South Somerset District Council Notice of Meeting



Scrutiny Committee

Making a difference where it counts

Tuesday 2nd October 2012

10.00am

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, Becky Sanders on Yeovil (01935) 462462 email: becky.sanders@southsomerset.gov.uk, website: www.southsomerset.gov.uk

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2007-2008 Neighbourhood and Community Champions: The Role of Elected Members 2008-2007 Improving Rural Services Empowering Communities 2005-2006 This information is also available on our website: www.southsomerset.gov.uk



Scrutiny Committee Membership

Chairman Vice Chairman Sue Steele David Bulmer Carol Goodall

Cathy Bakewell Nigel Gage Peter Gubbins Pauline Lock Tony Lock Paul Maxwell Graham Middleton Sue Osborne Wes Read Martin Wale Nick Weeks

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.

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

South Somerset District Council – Council Plan

Our focuses 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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