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Special Scrutiny Committee

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Tuesday 18th April 2017

10.00 am

Council Chamber, Council Offices Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT

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The following members are requested to attend this meeting.

Chairman: Sue Steele

Vice-chairmen: Dave Bulmer and John Clark

Jason BakerDavid NorrisLinda VijehAmanda BroomSue OsborneMartin WaleVal KeitchGarry ShortlandVacancy

Tony Lock Rob Stickland

If you would like any further information on the items to be discussed, please contact the Democratic Services Officer on 01935 462596 or democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk

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lan Clarke, Assistant Director (Legal & Corporate Services)

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Information for the Public

What is Scrutiny?

The Local Government Act 2000 requires all councils in England and Wales to introduce new political structures which provide a clear role for the Council, the Executive and non-executive councillors.

One of the key roles for non-executive councillors is to undertake an overview and scrutiny role for the council. In this Council the overview and scrutiny role involves reviewing and developing, scrutinising organisations external to the council and holding the executive to account

Scrutiny also has an important role to play in organisational performance management.

The Scrutiny Committee is made up of 14 non-executive members and meets monthly to consider items where executive decisions need to be reviewed before or after their implementation, and to commission reviews of policy or other public interest.

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- attend meetings of the Scrutiny Committee except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
- speak at Scrutiny Committee meetings (limited to up to 3 minutes per person and at the Chairman's discretion usually no more than a total of 15 minutes is allocated for public speaking); and
- · see agenda reports.

Meetings of the Scrutiny Committee are held monthly on the Tuesday prior to meetings of the District Executive at 10.00am in the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

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Agenda

Preliminary Items

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. 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.

- 3. Public question time
- 4. Chairman's Announcements

Items for Discussion

- 5. Reports to be considered by District Executive on 18 April 2017 (Page 4)
- **6.** Date of next meeting (Page 5)

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Reports to be considered by District Executive on 18 April 2017

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Scrutiny Committee members will receive a copy of the District Executive agenda containing the reports to be considered at the meeting on 18 April 2017.

Members are asked to read the reports and bring any concerns/issues from the reports to be discussed at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 18 April 2017.

The Chairman will take forward any views raised by Scrutiny members to the District Executive meeting on 18 April 2017.

Please note:

The Press and Public will be excluded from the meeting when a report or appendix on the District Executive agenda has been classed as confidential, Scrutiny Committee will consider this in Closed Session by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A under paragraph 3 (or for any other reason as stated in the District Executive agenda):

"Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)."

It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption from the Access to Information Rules outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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Date of next meeting

Members are requested to note that the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee will be held on Tuesday 9 May 2017 (a week later than normal due to the elections) at 10.00am in Council Chamber A, Brympton Way, Yeovil.