### South Somerset District Council

Notice of Meeting



## **Scrutiny Committee**

Making a difference where it counts

## **Tuesday 5th April 2016**

10.00 am

# **Main Committee Room Council Offices Brympton Way** Yeovil **BA20 2HT**

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Members listed on the following page are requested to attend the meeting.

The public and press are welcome to attend.

If you would like any further information on the items to be discussed, please ring the Agenda Co-ordinator, Becky Sanders, Democratic Services Officer 01935 462596, website: www.southsomerset.gov.uk

This Agenda was issued on Wednesday 23 March 2016.

lan Clarke, Assistant Director (Legal & Corporate Services)



### **Scrutiny Committee Membership**

The following members are requested to attend the meeting:

Chairman: Sue Steele

**Vice-chairmen:** Dave Bulmer and John Clark

Clare Aparicio PaulTony LockGarry ShortlandJason BakerSue OsborneRob SticklandGye DibbenTiffany OsborneMartin Wale

Val Keitch David Recardo

### 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 economy 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 5 April 2016**

### **Agenda**

### Preliminary Items

### **1. Minutes** (Pages 7 - 11)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 1 March 2016.

### 2. Apologies for absence

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Council's current Code of Conduct (adopted July 2012), which includes all the provisions relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), personal and prejudicial interests, Members are asked to declare any DPI and also any personal interests (and whether or not such personal interests are also "prejudicial") in relation to any matter on the Agenda for this meeting. A DPI is defined in The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 No. 1464) and Appendix 3 of the Council's Code of Conduct. A personal interest is defined in paragraph 2.8 of the Code and a prejudicial interest is defined in paragraph 2.9. In the interests of complete transparency, Members of the County Council, who are not also members of this committee, are encouraged to declare any interests they may have in any matters being discussed even though they may not be under any obligation to do so under any relevant code of conduct.

### 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

- 7. Verbal update on reports considered by District Executive on 3 March 2016 (Page 12)
- 8. Reports to be considered by District Executive on 7 April 2016 (Page 13)
- 9. Verbal update on Task and Finish reviews (Page 14)
- **10.** Update on matters of interest (Page 15)

- 11. Scrutiny Work Programme (Page 16)
- **12. Date of next meeting** (Page 17)