

Scrutiny Committee

This report summarises the work of the Scrutiny Committee since the last report to Council in May 2021.

Since the last report, the committee have met informally on 11th May, 1st June and 29th June 2021. Minutes of the meetings can be viewed on the website at: Browse meetings - Scrutiny Committee (southsomerset.gov.uk)

The Committee appointed the following Members to the Joint Scrutiny Panels:

Somerset Waste Board Joint Scrutiny Panel	Robin Bastable Brian Hamilton
Somerset Rivers Authority Joint Scrutiny Panel	Paul Maxwell Robin Pailthorpe

The Committee have continued to consider the reports going before District Executive and providing 'critical friend' challenge. Due to the pandemic situation, several of the scheduled reports due to Scrutiny Committee and Task & Finish work have been temporarily delayed.

The Task and Finish group for the Environment Strategy has commenced and the Specialist (Scrutiny & Member Development) is meeting with the budget manager shortly to discuss the switch to R.E.G.O (Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origin), based on the recommendations from the task and finish group members. This would mean our current provider will only source electricity from renewable sources for the rest of the contract.

The Scrutiny and Member Development Specialist has invited all members and officers to feed matters of interest into the scrutiny work programme. Anyone who wishes to submit an item/issue for scrutiny review can email stephanie.gold@southsomerset.gov.uk.

Gerard Tucker Scrutiny Committee Chairman