

Somerset Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel

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1. Purpose and powers

The Somerset Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel (the Panel) will allow effective multi-authority Scrutiny of the Somerset Waste Board and support the strategic development of the Somerset Waste Partnership. The Panel will not be constituted as a formal joint committee. It does not replace or duplicate the role of individual partner scrutiny committees but aims to add value to the joint working of the board.

2. Membership

The Panel will comprise of two members from each participating authority. They will be appointed annually by the Scrutiny Committee (or equivalent) of each partner authority as determined locally, except that they should not be Executive members of any authority. The following members have been appointed to the Panel as of the end of November 2017:

Authority	Members
Mendip District Council	1. Cllr Nick Cottle 2. Cllr Peter Bradshaw
Sedgemoor District Council	1. Cllr Dave Loveridge 2. Cllr Liz Perry
Somerset County Council	1. Cllr Tony Lock 2. Cllr Mike Lewis
South Somerset District Council	1. Cllr Carol Goodall 2. Cllr Martin Wale <i>Substitute: Cllr Jason Barker</i>
Taunton Deane Borough Council	1. Cllr Andrew Sully 2. n/a
West Somerset Council	1. Cllr Jean Parbrook 2. Cllr Ian Aldridge

3. Role

The Panel will act as a “scrutiny commission” or “task group” on behalf of every authority. In conducting this role it may:

- Scrutinise decisions of the Somerset Waste Board
- Explore specific issues that benefit from member involvement in detailed review
- Support the board in developing its strategic development

4. Recommendations

The recommendations of the Panel will be reported to the:

- each authority’s Scrutiny Committee via the authority’s representative member
- Somerset Waste Board via the chair of the panel.

If necessary, each Scrutiny Committee can make recommendations to its own Executive and receive a response.

5. Meeting and Support Arrangements

The Panel will meet quarterly. Somerset County Council, as administering authority for the Somerset Waste Partnership, will provide administrative support for the Panel. It is expected the executive members and senior officers will attend each Panel meeting. In addition to reports specific to topics it is focussing on, the Panel will be provided with copies of Somerset Waste Board papers.
