

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Scrutiny Committee** held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software **on Monday 16 August 2021.**

(2.00 pm - 2.17 pm)

Present:

Members: Councillor Gerard Tucker (Chairman)

Louise Clarke	Sue Osborne
Karl Gill	Oliver Patrick
Brian Hamilton	Crispin Raikes
Charlie Hull	Linda Vijeh
Mike Lewis	



Also Present:

Jason Baker	Peter Seib
Tony Lock	

Officers

Stephanie Gold	Specialist (Scrutiny & Member Development)
Michelle Mainwaring	Case Officer (Strategy & Support Services)

48. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robin Bastable, Paul Maxwell and Robin Pailthorpe.

49. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

50. Public question time (Agenda Item 3)

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

51. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 4)

There were no Chairman's announcements to note.

52. Reports to be considered by District Executive on 17 August 2021 (Agenda Item 5)

Members considered the reports within the District Executive agenda for 17 August 2021 (Informal Consultative Meeting) and raised comments as detailed below. Responses to

some questions and comments were provided at Scrutiny Committee (Informal Meeting) by the Deputy Leader – except those marked by an asterisk:

Local Government Reorganisation - Structural Change Order (SCO) (Agenda item 5).

- Recommendation part C, a member suggested that the Conservative Group should be referred to as SSDC Conservative group, and the Independents should be referred to as the SSDC Independents group.
- Recommendation part C, members discussed the possibility of the sole Green Party member joining the SSDC Independents group in the interests of fair representation for all elected members.
- *Para 12 – Referring to the bullet point 'number of votes for twin hatters', a member requested more detail on this.
- *Para 12 – a member asked if the Leaders and CEO's meetings had taken place, and if so, what are the outcomes.
- *Para 12 – A member asked for clarity on the Scrutiny arrangements as part of this scheme of delegation. Members agreed Scrutiny will be an important part of this process.
- *Para 12 – Members asked for more explanation on the member working group. Who would sit on this, will there be a terms of reference, how often will they meet and how will they report back.
- *Para 14 – A member asked if substitutions would be available if the Leader or CEO's were unable to attend decision making meetings.
- Para 16 – One member suggested that this statement was very vague.
- *Para 18 Risk Matrix – One member asked about the likelihood of SSDC having no impact on the Structural Change Order.

53. Date of next meeting (Agenda Item 6)

Members noted that the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 31 August 2021 - as a virtual meeting using Zoom.

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Chairman