

South Somerset District Council

Notice of Meeting



Area East Community Planning Sub Committee

Making a difference where it counts

Wednesday 26th March 2008

9.30 am

**Council Offices
Churchfield
Wincanton
Somerset BA9 9AG**

(Location plan overleaf - disabled access is available at this meeting venue)

The public and press are welcome to attend.

If you would like any further information on the items to be discussed, please ring the Agenda Co-ordinator, **Patricia Johnson** on Yeovil (01935) 462462
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2006-2007
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Area East community Planning Sub Committee Membership

Tim Carroll
John Crossley

Anna Groskop
Henry Hobhouse

Mike Lewis
Colin Winder

South Somerset District Council – Corporate Aims

Our key aims are: (all equal)

- To deliver well managed cost effective services valued by our customers
- To increase economic vitality and prosperity
- To improve the health and well-being of our citizens
- To ensure safe, sustainable and cohesive communities
- To promote a balanced natural and built environment

Scrutiny Procedure Rules

Please note that 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.

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Members of the Committee are requested to contact report authors on points of clarification prior to the Committee meeting.

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The Council has a well-established area committee system and through four area committees seeks to strengthen links between the Council and its local communities, allowing planning and other local issues to be decided at a local level (should members wish to approve planning applications which are outside Council policy the applications are referred to the district-wide Regulation Committee). The Community Planning Sub-Committee meets approximately every three months to consider issues relating to community planning and has delegated authority to award grants on behalf of the Area East Committee.

Decisions made by area committees, which include financial or policy implications, are generally classed as executive decisions. Where these financial or policy decisions have a significant impact on council budgets or the local community, agendas will record these decisions as “key decisions”. Members of the public can view the Council’s Executive Forward Plan, either online or at any SSDC council office, to see what executive/key decisions are scheduled to be taken in the coming months. Non-executive decisions taken by area committees include planning, and other quasi-judicial decisions.

At area committee meetings members of the public are able to:

- attend and make verbal or written representations, except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
- at the Area Committee Chairman’s discretion, speak for up to up to 3 minutes on agenda items; and
- view the agenda reports.

Meetings of the Area East Committee are normally held monthly at 9.30 am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Council Offices, Churchfield, Wincanton

Agendas and minutes of area committees are published on the Council’s website www.southsomerset.gov.uk.

The Council’s Constitution is also on the web site and available for inspection in the Council Offices.

Further information about this committee can be obtained by contacting the agenda co-ordinator named on the front page.

Area East Community Planning Sub-Committee

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Agenda

Preliminary Items

1. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th December 2007**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, which includes all the provisions of the statutory Model Code of Conduct, Members are asked to declare any personal interests (and whether or not such an interest is "prejudicial") in any matter on the agenda for this meeting. A personal interest is defined in paragraph 8 of the Code and a prejudicial interest is defined in paragraph 10.

4. **Public Question Time**
5. **Issues arising from the minutes of the 19th December 2007**

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.

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Items for Discussion

6. **Retail Support Initiative – Grant Requests (Executive Decision)**
7. **Wincanton Garden Centre (for information)**
8. **Community Planning Update**
9. **Date of Next Meeting**