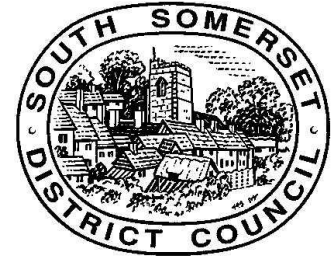


**South Somerset District Council**

*Notice of Meeting*



# Area South Committee

*Making a difference where it counts*

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**2.00 pm**

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

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The public and press are welcome to attend.



Disabled Access is available at this meeting venue.

If you would like any further information on the items to be discussed, please ring the Agenda Co-ordinator, **Jo Boucher** on Yeovil (01935) 462462  
email: [democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk)

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*Ian Clarke, Assistant Director (Legal & Corporate Services)*



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## **Area South Membership**

Cathy Bakewell  
Tim Carroll  
John Chainey  
Tony Fife  
Marcus Fysh  
Nigel Gage  
Jon Gleeson

Dave Greene  
Peter Gubbins  
Andy Kendall  
Pauline Lock  
Tony Lock  
Ian Martin  
Graham Oakes

Wes Read  
David Recardo  
John Richardson  
Gina Seaton  
Peter Seib

## **South Somerset District Council – Corporate Aims**

**Our key aims are:** (all equal)

- Jobs - We want a strong economy which has low unemployment and thriving businesses
- Environment - We want an attractive environment to live in with increased recycling and lower energy use
- Homes - We want decent housing for our residents that matches their income
- Health and Communities - We want communities that are healthy, self-reliant, and have individuals who are willing to help each other

## **Scrutiny Procedure Rules**

Please note that 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.

## **Consideration of Planning Applications**

Members of the public are requested to note that consideration of the planning applications will commence immediately after Item 6 at approximately 2.15pm. The public and representatives of Parish/Town Councils will be invited to speak on the individual planning applications at the time they are considered. Anyone wishing to raise matters in relation to other items on the agenda may do so at the time the item is considered.

## **Highways**

A representative from the Area Highways Office will attend Area South Committee quarterly in February, May, August and November from 1.30 pm to answer questions and take comments from Members of the Committee. Alternatively, they can be contacted direct through Somerset Highways direct control centre on 0845 345 9155.

## **Members Questions on Reports prior to the Meeting**

Members of the Committee are requested to contact report authors on points of clarification prior to the Committee meeting.

## **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". Members of the public can view the council's Executive Forward Plan, either online or at any SSDC council office, to see what executive/key decisions 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 3 minutes on agenda items; and

see agenda reports.

Meetings of the Area South Committee are held monthly at 2.00pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

Agendas and minutes of Area Committees are published on the Council's website [www.southsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk)

The Council's Constitution is also on the web site and available for inspection in council offices.

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

### **Public Participation at Committees**

This is a summary of the Protocol adopted by the Council and set out in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution.

### **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**

Comments about planning applications will be dealt with at the time those applications are considered, rather than during the Public Question Time session.

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 3 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/Agent  
County Council Division Member  
District Council Ward Member

If 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 must 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.

The same rules in terms of public participation will apply in respect of other agenda items where people wish to speak on that particular item.

### **If a Councillor has declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) or a personal and prejudicial interest**

In relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, a Councillor is prohibited by law from participating in the discussion about the business on the agenda that relates to this interest and is also required to leave the room whilst the relevant agenda item is being discussed.

Under the new Code of Conduct adopted by this Council in July 2012, a Councillor with a personal and prejudicial interest (which is not also a DPI) will be afforded the same right as a member of the public to speak in relation to the relevant business and may also answer any questions, except that once the Councillor has addressed the Committee the Councillor will leave the room and not return until after the decision has been made.

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# Area South Committee

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013

### Agenda

#### *Preliminary Items*

1. **To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**

In accordance with the Council's current Code of Conduct (adopted July 2012), 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. A DPI is defined in The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 No. 1464) and Appendix 3 of the Council's Code of Conduct. A personal interest is defined in paragraph 2.8 of the Code and a prejudicial interest is defined in paragraph 2.9. In the interests of complete transparency, Members of the County Council, who are not also members of this committee, are encouraged to declare any interests they may have in any matters being discussed even though they may not be under any obligation to do so under any relevant code of conduct.

#### ***Planning Applications Referred to the District Council's Regulation Committee***

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

Cllr Tim Carroll  
Cllr Tony Fife  
Cllr Peter Gubbins  
Cllr Ian Martin  
Cllr Gina Seaton

Where planning applications are referred by this Committee to the Regulation Committee for determination, in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice on Planning, 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.

The following members of the Area South Committee are also members of Yeovil Town Council and have declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in all planning applications where comments have been made by the Town Council:

J Vincent Chainey, Tony Fife, Jon Gleeson, Dave Greene, Peter Gubbins, Andy Kendall, Tony Lock, David Recardo, Wes Read.

**4. Public Question Time**

This is a chance for members of the public and representatives of Parish/Town Councils to participate in the meeting by asking questions, making comments and raising matters of concern. Parish/Town Council representatives may also wish to use this opportunity to ask for the District Council’s support on any matter of particular concern to their Parish/Town. The public and representatives of Parish/Town Councils will be invited to speak on individual planning applications at the time the applications are considered.

**5. Chairman’s Announcements**

**6. Reports from Representatives on Outside Organisations**

This is an opportunity for Members who represent the Council on outside organisations to report items of interest to the Committee.

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