

Scrutiny Committee

This report summarises the work of the Scrutiny Committee since the last report to Council in mid March.

Since the last report, the committee have met on 2 June, 30 June and 4 August (the April and May meetings were cancelled due to the pandemic lockdown restrictions). Minutes of the meetings can be viewed on the website at:

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

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 suspended to enable staff to focus on essential priorities. One of the Task and Finish groups has reconvened (in mid-July) to consider the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2021 / 2022.

In addition to the committee meetings, members have also met twice informally:

- May - to discuss questions that Scrutiny members wished to forward to District Executive and Senior Leadership Team regarding the impact of Covid-19 to the community and the Council in terms of risks, service delivery, priorities, expenditure and performance etc. Many of the points raised were addressed in the 'Impact of Covid-19 on the Council' report and Powerpoint presentation provided by the Chief Executive at the District Executive meeting in June.
- Mid-July – to discuss questions and observations that Scrutiny members wished to forward to District Executive and the Senior Leadership Team regarding the SSDC response to the SCC One Somerset Business Case. Many of the points raised by Scrutiny members were also voiced by District Executive members at their meeting.

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