

## Scrutiny Committee

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

Since the last report, the committee have met on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> March, and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Minutes of the meetings can be viewed on the website at:

[Browse meetings - Scrutiny Committee \(southsomerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk)

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 & Finish group for Productivity Analysis continue to meet on a quarterly basis, working with officers to review fees and charges across various council services.

The Task and Finish group for the Environment Strategy has commenced. Members have been tasked with a market research project to identify a roadmap for the transition to renewable energy sources across SSDC's own estate. The group are working to identify and evaluate the various options available and make recommendations based on their findings.

The Scrutiny Chair and Vice-chairs recently led a presentation on the 'Role of Scrutiny and Overview' at Area North and Area South committees. These presentations led to some really positive discussions around how Scrutiny works at SSDC, and how all elected members can feed issues into the work programme. They hope to attend Area East and Area West in the near future.

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](mailto:Stephanie.gold@southsomerset.gov.uk).

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