

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **South Somerset District Council** held on **Thursday 19 May 2022** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

(6.30 - 7.45 pm)

Present:

Members: Councillor Paul Maxwell (Chairman)
Councillor Wes Read (Vice-Chairman)

Mike Best	Henry Hobhouse	Crispin Raikes
Ray Buckler	Ben Hodgson	David Recardo
Dave Bulmer	Kaysar Hussain	Peter Seib
Tony Capozzoli	Andy Kendall	Andy Soughton
John Clark	Tim Kerley	Mike Stanton
Nicola Clark	Pauline Lock	Rob Stickland
Adam Dance	Tony Lock	Lucy Trimnell
Sarah Dyke	Kevin Messenger	Gerard Tucker
Karl Gill	Graham Oakes	Martin Wale
Peter Gubbins	Tricia O'Brien	William Wallace
Brian Hamilton	Sue Osborne	Colin Winder
Mike Hewitson	Oliver Patrick	

Also Present:

Error! No document variable supplied. **Error! No document variable supplied.** **Error! No document variable supplied.**

Officers

Jane Portman	Chief Executive
Jan Gamon	Director (Place and Recovery)
Jill Byron	Monitoring Officer
Karen Watling	Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer)
John Hammond	Lead Specialist (Built Environment)
Angela Cox	Specialist (Democratic Services)
Becky Sanders	Case Officer (Strategy & Support Services)

1. Election of Chairman (Agenda Item 1)

The Chief Executive welcomed all Councillors to the Annual Meeting of South Somerset District Council and asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of Council.

Councillor Peter Seib, seconded by Councillor Henry Hobhouse nominated Councillor Paul Maxwell for Chairman of the Council.

There being no other nominations it was therefore:

RESOLVED: that Councillor Paul Maxwell be elected as Chairman of the

Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

The Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors for supporting him and he read out his formal declaration of acceptance of office.

2. Appointment of Vice Chairman (Agenda Item 2)

The Chairman proposed that Councillor Wes Read be appointed as the Vice-Chairman of Council. This was seconded by Councillor Karl Gill and, there being no other nominations, it was:

RESOLVED: that Councillor Wes Read be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

The Vice-Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors for supporting him and he read out his formal declaration of acceptance of office.

3. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 3)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robin Bastable, Neil Bloomfield, Hayward Burt, Malcolm Cavill (dispensation granted), Louise Clarke, Val Keitch, Mike Lewis, Mike Lock, Robin Pailthorpe, Dean Ruddle and Garry Shortland.

4. Minutes (Agenda Item 4)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 17th March were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman said that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Part 4, Council Procedure Rules, paragraph 13.4, four Members of Council would make statements relating to the minutes of the meeting of 28 February 2022 as points of personal explanation.

Councillor Nicola Clark stated that following the meeting of 28 February 2022, it had become apparent that a misunderstanding had occurred. She clarified that her question to opposition members had not been intended to cause improper inference to any particular Councillor, past or present had been dishonest or had operated in bad faith. She apologised to Council if her comments were misconstrued and she said she was pleased to set the record straight.

Councillor Adam Dance said that at the Council meeting of 28 February 2022 he had asked a question regarding past or present opposition members. At no time had he mentioned Linda Piggott-Vijeh and he did not intend to imply any wrongdoing. He apologised for any hurt felt by Linda Piggott-Vijeh as this had not been his intention in asking the question.

Councillor Andy Soughton stated that during the Council meeting of 28 February 2022 he had asked a question regarding the timing of the former Councillor Linda Vjeh's resignation. He apologised to Council and Linda Piggott-Vjeh in respect of the question asked querying the timing of the Motion and at no stage had he meant to indicate any improper action on her part. He apologised for any perceived harm caused by any comments which could have raised any concerns regarding her conduct as a Councillor.

Councillor Peter Seib said he wished to clarify that during his statement to Council on 28 February he did not intend to infer that Linda Piggott-Vjeh, the former Leader of the Conservative Group, had done anything improper in 2013 when she had engaged employees of the Streetscene Department to do work at her French property. He said that it was his view that her actions in 2013 would have also fallen outside of the scope of the adopted 2012 Member Code of Conduct. He regretted any ambiguity in his statement made to Council on 28 February 2022 and he apologised unreservedly to Linda Piggott-Vjeh for any upset or harm that may have arisen from that ambiguity.

5. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 5)

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

6. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 6)

A former District Councillor said that although she welcomed the statements made earlier by four Councillors it was unfortunate that she had to resort to legal action in order to ensure they were made. She felt the statements made at the Council meeting on 28 February had been pre-planned to deflect attention from the key Motion put forward by Councillor Wale regarding the lack of information provided to Members at the time of the appointment of the new Chief Executive. She was concerned at the phrasing of some comments and the lack of truth as some of the dates mentioned did not accord with her records. She also felt that not all Councillors had been given the opportunity to speak during the meeting of 28 February 2022 and some had been allowed an unequal time to speak. She expressed her concern that Councillors made assertions in public to make political points.

A resident of Yeovil said that the Secretary of the Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society (YAOS) was finding it difficult to plan ahead for their next upcoming shows due to the uncertainty regarding the proposed extensive renovation of the Octagon Theatre. He said the stage and backroom facilities offered by the Westlands Complex were insufficient to cope with the requirements of modern professional shows and he asked whether the Octagon Theatre upgrade proposals were going ahead and when? He also asked if there was a limit on the number of people who could use the stage and backroom facilities at any one time?

The Portfolio Holder for Health and Well-Being replied that SSDC had agreed to continue to progress plans for the Octagon theatre redevelopment at its Council meeting in February 2022, although this was subject to Full Council review throughout the course of the year as the designs progress. At present, it was anticipated that the theatre would close in January 2023. The Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society (YAOS) had provisionally booked dates for Westlands Entertainment Venue through 2023 and 2024 with back-up dates also pencilled for the same weeks at the Octagon should there be any significant delays to building works. He said the Council had been proactive in prioritising local amateur groups and societies at both venues to ensure while The Octagon was closed they continue to stage their productions that are so important to our communities. The programme for the project, that encompasses timescales, was being actively managed by the Project Team. He said that he understood the limitations of the Westlands facility but it was an available alternative rather than have shows cancelled for an extended period. He said he would provide a written answer to the number of people allowed backstage at the Westlands Entertainment Complex.

7. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 7)

The Chairman reminded Members that there were a number of on-line training courses to be completed by them all:

- 1) Equality, diversity and Inclusion for councillors
- 2) Health and Safety at work for councillors
- 3) Cyber Security for councillors
- 4) GDPR for Councillors

The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Alan Smith who had passed away the previous month. He said that he had been a long serving member of the authority and had also served on Yeovil Town Council and Crewkerne Town Council and as a school governor. He said he would be remembered as a thoughtful man with a great sense of humour. He asked Members to join him for a minute of silence in memory of Alan.

Members stood for a minute of silence.

The Chairman noted that this would be the last Annual Meeting of South Somerset District Council. He said it had been an honour to serve as Chairman and he thanked all Members and officers for their support. He asked that all did their best in the final Council year to serve the people of South Somerset so they could look back with pride at their achievements and hand business to the new Somerset Council in the proper manner. He also asked that Members continue to treat each other with dignity and respect in the last year of the Council.

8. Chairman's Engagements (Agenda Item 8)

The list of Chairman's engagements were noted.

9. Appointment of Member Level Bodies 2022/23 (Agenda Item 9)

The Deputy Leader of Council introduced the report to appoint the Member level bodies for 2022/23. The recommendations were proposed and agreed by the majority of Members present.

RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed:-

- (1) To note that it appointed the Leader of the Council in May 2019 for a period of four years, starting on the day of her election and ending on the vesting day of the new Somerset Council on 1st April 2023.
- (2) To note that the Leader appointed a Deputy Leader in May 2019 to hold office until the end of the term of office of the Leader.
- (3) The Leader appoint between 1 and 8 further District Executive Members.
- (4) The re-establishment of the following member-level bodies for 2022/2023:

District Executive and Portfolios

Val Keitch	Lib Dem	Leader: Strategy & Housing
Peter Seib	Lib Dem	Deputy Leader: Finance, Legal & Democratic Services
Mike Best	Lib Dem	Health & Well-Being
John Clark	Lib Dem	Economic Development including Commercial Strategy
Sarah Dyke	Lib Dem	Environment
Tony Lock	Lib Dem	Protecting Core Services
Jason Baker	Lib Dem	Area West Chair
Adam Dance	Lib Dem	Area North Chair
Henry Hobhouse*	Lib Dem	Area East Chair

Peter Gubbins Lib Dem **Area South Chair**

*(Councillor Hobhouse has subsequently resigned his portfolio)

Area North Committee 12 members (exempt from political balance)

Louise Clarke	Lib Dem	
Adam Dance	Lib Dem	Chairman
Mike Hewitson	Lib Dem	
Tim Kerley	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
Dean Ruddle	Lib Dem	
Mike Stanton	Lib Dem	
Crispin Raikes	Independent	
Neil Bloomfield	Independent	
Gerard Tucker	Independent	
Malcolm Cavill	Conservative	
Clare Paul	Conservative	
Tiffany Osborne	Conservative	

Area South Committee 19 members (exempt from political balance)

John Clark	Lib Dem	
Nicola Clark	Lib Dem	
Karl Gill	Lib Dem	
David Gubbins	Lib Dem	
Peter Gubbins	Lib Dem	Chairman
Kaysar Hussain	Lib Dem	
Andy Kendall	Lib Dem	
Pauline Lock	Lib Dem	
Tony Lock	Lib Dem	
Graham Oakes	Lib Dem	
Wes Read	Lib Dem	
David Recardo	Lib Dem	
Peter Seib	Lib Dem	
Jeny Snell	Lib Dem	
Andy Soughton	Lib Dem	
Rob Stickland	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
Mike Lock	Independent	
Gina Seaton	Conservative	
1 vacancy		

Area East Committee 13 members (exempt from political balance)

Sarah Dyke	Lib Dem	Vice Chair
Henry Hobhouse	Lib Dem	Chairman (subsequently resigned)
Kevin Messenger	Lib Dem	
Paul Rowsell	Lib Dem	
Tony Capozzoli	Independent	
Charlie Hull	Green	
Robin Bastable	Conservative	
Hayward Burt	Conservative	
Nick Colbert	Conservative	
Michael Lewis	Conservative	
Lucy Trimnell	Conservative	
William Wallace	Conservative	
Colin Winder	Conservative	

Area West Committee 16 members (exempt from political balance)

Jason Baker	Lib Dem	Chairman
Mike Best	Lib Dem	
Ray Buckler	Lib Dem	
Martin Carnell	Lib Dem	
Brian Hamilton	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
Ben Hodgson	Lib Dem	
Val Keitch	Lib Dem	
Jenny Kenton	Lib Dem	
Paul Maxwell	Lib Dem	
Tricia O'Brien	Lib Dem	
Robin Pailthorpe	Lib Dem	
Oliver Patrick	Lib Dem	
Garry Shortland	Lib Dem	
Dave Bulmer	Independent	
Sue Osborne	Conservative	
Martin Wale	Conservative	

Scrutiny Committee 14 members (political balance)

2 Vice-Chairmen
LD10, C3, I1

Ray Buckler	Lib Dem	
Louise Clarke	Lib Dem	
Karl Gill	Lib Dem	
Brian Hamilton	Lib Dem	Vice-Chairman
Andy Kendall	Lib Dem	
Tim Kerley	Lib Dem	
Paul Maxwell	Lib Dem	

Robin Pailthorpe	Lib Dem	
Oliver Patrick	Lib Dem	
Charlie Hull	Green	
Gerard Tucker	Independent	Chairman
Robin Bastable	Conservative	
Michael Lewis	Conservative	
Sue Osborne	Conservative	Vice-Chair

Audit Committee 10 members (political balance)

LD7, C2, I1

Mike Best	Lib Dem	
Martin Carnell	Lib Dem	Chairman
Brian Hamilton	Lib Dem	
Mike Hewitson	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
Tim Kerley	Lib Dem	
Tony Lock	Lib Dem	
Paul Maxwell	Lib Dem	
Robin Bastable	Conservative	
Colin Winder	Conservative	
Dave Bulmer	Independent	

Regulation Committee 14 members (political balance)

LD9, C4, I1

Jason Baker (W)	Lib Dem	
Adam Dance (N)	Lib Dem	
Sarah Dyke (E)	Lib Dem	
Peter Gubbins (S)	Lib Dem	Chairman
Tony Lock (S)	Lib Dem	
Paul Maxwell (W)	Lib Dem	
Paul Rowsell (E)	Lib Dem	
Dean Ruddle (N)	Lib Dem	
Peter Seib (S)	Lib Dem	
Andy Soughton (S)	Lib Dem	Vice Chairman
Tony Capozzoli (E)	Independent	
Sue Osborne (W)	Conservative	
Martin Wale (W)	Conservative	
William Wallace (E)	Conservative	

Licensing Committee 15 members (exempt from political balance)

Jason Baker	Lib Dem
Adam Dance	Lib Dem

Karl Gill	Lib Dem	
Tony Lock	Lib Dem	
Kevin Messenger	Lib Dem	
Wes Read	Lib Dem	Vice-Chairman
David Recardo	Lib Dem	Chairman
Paul Rowsell	Lib Dem	
Andy Soughton	Lib Dem	
Dave Bulmer	Independent	
Crispin Raikes	Independent	
Martin Wale	Conservative	
William Wallace	Conservative	
2 vacancies		

Appointments Committee 8 members (political balance)

LD5, C2, I1	Val Keitch	Lib Dem	Chair
	Peter Seib	Lib Dem	Vice Chair
	Mike Best	Lib Dem	
	Nicola Clark	Lib Dem	
	Mike Stanton	Lib Dem	
	Dave Bulmer	Independent	
	Hayward Burt	Conservative	
	Nick Colbert	Conservative	

Standards Committee 6 members (political balance)

(6 members, LD4, C2)	Nicola Clark	Lib Dem	Chair
	Henry Hobhouse	Lib Dem	Vice-Chair
	Jenny Kenton	Lib Dem	
	1 vacancy	Lib Dem	
	Hayward Burt	Conservative	
	Sue Osborne	Conservative	

Plus 3 parish representatives and 2 independent representatives:

Vacancy	Parish Rep
Vacancy	Parish Rep
Vacancy	Parish Rep
Christopher Borland	Independent
Peter Forrester	Independent

- (5) To appoint members to the committees listed in recommendation (4) above having regard to the principles of political balance.

- (6) To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the committees listed in (4) above.
- (7) That the bodies appointed in (4) and (5) above would operate in accordance with their existing terms of reference (as attached at Appendix A) and the scheme of delegation set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.
- (8) To appoint members to the Council wide panels and partnerships below:

Panel or Partnership	Membership
Appeals Panel (political balance) LD5, C2, I1	Jason Baker Sarah Dyke Peter Gubbins Peter Seib 1 vacancy Tony Capozzoli Hayward Burt Martin Wale
Strategic Development Board	Val Keitch Peter Gubbins Jason Baker Henry Hobhouse John Clark Sarah Dyke Adam Dance
Chard Regeneration Programme Board	Jason Baker Garry Shortland Martin Wale Dave Bulmer Jenny Kenton Val Keitch
Yeovil Regeneration Programme Board	Peter Gubbins Tony Lock John Clark Val Keitch
Wincanton Regeneration Programme Board	Henry Hobhouse* Colin Winder Nick Colbert Val Keitch
	*Councillor Hobhouse subsequently resigned from the Wincanton Regeneration Programme Board

Panel or Partnership	Membership
The Octagon Redevelopment Project Board	Mike Best Peter Seib John Clark Val Keitch
Local Strategic Partnership	Val Keitch Peter Gubbins Jason Baker Adam Dance Henry Hobhouse
South West Internal Audit Partnership Ltd	Robin Bastable
Somerset Waste Board	Sarah Dyke Tim Kerley
PATROL Joint Committee (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London)	Tony Lock
Somerset Growth Board	John Clark

- (9) To note that the Strategic Alliance with Sedgemoor District Council had ceased as all the Somerset Councils moved towards Unitary Council status in April 2023.
- (10) To appoint members to the Council wide outside bodies as listed below and note that all other appointments to outside bodies would be made by the Area Committees for area specific issues.

Organisation	Current representatives
Board of Governors for Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Mike Hewitson
LGA General Assembly	Val Keitch
South West Provincial Employers	Mike Stanton
South West Councils	Val Keitch
Somerset Rivers Authority	Mike Stanton Robin Bastable (sub)
Parrett Drainage Board	Mike Lewis Gerard Tucker (sub)

Somerset Water Management Partnership	Sarah Dyke
Health & Well-Being Board	Brian Hamilton
Safer Somerset Partnership	Tony Lock
Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel	Nicola Clark
Somerset Building Preservation Trust	Tim Kerley
Armed Forces Community Covenant	Andy Kendall
Somerset Local Access Forum	Paul Maxwell
Homelessness Reduction Board	Val Keitch

(11) To note the Independent Members' Remuneration Panel have not met for a number of years as Council agreed to an annual uplift of all Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances by the same percentage as the equivalent negotiated APT&C pay award for officers in 2009. SSDC will shortly join the County-wide Remuneration Panel.

(12) The continuation of Council Procedure Rule 40(B) - Appointment of substitute Members at meetings of Committees.

(13) To confirm the Council's annual meetings timetable as attached at Appendix B.

(Voting: 34 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions)

10. Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 (Agenda Item 10)

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda and it would be re-presented to a future meeting of Council.

11. Planning - Changes to the Scheme of Delegation to increase the efficiency of the Planning Service (Agenda Item 11)

The Portfolio Holder for Protecting Core Services noted that the cross-party Planning Reimagined workshops had been most productive in identifying opportunities for improvements to the planning service and the introduction of a Validation Checklist was a further opportunity to improve the service. He advised that the report had been presented to both Scrutiny and District Executive Committees and he proposed the recommendations be approved by Council.

Councillor Martin Wale noted that there had been a number of workshop meetings which had resulted in sensible solutions to streamline the planning service and he seconded the recommendations.

Councillor Peter Seib noted that all SSDC Councillors were trained in planning matters and he hoped that the new Somerset Council would take account of the experience.

The recommendations, having been proposed and seconded were unanimously agreed by Council.

RESOLVED: That Council agreed to make the following changes to the Council's Constitution:-

- (i) Replace the current first paragraph of Article 8.03 with the following words:

"The Regulation Committee shall determine applications for planning permission referred from the area committees in accordance with the approved guidelines set out in part 3 of this document. The initial submission of any "Major Major" category application will be dealt with by the Regulation committee". Thereafter, proposals for subsequent variations to the original permission, will be referred to the ward member(s) and Area Chairman to review whether or not the issues raised by the variation application, and the consultation responses to them, merit determination at committee. Where the proposed changes are concluded to be of a minor nature the determination of those applications will be delegated to the Lead Specialist – Built Environment." (new text underlined)

- (ii) Amend paragraph 160 of the Schedule of Functions Delegated to Officers to read as follows:

"The determination of all notifications, including applications for Permission in Principle and for Technical Details consent." (new text underlined)

Reason: To agree changes to the Scheme of Delegation in relation to planning applications.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

12. Planning - Planning Application Validation Requirements; Revised Validation Checklist (Agenda Item 12)

The Portfolio Holder for Protecting Core Services advised that the Planning Application Validation Requirements document and revised Planning Checklist had been introduced to assist all planning applicants to submit the correct documentation and would help to speed up the determination process. He proposed that the recommendation be agreed and this was seconded by Councillor Martin Wale.

In response to a question, the Lead Specialist for Built Environment said the intention of the checklist was to reduce the need to request additional information from applicants and to ensure they submitted the correct documentation with their applications. Previously, some required documents were not adding value to an application and the revised planning checklist included documents which did add value to applications like information on phosphate mitigation.

The Portfolio Holder for Protecting Core Services said that although there was a charge for pre-application advice which assisted applicants with their applications, there was no requirement for applicants to use the service.

The recommendations, having been proposed and seconded were confirmed by 36 in favour with one abstention.

RESOLVED: That Council agreed:-

- (i) to adopt the revised Planning Application Validation Requirements document and revised Planning Checklist.
- (ii) to delegate any final amendments to the Director for Service Delivery following closure of the consultation on 20 May 2022.

Reason: To confirm the proposed changes to the established Planning Application Validation Guide and Checklist introduced by the Council in July 2020 following public consultation upon the changes proposed.

(Voting: 36 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)

13. Planning - Discretionary fees for Pre-application advice and associated services (Agenda Item 13)

The Portfolio Holder for Protecting Core Services advised that officers had been engaged in sorting issues on applications which the applicant or agent should be resolving. The fees charged by neighbouring authorities was taken into account

in the SSDC proposed Schedule of Pre-application and discretionary planning fees.

The Lead Specialist for Built Environment advised that SSDC had introduced a pre- application charging schedule 5 years previously and it had not changed since. The proposed changes would also bring SSDC into line with the other Somerset Councils so the charges would not be so different when they merged to the Unitary Authority. Providing advice on listed buildings was very time consuming, hence the charge and dealing with permitted development queries through an application for a Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development would remove uncertainty that pre-application advice was not binding.

The Portfolio Holder for Protecting Core Services proposed the recommendations and they were seconded by Councillor Martin Wale and unanimously agreed by Members.

RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed the recommended changes to the Schedule of Pre-application and discretionary planning fees.

Reason: To agree the proposed changes to the established Pre-application charging regime operated by South Somerset District Council.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

14. Notification of a Decision taken under delegated powers in respect of a Dispensation for a Councillor (Agenda Item 14)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Legal Services advised that the report was for noting as the Chief Executive had agreed the dispensation to continue until 14 October 2022.

Councillor Martin Wale provided an update on Councillor Malcolm Cavill's treatment and progress and said he hoped to attend a meeting of the Area North Committee very soon. He also asked that his thanks be given to Councillors Mike Stanton and Adam Dance who had been responding to his ward work.

The Chairman said that all Members sent their very best wishes for his recovery and asked that they note the decision to extend the dispensation from attending Council meetings, taken by the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED: That Council noted that the Chief Executive had:-

- (i) approved a dispensation for Councillor Malcolm Cavill from attending meetings of the Council by reason of illness for a six month period commencing 14th April 2022, in order to avoid Councillor Cavill ceasing to be a member of the authority under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- (ii) agreed that the dispensation would last until 14th October 2022.

Reason: To note that a general dispensation has been granted by the Chief Executive under section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 for a Councillor from attending Council meetings due to ill health over a six month period.

15. Report of Executive Decisions (Agenda Item 15)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Legal Services introduced the report and invited questions.

The Council NOTED the report.

16. Audit Committee (Agenda Item 16)

The Chairman of the Audit Committee said that at their meeting on 24th March 2022 that had received the Interim Audit Findings Report 2020-21 and it was likely that SSDC would again get an unqualified positive opinion on the financial statements for 2020/21 from the external auditors. However, there had been some unexpected delays and an incident referred to by the external auditor at the meeting, therefore he had asked the Chief Financial Officer to provide a management response to the Audit Committee at their next meeting on 26th May 2022.

During discussion it was noted that:-

- due to the delays in completing the audit, the fees could be 3 times higher than normally expected.
- as at the end of April 2022, 45%, of Local Authorities were still outstanding their published audited financial statements for the 2020/21 financial year.
- The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee had met the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer to understand what the delays had been and this would be reported at the Audit Committee meeting the following week.

The report was NOTED.

17. Scrutiny Committee (Agenda Item 17)

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee introduced the report and said that despite having two vacancies on the Committee, the quality of the debate and scrutiny undertaken by them. He also thanked the Portfolio Holders who

attended their meetings as he felt their attendance had influenced the outcomes at the District Executive meetings.

The report was NOTED

18. Motions (Agenda Item 18)

There were no Motions submitted by Members.

19. Questions Under Procedure Rule 10 (Agenda Item 19)

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.

20. Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 20)

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of Full Council (Thursday 16 June) was a reserve date and would only be called if there was business to discuss.

Therefore, the next meeting of Full Council would be Thursday 21 July 2022 in the Council Chamber, SSDC Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil commencing at 6.30 p.m

.....
Chairman

.....
Date