuation of Council Procedure Rule 40 (B)

RESOLVED: to AGREE the continuation of Council Procedure Rule 40 (B) – appointment of substitute members at meetings of Committees.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

Recommendation (12) - Meetings Timetable

RESOLVED: that the Council's annual meetings timetable be confirmed as attached at Appendix B.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

10. Community Infrastructure Levy - Draft Charging Schedule (Agenda Item 10)

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning (Place Making) advised that there had been 34 responses made during the public consultation period and 6 of those had indicated that they wished to comment at the Examination. She said there were two main modifications proposed and the next stage was to put the proposals to an independent examiner.

The Spatial Planning Manager said that the independent examiner would focus on the charging schedule but they would also look at the draft Regulation 123 list which were infrastructure projects it was envisaged that CIL money would be spent on. He

cautioned against adding further infrastructure projects to the Regulation 123 list without good evidence as it would immediately preclude that project from any further Section 106 funding.

In response to questions, the Spatial Planning Manager advised:-

- That a recent legal ruling made it clear the Government wished Councils to step away from seeking affordable housing contributions from small development sites and so paragraphs 7.7 and 7.8 of the Draft Charging Schedule should be removed.
- They were required to look at a range of typologies and viability assessments before proposing any site should be zero rated, as to impose a levy would make them unviable.
- The £50,000 cap of CIL funds to Town and Parish Councils was set in the regulations and it was an annual cap to ensure that large sums were not being paid to small councils.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Members agreed to remove the references in paragraphs 7.7 and 7.8 of the Draft Charging Schedule relating to affordable housing contributions and with this amendment, the majority of Members were content to confirm the amended recommendations.

RESOLVED: That Council:

- i. agreed the Modifications made to the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule, with the removal of paras 7.7 & 7.8 of the Draft Charging Schedule;
- ii. agreed that the Modifications to the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule be published for public consultation;
- iii. agreed the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule Submission version and all accompanying evidence be submitted to the independent examiner; and
- iv. agreed to delegate responsibility to the Assistant Director for Economy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning to make all necessary arrangements so that the Council can carry out and complete the Examination in to the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule.

(Voting: 50 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions)

11. Superfast Broadband Extension Programme - Decision on SSDC funding contributions (Agenda Item 11)

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economic Development reminded Members that improving Broadband was a priority within the Council Plan. Although SSDC had committed £640,000 in principle, this was subject to conditions and at the current time there was no assurance of the areas where the improved Broadband speed would be.

The Economic Development Officer of Somerset County Council advised that the other District Councils within Somerset had committed to the scheme and the programme

would proceed regardless of whether SSDC chose to invest or not. The £640,000 investment by SSDC would be invested solely in the SSDC area and would provide coverage over and above that which would be provided by the overall scheme. She said it would not be possible to introduce SSDC money at a later stage into this procurement, due to the risk this would present for the procurement process. She provided Members with a short power point presentation on the progress of the Superfast Broadband programme.

In response to questions from Members, the Economic Development Officer advised:-

- By putting the whole area into bidding lots, it was hoped each area would be attractive to Broadband providers.
- The LEP funding was intended to improve Broadband for business.
- Part of the tender process was to ensure communities were not isolated by having no or low Broadband speed.
- Devon Procurement would be overseeing the procurement process and they would weigh all the bids against the criteria to ascertain which bidders were above the baseline.
- A mix of Broadband technologies could be selected.
- The programme was to provide Broadband speeds of 24MB and above.
- There could be technical and engineering challenges to providing Broadband to remote rural areas.

During discussion, some Members felt that their communities needed Superfast Broadband and the scheme should be supported whilst others expressed concern that there was no guarantee where cover would be improved, particularly in business parks across the district. The Leader of Council proposed that in view of the uncertainty around where the additional coverage would be provided, together with references made in the Queen's speech to Parliament earlier that week, and, the report of £258m BT profit that was being returned to the programme, that SSDC should not commit their funding at the current time. This proposal was seconded and on being put to the vote, was carried (voting: 39 in favour, 13 against, 2 abstentions).

RESOLVED: That Council:

1. considered the report and, given the current uncertainty surrounding the Superfast Broadband programme occasioned by the Queen's speech announcement and the report of £258m BT profit that is being returned to the programme, this Council resolved to retain the £640,000 provisional allocation to Connecting Devon and Somerset made in June 2015, until there was greater clarification on how and where that money would be utilised for the benefit of South Somerset residents or businesses.

Reason: To retain the provisional allocation of funding to the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) Superfast (broadband) Extension Programme (SEP) until there is greater clarification on how and where that money would be utilised for the benefit of South Somerset residents or businesses.

(Voting: 39 in favour, 13 against, 2 abstentions)

12. Establishment of a Strategic Alliance between South Somerset and Sedgemoor District Councils (Agenda Item 12)

The Leader of Council advised that there had been a number of officer and Member meeting during the previous months and a joint HR recruitment policy had been agreed. He said where there were income generation opportunities it may be sensible to do some together and some separately. They were looking a housing development and joint procurement opportunities but SSDC would not exclusively work with Sedgemoor on such projects.

During a short discussion, Members agreed that it was worthwhile to pursue the strategic alliance and it was noted that any joint developments would first be considered by either the Regeneration or Income Generation Boards.

At the conclusion of the debate, the majority of Members were content to confirm the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED: That Council agreed to:

1. note the progress made by the South Somerset Working Group in creating a Strategic Alliance with Sedgemoor District Council;
2. note the agreed joint protocol for recruitment by both authorities;
3. approve the work streams as outlined in sections 3.2 and 3.3 of the report;
4. approve the high level route map attached in Appendix 1.

Reason: To agree the work streams and ways of joint working to be explored as part of the Strategic Alliance with Sedgemoor District Council.

(Voting: 50 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)

13. Report of Executive Decisions (Agenda Item 13)

The report of Executive Decisions was noted.

14. Audit Committee (Agenda Item 14)

Councillor Tony Lock, Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee, introduced the report and asked if Members had any questions. There were no questions and the report of the Audit Committee was noted.

15. Scrutiny Committee (Agenda Item 15)

Councillor Sue Steele, Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, expressed her concern that a number of significant reports were being presented to Council with no opportunity for prior consideration by Scrutiny Committee. She also noted that Councillor Cathy

Bakewell had agreed to Chair the Discretionary Housing Payments Task and Finish Group and she called for more volunteers to help with this work.

The Leader of Council said there were occasions when urgent reports were presented to Council but he would be happy if there was an opportunity for Scrutiny Committee to consider them beforehand

The report of the Scrutiny Committee was noted.

16. Motions (Agenda Item 16)

No Motions had been submitted by Members.

17. Questions Under Procedure Rule 10 (Agenda Item 17)

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.

18. Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 18)

Members noted that the next meeting of the Full Council would take place on **Thursday, 21st July 2016** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date