**South Somerset District Council** Notice of Meeting



# South Somerset District Council

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## Thursday 21st September 2017

7.30 pm

Council Chamber Council Offices Brympton Way Yeovil, BA20 2HT

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All members of Council are requested to attend this meeting.

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

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Ian Clarke, Director (Support Services)

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### **South Somerset District Council Membership**

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## **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 Constitution (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.

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

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

South Somerset will be a confident, resilient and flexible organisation, protecting and improving core services, delivering public priorities and acting in the best long-term interests of the district. We will:

- Protect core services to the public by reducing costs and seeking income generation.
- Increase the focus on Jobs and Economic Development.
- Protect and enhance the quality of our environment.
- Enable housing to meet all needs.
- Improve health and reduce health inequalities.

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## Agenda

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

#### 2. Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

#### 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. Chairman's Engagements (Page 6)
- 7. Business Rates Relief New Local Discretionary Relief Scheme (Pages 7 17)
- 8. Section 151 Officer Arrangements (Pages 18 19)
- 9. Appointment of temporary Councillors to Langport Town Council (Pages 20 21)
- **10. Report of Executive Decisions** (Pages 22 23)
- 11. Audit Committee

There was no meeting of the Audit Committee during August 2017.

12. Scrutiny Committee (Pages 24 - 26)

#### 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 27)