South Somerset District Council

Notice of Meeting

Scrutiny Committee



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Tuesday 31st August 2010

10.00 am

Main Committee Room Council Offices Brympton Way Yeovil Somerset BA20 2HT

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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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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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South Somerset District Council - Corporate Aims

Our key aims are: (all equal)

- To increase economic vitality and prosperity
- Enhance the environment, address and adapt to climate change
- To improve the housing, health and well-being of our citizens
- To ensure safe, sustainable and cohesive communities
- To deliver well managed cost effective services valued by our customers

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Preliminary Items

- 1. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 3 rd August 2010
- 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. Verbal Update on Task and Finish Reviews

A brief verbal update by the Task and Finish Review Chairs on progress made.

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