



Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 7th January 2020

10.30 am

**Chamber B, Council Offices,
Brympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HT**

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The following members are requested to attend this meeting.

Chairman: Crispin Raikes
Vice-chairmen: Sue Osborne and Gerard Tucker

Robin Bastable
Nicola Clark
Brian Hamilton
Charlie Hull

Mike Lewis
Mike Lock
Paul Maxwell
Robin Pailthorpe

Jeny Snell
Mike Stanton
Rob Stickland

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Alex Parmley, Chief Executive Officer

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Information for the Public

What is Scrutiny?

The Local Government Act 2000 requires all councils in England and Wales to introduce new political structures which provide a clear role for the Council, the Executive and non-executive councillors.

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.

The Scrutiny Committee is made up of 14 non-executive members and meets monthly to consider items where executive decisions need to be reviewed before or after their implementation, and to commission reviews of policy or other public interest.

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- attend meetings of the Scrutiny Committee except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
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- see agenda reports.

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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.

3. Public question time

4. 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.

5. Chairman's Announcements

Items for Discussion

6. Productivity Analysis - Verbal Update (Page 4)

7. Monitoring SSDC Council Tax Support Scheme - Draft Report of the Task and Finish Group (Pages 5 - 16)

8. Verbal update on reports considered by District Executive on 7 November 2019 and 5 December 2019 (Page 17)

9. Reports to be considered by District Executive on 9 January 2020 (Page 18)

10. Verbal update on Task and Finish reviews (Page 19)

11. Update on matters of interest (Page 20)

12. Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 21 - 22)

13. Date of next meeting (Page 23)