

**South Somerset District Council**

*Notice of Meeting*



# Scrutiny Committee

*Making a difference where it counts*

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012**

**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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The Role of Elected Members  
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Improving Rural Services  
Empowering Communities  
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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)

- **Jobs** – We want a strong community, which has low unemployment and thriving businesses
- **Environment** – We want an attractive environment to live in with increased recycling and lower energy use
- **Homes** – We want decent housing for our residents that matches their income
- **Health and Communities** – We want communities that are healthy, self-reliant, and have individuals who are willing to help each other

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# Scrutiny Committee

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012

### Agenda

#### *Preliminary Items*

1. **To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, which includes all the provisions of the statutory Model Code of Conduct, Members are asked to declare any personal interests (and whether or not such an interest is "prejudicial") in any matter on the agenda for this meeting. A personal interest is defined in paragraph 8 of the Code and a prejudicial interest is defined in paragraph 10.

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**

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