



South Somerset District Council

District Executive

Thursday 4th March 2021

9.30 am

Virtual Meeting using Zoom meeting software

The following members are requested to attend the meeting:

Jason Baker
Mike Best
John Clark
Adam Dance
Sarah Dyke

Peter Gubbins
Henry Hobhouse
Val Keitch
Tony Lock
Peter Seib

Any members of the public wishing to address the meeting at Public Question Time need to email democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk by 9.00am on Wednesday 3rd March 2021.

The meeting will be viewable online at: <https://youtu.be/RbytMYZPULk>

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

This Agenda was issued on Wednesday 24 February 2021.

Alex Parmley, *Chief Executive Officer*

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

Information for the Public

The District Executive co-ordinates the policy objectives of the Council and gives the Area Committees strategic direction. It carries out all of the local authority's functions which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Council. It delegates some of its responsibilities to Area Committees, officers and individual portfolio holders within limits set by the Council's Constitution. When major decisions are to be discussed or made, these are published in the Executive Forward Plan in so far as they can be anticipated.

Members of the Public are able to:-

- attend meetings of the Council and its committees such as Area Committees, District Executive, except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
- speak at Area Committees, District Executive and Council meetings;
- see reports and background papers, and any record of decisions made by the Council and Executive;
- find out, from the Executive Forward Plan, what major decisions are to be decided by the District Executive.

The Council's Constitution is also on the web site and available for inspection in Council offices. The Council's corporate priorities which guide the work and decisions of the Executive are set out below.

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Meetings of the District Executive are usually held monthly, at 9.30am, on the first Thursday of the month (unless advised otherwise). However during the coronavirus pandemic these meetings will be held remotely via Zoom video-conferencing. For more details on the regulations regarding remote/virtual meetings please see the Local Authorities and Police and Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 as part of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

The Executive Forward Plan and copies of executive reports and decisions are published on the Council's web site: <http://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>

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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 meetings. If you would like to participate and contribute in the meeting, please join on-line through Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/join> You will need an internet connection to do this.

Please email democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk for the details to join the meeting.

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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.

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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 un-mute 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.

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Agenda

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the District Executive meeting held on 4th February 2021.

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.

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.

4. Public Question Time

5. Chairman's Announcements

Items for Discussion

6. **District-wide Strategic Grants - funding arrangements with CASS and SPARK 2021/2022** (Pages 5 - 19)
7. **The Martock Parish Neighbourhood Plan Referendum** (Pages 20 - 130)
8. **Private Sector Housing Grant Policy** (Pages 131 - 155)
9. **Investment Assets Quarterly Update Report** (Pages 156 - 170)
10. **Octagon Theatre Development** (Pages 171 - 234)
11. **District Executive Forward Plan** (Pages 235 - 240)
12. **Date of Next Meeting** (Page 241)