

## Why is South Somerset District Council carrying out this review?

This Community Governance Review is being undertaken in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Since 13 February 2008, district councils, unitary county councils and London borough councils ('principal councils') have had responsibility for undertaking community governance reviews and have been able to decide whether to give effect to recommendations made in those reviews. In making that decision, principal councils need to take account of the views of local people.

# South Cadbury Parish Council (including Sutton Montis) Community Governance Review

Proposed increase from five to seven  
parish councillors on the Parish Council  
&  
Proposed change in name of the Parish Council to  
South Cadbury and Sutton Montis Parish Council

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South Cadbury Parish Council (including Sutton Montis) has formally asked South Somerset District Council to conduct / hold a consultation (Community Governance Review) of all the people registered to vote and local interest groups within the parish.

This information leaflet and questionnaire is being delivered to all households in the parish of South Cadbury (including Sutton Montis) so that public opinion is taken fully into account when South Somerset District Council look at the options over the coming months.

Please take time to read this leaflet. It is important that you complete your full details – including name, address and signature – to ensure that your view on this can be taken into account.

You should return this questionnaire by 2 December 2011.

Further information can be found at:  
[www.southsomerset.gov.uk/commgov](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/commgov)

**South Cadbury Parish Council (including Sutton Montis) proposal:**

The proposal of South Cadbury Parish Council is that the review should consider increasing the number of parish councillors on South Cadbury Parish Council from five to seven. In their request, the Parish Council state that they currently have five members and due to holidays, sickness and declarations of interest, they frequently only achieve the minimum quorum of three. Their electoral roll has also increased slightly in recent years and they now feel it would be sensible to increase the size of the Parish Council to seven councillors. They have also requested to officially change the name of the Parish Council to South Cadbury and Sutton Montis Parish Council to reflect both villages represented by the Parish Council.

**Please complete & return this questionnaire.**

Please indicate if you agree or object to the proposal that the number of parish councillors should be increased from five to seven.

Yes  I agree – there should be seven parish councillors in the future

No  I object – there should continue to be five parish councillors.

**Do you support the proposal to change the name of the Parish Council to South Cadbury and Sutton Montis Parish Council?**

Yes  I agree, change the name

No  I object, keep it as it is

We can only consider the views of people who will be affected by this proposal. Please include your name, address, postcode and signature in any response or your comments will not be taken into account.

Full name:.....

Address:.....

Postcode:.....Signature:.....

Please provide any other comments you would like South Somerset District Council to consider with regard to the proposed increase in the number of parish councillors and the change in name of the Parish Council. (All responses will be available for public inspection.)

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Please return all responses in the reply-paid envelope enclosed or in an envelope marked for the attention of:

Angela Cox, Lead Officer Community Governance Review,  
South Somerset District Council, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT  
Or Email: [angela.cox@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:angela.cox@southsomerset.gov.uk)



The closing date for all responses is 2 December 2011

## Further information

Further, more detailed, information can be obtained from the following:  
[www.southsomerset.gov.uk/commgov](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/commgov)

Your comments and views are vital to this review. You can let us have your comments by completing and returning the attached questionnaire, or by writing to:

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Lead Officer Community Governance Review,  
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Alternatively by email to:  
[angela.cox@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:angela.cox@southsomerset.gov.uk)

It is important that you include your address as only representations from residents and local interest groups of South Cadbury and Sutton Montis can be considered.

## Why are we consulting you?

South Somerset District Council has to undertake a review relating to the proposals to increase the number of councillors on South Cadbury Parish Council (including Sutton Montis) and a change in name of the Parish Council, as a valid request has been made by the Parish Council to do so. The enclosed map shows the area affected being that of the existing boundary of South Cadbury Parish Council (including Sutton Montis). The area has an electorate of 251 people.

The aim of this review is to look at the most suitable arrangements for representing the people of the parish and to decide whether an increase in the number of parish councillors and change of name would be the best means of:

- Representing the interests and identities of local people
- Providing a range of local government services

South Somerset District Council, once we receive your views, will consider the results of the consultation exercise and will publish a set of proposals in early 2012. There will be a further opportunity to comment on these draft proposals.

## If agreed, when will it take effect?

If the majority of responses from local people of the parish are in favour of the proposals, then South Somerset District Council will apply to the Electoral Commission for consent to implement the new arrangements. If granted, this could result in a by-election of all councillors on South Cadbury Parish Council (including Sutton Montis) in May 2012.

## What does a Parish Council do?

Parish Councils are democratically elected bodies that have statutory powers which include the provision of allotments, bus shelters, support for local crime prevention initiatives, cemeteries, play areas and open spaces.

They are also often involved in the provision and maintenance of community transport schemes, sport and recreation facilities and tourism. They provide a focus for representing local issues and identity.

The proposed increase in the number of parish councillors and the amended name of the Parish Council will not have any additional impact upon your Council Tax.

## Map of the parish boundary.

The boundary of South Cadbury Parish Council (including Sutton Montis) is indicated by the bold line.

Only residents within this area will be consulted on the proposals.

