

Special Meeting of South Somerset District Council

Thursday 10th September 2020

6.00 pm

A virtual meeting using Zoom meeting software

All members of Council are requested to attend this meeting.

Any members of the public wishing to address the virtual meeting at Public Question Time need to email <u>democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk</u> by 9.00am on Wednesday 9th September 2020.

The meeting will be viewable online by selecting the meeting at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDst3IHGj9WoGnwJGF_soA

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact <u>democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk</u>

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Alex Parmley, Chief Executive Officer

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South Somerset District Council Membership

Chairman: Vice-chairman: Paul Maxwell Jenny Kenton

Jason Baker Robin Bastable Mike Best Neil Bloomfield Dave Bulmer Havward Burt Tony Capozzoli Martin Carnell Malcolm Cavill John Clark Nicola Clark Louise Clarke Nick Colbert Adam Dance Sarah Dyke Karl Gill David Gubbins Peter Gubbins Brian Hamilton Mike Hewitson

Henry Hobhouse Ben Hodgson Charlie Hull Kavsar Hussain Val Keitch Andv Kendall Tim Kerley Mike Lewis Mike Lock Pauline Lock Tony Lock Kevin Messenger Graham Oakes Tricia O'Brien Sue Osborne Tiffany Osborne Robin Pailthorpe Oliver Patrick Clare Paul Crispin Raikes

Wes Read David Recardo Paul Rowsell Dean Ruddle Gina Seaton Peter Seib Garry Shortland Alan Smith Jeny Snell Andy Soughton Mike Stanton Rob Stickland Lucy Trimnell Gerard Tucker Linda Vijeh Martin Wale William Wallace Colin Winder

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 (unless advised otherwise). However during the coronavirus pandemic these meetings will be held remotely via Zoom video-conferencing. For more details on the regulations regarding remote/virtual meetings please see the Local Authorities and Police and Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 as part of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

The agenda, minutes and the timetable for council meetings are published on the Council's website – <u>http://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1</u>

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Public participation at meetings (held via Zoom)

Public question time

We recognise that these are challenging times but we still value the public's contribution to our virtual meetings. If you would like to participate and contribute in the meeting, please join on-line through Zoom at: <u>https://zoom.us/join</u> You will need an internet connection to do this.

If you would like to view the meeting without participating, please see: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDst3IHGj9WoGnwJGF_soA

The period allowed for participation in Public Question Time shall not exceed 15 minutes except with the consent of the Chairman and members of the Committee. Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes.

If you would like to address the meeting at Public Question Time, please email <u>democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk</u> by 9.00am on Wednesday 9th September 2020. When you have registered, an officer will provide the details to join the meeting. The Chairman will invite you to speak at the appropriate time during the virtual meeting.

Virtual meeting etiquette:

- Consider joining the meeting early to ensure your technology is working correctly.
- Please note that we will mute all public attendees to minimise background noise. If you have registered to speak during the virtual meeting, the Chairman will un-mute your microphone at the appropriate time.
- Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes.
- When speaking, keep your points clear and concise.
- Please speak clearly the Councillors are interested in your comments.

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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.

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.

3. Public Question Time

4. Chairman's Announcements

Items for Discussion

- 5. Stronger Somerset Business Case (Pages 5 123)
- 6. Motions
- 7. Questions Under Procedure Rule 10

8. Date of Next Meeting

Members are asked to note that the next scheduled meeting of the Full Council will take place on **Thursday**, **15th October 2020** as a virtual meeting using Zoom meeting software **commencing at 6.00 p.m.**