South Somerset District Council

Notice of Meeting



# **Scrutiny Committee**

Making a difference where it counts

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

## 10.00 am

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

The public and press are welcome to attend.

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If you would like any further information on the items to be discussed, please ring the Agenda Co-ordinator, **Jo Morris** on Yeovil (01935) 462462 email: jo.morris@southsomerset.gov.uk, website: <u>www.southsomerset.gov.uk</u>

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### **Scrutiny Committee Membership**

Chairman Vice Chairman Sue Steele David Bulmer Carol Goodall

John Calvert John Vincent Chainey Geoff Clarke Tony Lock Pat Martin Roy Mills John Richardson Keith Ronaldson Angie Singleton Alan Smith Martin Wale

### 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 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.

Agendas and minutes of these meetings are published on the Council's website www.southsomerset.gov.uk.

The Council's Constitution is also on the website and available for inspection in council offices.

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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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### Scrutiny Committee Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011 Agenda

#### Preliminary Items

- 1. To approve as a correct record of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and the special meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011
- 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

#### Items for Discussion

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- 7. Verbal update on reports considered by District Executive on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011
- 8. Reports to be considered by District Executive on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011
- 9. Executive Forward Plan
- 10. Date of Next Meeting