



South Somerset
District Council

South Somerset District Council

Thursday 16th September 2021

6.30 pm

A virtual meeting using Zoom meeting software

All members of Council are requested to attend this meeting.

Any members of the public wishing to address the virtual meeting at Public Question Time need to email democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk by 9.00am on Wednesday 15 September 2021.

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

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

This Agenda was issued on Wednesday 8 September 2021.

Jane Portman, Chief Executive Officer

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South Somerset District Council Membership

Chairman: Paul Maxwell

Vice-chairman: Wes Read

Jason Baker
Robin Bastable
Mike Best
Neil Bloomfield
Dave Bulmer
Hayward Burt
Tony Capozzoli
Martin Carnell
Malcolm Cavill
John Clark
Nicola Clark
Louise Clarke
Nick Colbert
Adam Dance
Sarah Dyke
Karl Gill
David Gubbins
Peter Gubbins
Brian Hamilton
Mike Hewitson

Henry Hobhouse
Ben Hodgson
Charlie Hull
Kaysar Hussain
Val Keitch
Andy Kendall
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Mike Lewis
Mike Lock
Pauline Lock
Tony Lock
Kevin Messenger
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Tiffany Osborne
Robin Pailthorpe
Oliver Patrick
Clare Paul

Crispin Raikes
David Recardo
Paul Rowsell
Dean Ruddle
Gina Seaton
Peter Seib
Garry Shortland
Alan Smith
Jeny Snell
Andy Soughton
Mike Stanton
Rob Stickland
Lucy Trimmell
Gerard Tucker
Linda Vijeh
Martin Wale
William Wallace
Colin Winder

Information for the Public

In light of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), Full Council will meet virtually via video-conferencing to consider reports. As of 7 May 2021 some interim arrangements are in place for committee meetings.

At the meeting of Full Council on 15 April 2021 it was agreed to make the following changes to the Council's Constitution:

- a) To continue to enable members to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology;
- b) To amend Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council's Constitution to allow those remote meetings to function as consultative bodies and delegate decisions, including Executive and Quasi-Judicial decisions, that would have been taken by those meetings if the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 had continued in force to the Chief Executive (or the relevant Director in the Chief Executive's absence) in consultation with those meetings and those members to whom the decision would otherwise have been delegated under Part 3 of the Constitution;
- c) The delegated authority given under (b) will expire on 31 July 2021 unless continued by a future decision of this Council.

For full details and to view the report please see -

[Agenda for South Somerset District Council on Thursday 15th April 2021, 6.30 pm](#)

Further to the above, at the meeting of Full Council on 8 July 2021, it was agreed to extend the arrangements for a further 6 months to 8 January 2022.

For full details and to view the report please see –

[Agenda for South Somerset District Council on Thursday 8th July 2021, 6.30 pm](#)

Whilst the majority of Councillors will join this meeting using Zoom meeting software, a politically balanced quorum of 15 Councillors will also join the meeting from the Council Chamber to enable a vote to be taken.

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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.

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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. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 19th August 2021.

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. Chairman's Engagements (Page 6)

7. New Leisure Operator Introduction and Presentation (Pages 7 - 9)

8. Verbal update on the SSDC Environment Strategy (Page 10)

9. Additional Restrictions Grant - Discretionary Business Support Scheme (Pages 11 - 14)

10. Chard Regeneration Programme Finance Update (Pages 15 - 22)

11. Request for a General Dispensation for Councillors Attending Remote Meetings (Pages 23 - 25)

12. Report of Executive Decisions (Pages 26 - 29)

13. Audit Committee (Page 30)

14. Scrutiny Committee (Page 31)

15. Motions (Pages 32 - 34)

16. Questions Under Procedure Rule 10

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.

17. Date of Next Meeting (Page 35)