

South Somerset District Council

Thursday 19th January 2023

7.30 pm

A virtual meeting using Zoom meeting software.

This meeting has been moved to an on-line meeting due to the adverse weather conditions

All members of Council are requested to attend this virtual meeting.

Any members of the public wishing to address the virtual meeting at Public Question Time need to email democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk for details to join the meeting on-line.

The meeting will be viewable online by selecting the meeting at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDst3IHGj9WoGnwJGF_soA

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk

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Jane Portman, Chief Executive Officer

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South Somerset District Council Membership

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Information for the Public

The meetings of the full Council, comprising all 60 members of South Somerset District Council, are held at least 6 times a year. The full Council approves the Council's budget and the major policies which comprise the Council's policy framework. Other decisions which the full Council has to take include appointing the Leader of the Council, members of the District Executive, other Council Committees and approving the Council's Constitution (which details how the Council works including the scheme allocating decisions and Council functions to committees and officers).

Meetings of the Council are scheduled to be held monthly at 7.30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month (unless advised otherwise). However due to the recent inclement weather this meeting will be held remotely via Zoom video-conferencing.

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Public question time

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The period allowed for participation in Public Question Time shall not exceed 15 minutes except with the consent of the Chairman and members of the Committee. Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes.

If you would like to address the meeting at Public Question Time, please email democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk When you have registered, an officer will provide the details to join the meeting. The Chairman will invite you to speak at the appropriate time during the virtual meeting.

Virtual meeting etiquette:

- Consider joining the meeting early to ensure your technology is working correctly.
- Please note that we will mute all public attendees to minimise background noise.
 If you have registered to speak during the virtual meeting, the Chairman will unmute your microphone at the appropriate time.
- Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes.
- When speaking, keep your points clear and concise.
- Please speak clearly the Councillors are interested in your comments.

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Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 15 December 2022.

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Council's current Code of Conduct (as amended 26 February 2015), 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.

Members are reminded that they need to declare the fact that they are also a member of a County, Town or Parish Council as a Personal Interest. Where you are also a member of Somerset County Council and/or a Town or Parish Council within South Somerset you must declare a prejudicial interest in any business on the agenda where there is a financial benefit or gain or advantage to Somerset County Council and/or a Town or Parish Council which would be at the cost or to the financial disadvantage of South Somerset District Council.

4. Public Question Time

5. Chairman's Announcements

Items for Discussion

- **6.** Chairman's Engagements (Page 6)
- 7. Presentation by Opium Power Ltd (Page 7)
- 8. Ham Hill project, overview and grant acceptance (Pages 8 35)
- 9. Yeovil Refresh Scope Change Request (Pages 36 45)
- 10. Duties of the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) (Pages 46 49)
- 11. Report of Executive Decisions (Pages 50 52)
- 12. Audit Committee (Page 53)
- **13. Scrutiny Committee** (Page 54)

14. Motions

There were no Motions submitted by Members.

15. Questions Under Procedure Rule 10

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.

- **16.** Date of Next Meeting (Page 55)
- 17. Exclusion of Press and Public (Page 56)
- 18. Somerset's Flagship Arts Venue, The Octagon Theatre RIBA Stage 4 Report (Confidential) (Pages 57 60)
- 19. Request to Suspend a Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Licence (Urgent Item) (Confidential) (Pages 61 63)