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## Area East Committee

**Wednesday 8th March 2023**

**10.00 am**

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

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The following members are requested to attend this meeting:

Henry Hobhouse  
Robin Bastable  
Hayward Burt  
Tony Capozzoli  
Nick Colbert

Sarah Dyke  
Charlie Hull  
Mike Lewis  
Kevin Messenger  
Paul Rowsell

Lucy Trimnell  
William Wallace  
Colin Winder

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For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact [democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk)

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This Agenda was issued on Tuesday 28 February 2023.

**Jane Portman**, *Chief Executive Officer*



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## **Information for the Public**

The council has a well-established area committee system and through four area committees seeks to strengthen links between the Council and its local communities, allowing planning and other local issues to be decided at a local level (planning recommendations outside council policy are referred to the district wide Regulation Committee).

Decisions made by area committees, which include financial or policy implications are generally classed as executive decisions. Where these financial or policy decisions have a significant impact on council budgets or the local community, agendas will record these decisions as “key decisions”. The council’s Executive Forward Plan can be viewed online for details of executive/key decisions which are scheduled to be taken in the coming months. Non-executive decisions taken by area committees include planning, and other quasi-judicial decisions.

At area committee meetings members of the public are able to:

- attend and make verbal or written representations, except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
- at the area committee chairman’s discretion, members of the public are permitted to speak for up to up to three minutes on agenda items; and
- see agenda reports

Meetings of the Area East Committee are usually held monthly, usually at 10.00am, on the second Wednesday of the month in the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil (unless specified otherwise).

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## **Public participation at committees**

### **Public question time**

The period allowed for participation in this session shall not exceed 15 minutes except with the consent of the Chairman of the Committee. Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes.

### **Planning applications**

Consideration of planning applications at this meeting will commence no earlier than the time stated at the front of the agenda and on the planning applications schedule. The public and representatives of parish/town councils will be invited to speak on the individual planning applications at the time they are considered.

Comments should be confined to additional information or issues, which have not been fully covered in the officer’s report. Members of the public are asked to submit any additional documents to the planning officer at least 72 hours in advance and not to present them to the Committee on the day of the meeting. This will give the planning officer the opportunity to respond appropriately. Information from the public should not be tabled at the meeting. It should also be noted that, in the interests of fairness, the use of presentational aids (e.g. PowerPoint) by the applicant/agent or those making representations will not be permitted. However, the applicant/agent or those making representations

are able to ask the planning officer to include photographs/images within the officer's presentation subject to them being received by the officer at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. No more than 5 photographs/images either supporting or against the application to be submitted. The planning officer will also need to be satisfied that the photographs are appropriate in terms of planning grounds.

At the committee chairman's discretion, members of the public are permitted to speak for up to three minutes each and where there are a number of persons wishing to speak they should be encouraged to choose one spokesperson to speak either for the applicant or on behalf of any supporters or objectors to the application. The total period allowed for such participation on each application shall not normally exceed 15 minutes.

The order of speaking on planning items will be:

- Town or Parish Council Spokesperson
- Objectors
- Supporters
- Applicant and/or Agent
- District Council Ward Member

If a member of the public wishes to speak at the meeting they should contact Democratic Services ([democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk)) by 9.00am on the day prior to the meeting and provide their name and whether they have supporting comments or objections, or who they are representing. If this is not possible and a member of the public wishes to speak, they must inform the committee administrator before the meeting begins of their name and whether they have supporting comments or objections and who they are representing - this should be done by completing one of the public participation slips available at the meeting.

In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman of the Committee shall have discretion to vary the procedure set out to ensure fairness to all sides.

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### **Agenda**

#### ***Preliminary Items***

#### **1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 January 2023.

#### **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.

#### **Planning Applications Referred to the Regulation Committee**

The following members of this Committee are also members of the Council's Regulation Committee:

Councillors Tony Capozzoli, Sarah Dyke, Paul Rowsell and William Wallace.

Where planning applications are referred by this Committee to the Regulation Committee for determination, Members of the Regulation Committee can participate and vote on these items at the Area Committee and at Regulation Committee. In these cases the Council's decision-making process is not complete until the application is determined by the Regulation Committee. Members of the Regulation Committee retain an open mind and will not finalise their position until the Regulation Committee. They will also consider the matter at Regulation Committee as Members of that Committee and not as representatives of the Area Committee.

#### **4. Public Question Time**

#### **5. Chairman Announcements**

#### **6. Reports from Members**

*Items for Discussion*

7. **SSDC Community Support with the Cost of Living Crisis - Verbal Update** (Page 6)
8. **Area East Committee - Achievements 2019-2023** (Pages 7 - 12)
9. **Update on Section 106 Schemes** (Pages 13 - 22)
10. **Planning Appeals** (Pages 23 - 29)

**Please note that the decisions taken by Area Committees may be called in for scrutiny by the Council's Scrutiny Committee prior to implementation.**

**This does not apply to decisions taken on planning applications.**