



**South Somerset
District Council**

Informal Discussion by Members of Area West Committee

Wednesday 19th May 2021

5.30 pm

**A virtual consultative meeting via
Zoom meeting software**

The following members are requested to attend this virtual consultation meeting:

Jason Baker
Mike Best
Dave Bulmer
Martin Carnell
Brian Hamilton
Ben Hodgson

Val Keitch
Jenny Kenton
Paul Maxwell
Tricia O'Brien
Sue Osborne
Robin Pailthorpe

Oliver Patrick
Garry Shortland
Linda Vijeh
Martin Wale

There are no planning applications to consider this month.

Any members of the public wishing to address the virtual consultative meeting during Public Question Time, need to email democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk by 9.00am on Tuesday 18 May 2021.

The meeting will be viewable online at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDst3IHGj9WoGnwJGF_soA

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

This Agenda was issued on Tuesday 11 May 2021.

Alex Parmley, Chief Executive Officer

**This information is also available on our website
www.southsomerset.gov.uk and via the modern.gov app**

Information for the Public

In light of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), Area West Committee will meet virtually via video-conferencing to consider reports. As of 7 May 2021 interim arrangements are in place for committee meetings.

At the meeting of Full Council on 15 April 2021 it was agreed to make the following changes to the Council's Constitution:

- a) To continue to enable members to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology;
- b) To amend Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council's Constitution to allow those remote meetings to function as consultative bodies and delegate decisions, including Executive and Quasi-Judicial decisions, that would have been taken by those meetings if the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 had continued in force to the Chief Executive (or the relevant Director in the Chief Executive's absence) in consultation with those meetings and those members to whom the decision would otherwise have been delegated under Part 3 of the Constitution;
- c) The delegated authority given under (b) will expire on 31 July 2021 unless continued by a future decision of this Council;

For full details and to view the report please see -

[Agenda for South Somerset District Council on Thursday 15th April 2021, 6.30 pm](#)

Area West Committee

Meetings of the Area West Committee are usually held monthly, at 5.30pm, on the third Wednesday of the month (unless advised otherwise). However during the coronavirus pandemic these meetings will be held remotely via Zoom.

Agendas and minutes of meetings are published on the council's website

[Browse Meetings, 2000 \(southsomerset.gov.uk\)](#)

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Public participation at meetings (held via Zoom)

Public question time

We recognise that these are challenging times but we still value the public's contribution to our virtual consultative meetings. If you would like to participate and contribute in the meeting, please email democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk by 9.00am on Tuesday 18 May 2021.

You will need an internet connection to join the virtual meeting.

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.

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.

Recording and photography at council meetings

Recording of council meetings is permitted, however anyone wishing to do so should let the Chairperson of the meeting know prior to the start of the meeting. The recording should be overt and clearly visible to anyone at the meeting, but non-disruptive. If someone is recording the meeting, the Chairman will make an announcement at the beginning of the meeting.

Any member of the public has the right not to be recorded. If anyone making public representation does not wish to be recorded they must let the Chairperson know.

The full 'Policy on Audio/Visual Recording and Photography at Council Meetings' can be viewed online at:

[Document Policy on recording council meetings \(southsomerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk)

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Preliminary Items

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. 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.

Planning Applications Referred to the Regulation Committee

The following members of this Committee are also members of the Council's Regulation Committee:

Councillors Jason Baker, Sue Osborne and Linda Vijeh.

Where planning applications are referred by this Committee to the Regulation Committee for determination, Members of the Regulation Committee can participate and vote on these items at the Area Committee and at Regulation Committee. In these cases the Council's decision-making process is not complete until the application is determined by the Regulation Committee. Members of the Regulation Committee retain an open mind and will not finalise their position until the Regulation Committee. They will also consider the matter at Regulation Committee as Members of that Committee and not as representatives of the Area Committee.

- 3. Date and Venue for Next Meeting**

Councillors are requested to note that the next Area West Committee meeting is scheduled to be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 16 June 2021. This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom on-line meeting software.

4. Public Question Time

5. Chairman's Announcements

Items for Discussion

- 6. Presentation on the Future Chard Strategy (Page 6)**
- 7. Presentation on the role of Scrutiny in SSDC (Page 7)**
- 8. Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Executive Decision) (Pages 8 - 14)**
- 9. Community Grant to Hinton St George Pre-School Appeal (Executive Decision) (Pages 15 - 22)**
- 10. Community Grant to Radio Ninesprings (Executive Decision) (Pages 23 - 30)**
- 11. Area West - Area Chapter 20/21 outturn report (Pages 31 - 37)**
- 12. Reports from Members on Outside Organisations - Chard Museum (Pages 38 - 40)**
- 13. Area West Forward Plan (Pages 41 - 42)**
- 14. Exclusion of Press and Public (Page 43)**
- 15. To discuss the Addendum Transport Assessment for Chard (Pages 44 - 137)**

Please note that the decisions taken by Area Committees may be called in for scrutiny by the Council's Scrutiny Committee prior to implementation.

This does not apply to decisions taken on planning applications.

Members of the Area Committee will make a recommendation on the above reports. The decision will be taken by the Chief Executive.