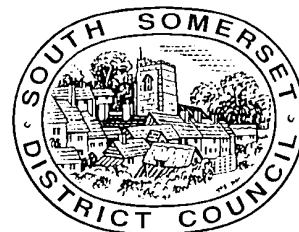


South Somerset District Council

Notice of Meeting



Scrutiny Committee

Making a difference where it counts

Tuesday 28th February 2017

10.00 am

**Main Committee Room, Council Offices
Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT**

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The following members are requested to attend this meeting.

Chairman: Sue Steele
Vice-chairmen: Dave Bulmer and John Clark

Jason Baker
Mike Beech
Amanda Broom
Val Keitch

Tony Lock
David Norris
Sue Osborne
Garry Shortland

Rob Stickland
Linda Vijeh
Martin Wale

If you would like any further information on the items to be discussed, please contact the Democratic Services Officer on 01935 462596 or democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk

This Agenda was issued on Monday 20 February 2017.

Ian Clarke, Assistant Director (Legal & Corporate Services)

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One of the key roles for non-executive councillors is to undertake an overview and scrutiny role for the council. In this Council the overview and scrutiny role involves reviewing and developing, scrutinising organisations external to the council and holding the executive to account

Scrutiny also has an important role to play in organisational performance management.

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Agenda

Preliminary Items

1. Minutes (Pages 4 - 13)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 January 2017.

2. Apologies for absence

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.

4. Public question time

5. Issues arising from previous meetings

This is an opportunity for Members to question the progress on issues arising from previous meetings. However, this does not allow for the re-opening of a debate on any item not forming part of this agenda.

6. Chairman's Announcements

Items for Discussion

7. Verbal update on reports considered by District Executive on 1 February 2017 (Page 14)

8. Monitoring SSDC National Non Domestic Rates Discretionary Relief Policy (Pages 15 - 24)

9. Discretionary Housing Payment Policy - Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group Report (Pages 25 - 35)

10. Reports to be considered by District Executive on 2 March 2017 (Page 36)

11. Verbal update on Task and Finish reviews (Page 37)

12. Update on matters of interest (Page 38)

13. Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 39 - 40)

14. Date of next meeting (Page 41)