



Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 31st January 2023

10.30 am

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



(disabled access and a hearing loop are available at this meeting venue)

The following members are requested to attend this meeting.

Chairman: Gerard Tucker
Vice-chairmen: Brian Hamilton and Sue Osborne

Barbara Appleby
Robin Bastable
Ray Buckler
Louise Clarke

Karl Gill
Andy Kendall
Tim Kerley
Paul Maxwell

Robin Pailthorpe
Oliver Patrick
Lucy Trimnell

Any members of the public wishing to attend, or address the meeting at Public Question Time are asked to email **democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk** by 9.00am on Monday 30 January, so that we can advise on the options for accessing the meeting.

The meeting will be viewable online by selecting the committee meeting at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDst3IHGj9WoGnwJGF_soA

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

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Jane Portman, 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

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.

Members of the public are able to:

- attend meetings of the Scrutiny Committee except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
- speak at Scrutiny Committee meetings (limited to up to 3 minutes per person and at the Chairman's discretion usually no more than a total of 15 minutes is allocated for public speaking); and
- see agenda reports.

Meetings of the Scrutiny Committee are held monthly on the Tuesday prior to meetings of the District Executive at 10.30am in the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

Agendas and minutes of these meetings are published on the Council's website at <https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>

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

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<http://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/documents/s3327/Policy%20on%20the%20recording%20of%20council%20meetings.pdf>

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Agenda

Preliminary Items

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 January 2023.

The draft minutes can be viewed at:

<http://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=141&Year=0>

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 5 January 2023 (Page 4)

8. Reports to be considered by District Executive on 2 February 2023 (Page 5)

9. Update on matters of interest (Page 6)

10. Scrutiny Work Programme (Page 7)

11. Date of next meeting (Page 8)



**Verbal update on reports considered by District Executive on
5 January 2023**

The Chairman will update members on the issues raised by Scrutiny members at the District Executive meeting held on 5 January 2023.



Reports to be considered by District Executive on 2 February 2023

Lead Officer: Stephanie Gold, Specialist (Scrutiny & Member Development)
Contact Details: stephanie.gold@southsomerset.gov.uk

Scrutiny Committee members will receive a copy of the District Executive agenda containing the reports to be considered at the meeting on 2 February 2023.

Members are asked to read the reports and bring any concerns/issues from the reports to be discussed at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 31 January 2023.

The concerns and views of the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the responsible Portfolio Holder(s) and officer(s) in advance of the District Executive meeting to be held on 2 February 2023, for consideration and response in advance of the decision being taken.

Please note:

The Press and Public will be excluded from the meeting when a report or appendix on the District Executive agenda has been classed as confidential, Scrutiny Committee will consider this in Closed Session by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A under paragraph 3 (or for any other reason as stated in the District Executive agenda):

“Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).”

It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption from the Access to Information Rules outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.



Update on matters of interest

Lead Officer: *Stephanie Gold, Specialist (Scrutiny & Member Development)*
Contact Details: *stephanie.gold@southsomerset.gov.uk*

Action Required

That members of the Scrutiny Committee note the verbal updates as presented by the Specialist (Scrutiny & Member Development).

Purpose of Report

This report is submitted for information to update members of the committee on any recent information regarding matters of interest to the Scrutiny Committee, and for the Specialist (Scrutiny & Member Development) to verbally update members on any ongoing matters.

Scrutiny Work Programme

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Background/Description
Jan-March 2023	Reports to be considered by the District Executive	Due to reduced officer capacity in the lead up to vesting day, the Scrutiny Committee's main focus will be to continue to consider and comment on the reports going forward to the District Executive.

Current Task & Finish Reviews

There are currently no Task and Finish Reviews in progress.

Other Scrutiny working groups/workshops/matters of interest

Meeting date	Title	Description	Officers/Members
Updates at committee as required	SWP Joint Scrutiny Panel	The representatives from the SWP Joint Scrutiny committee will provide verbal updates as appropriate.	Cllrs Brian Hamilton & Robin Bastable
Updates at committee as required	SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel	The representatives from the SRA Joint Scrutiny committee will provide verbal updates as appropriate.	Cllrs Paul Maxwell & Robin Pailthorpe
Updates at committee as required	Local Government Reorganisation Joint Scrutiny Committee	The representatives from the LGR JSC will provide verbal updates and appropriate.	Cllrs Paul Maxwell, & Brian Hamilton

The Somerset Waste Board and Somerset Waste Partnership Forward Plan of key decisions can be viewed at:

<http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPIId=196&RD=0>

Agendas and minutes for the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Joint Scrutiny Committee can be viewed at:

<https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=456&Year=0>

Agendas and minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset Waste Board can be viewed at:

<https://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=356&Year=0>

Agendas and minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset Rivers Authority can be viewed at:

<https://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=351&Year=0>

Agendas and minutes of the Local Government Re-Organisation Joint Scrutiny Committee can be viewed at:

<https://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=420&Year=0>



Date of next meeting

Members are requested to note that the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee will be held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 10.30am, in the Council Chamber, Brympton Way.