

**South Somerset District Council**

*Notice of Meeting*



# Scrutiny Committee

*Making a difference where it counts*

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**9.30 am**

**The Main Committee Room  
Council Offices  
Brympton Way  
Yeovil  
Somerset**

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The public and press are welcome to attend.

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# Scrutiny Committee Membership

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Peter Gubbins

John Hann  
Hannah Lefevre  
Pat Martin  
Derek Nelson

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Jean Smith

## 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.

Members of the public are able to:

- attend meetings of the Scrutiny Committee except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
- speak at Scrutiny Committee meetings; and
- see reports and background papers, and any record of decisions made by the Council and the executive.

Meetings of the Scrutiny Committee are held monthly at 9.30am on the second Tuesday of the month in the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

Agendas and minutes of these meetings are published on the Council's website [www.southsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk).

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

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## South Somerset District Council – Corporate Aims

**Our key aims are:** (all equal)

- To deliver well managed cost effective services valued by our customers
- To increase economic vitality and prosperity
- To improve the health and well-being of our citizens
- To ensure safe, sustainable and cohesive communities
- To promote a balanced natural and built environment

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# Scrutiny Committee

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## Agenda

### *Preliminary Items*

1. **To approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Public Question Time**
5. **Issues arising from previous meetings**

This is an opportunity for Members to question the progress on issues arising from previous meetings. However, this does not allow for the re-opening of a debate on any item not forming part of this agenda.

6. **Chairman's Announcements**
7. **Progress Reports on Scrutiny Commissions**

The Scrutiny Manager and the Chairmen of the Commissions currently being undertaken to report on their progress.

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### *Items for Discussion*

8. **Yeovil Vision Progress Report**
9. **Review of the Development Control \*\* System - Referral of Applications to Regulation Committee**
10. **Area Based Decision Making**
11. **Medium Term Financial Plan**
12. **Procurement activity update report (For information only)**
13. **Scrutiny Work Programme**
14. **Executive Forward Plan**
15. **Date of Next Meeting**