

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Thursday 11 September 2014 at 3.30 pm

Council Chamber, Williton

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held on 7 August 2014, to be approved and signed as a correct record – **SEE ATTACHED.**

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive and record any declarations of interest in respect of any matters included on the Agenda for consideration at this Meeting.

4. Public Participation

The Chairman to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public wishing to speak at this meeting there are a few points you might like to note.

A three-minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue. There will be no further opportunity for comment at a later stage. Your comments should be addressed to the Chairman and any ruling made by the Chair is not open to discussion. If a response is needed it will be given either orally at the meeting or a written reply made within five working days of the meeting.

5. Notes of Key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points

To review the Key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points from the Cabinet Meeting held on 3 September, 2014 – **TO BE CIRCULATED AT MEETING**

6. Cabinet Forward Plan

To review the latest Cabinet Forward Plan for the months of October, November & December published on 19 August 2014 – **SEE ATTACHED.**

7. Joint Management and Shared Services – Update of Progress

To consider Report No. WSC 123/14, to be presented by Kim Batchelor, Corporate Transformation Manager – **REPORT TO FOLLOW**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update of the Joint Management and Shared Service Programme as detailed in the business case as approved in November 2013.

8. Reviewing the process of the making of Executive Decisions by Individual Members of Cabinet

To consider Report No. WSC 124/14, to be presented by Sam Rawle, Scrutiny Officer – **SEE ATTACHED**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the opportunity to consider the review of the process of the making of Executive Decisions by individual Members of Cabinet

9. Scrutiny Committee Work Plan

To receive items and review the Scrutiny Committee WorkPlan for 2014/15 – **SEE ATTACHED.**

COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED TO CHECK THEIR POST TRAYS

The Council's Vision:

To enable people to live, work and prosper in West Somerset

The Council's Corporate Priorities:

- Local Democracy:
Securing local democracy and accountability in West Somerset, based in West Somerset, elected by the people of West Somerset and responsible to the people of West Somerset.
- New Nuclear Development at Hinkley Point
Maximising opportunities for West Somerset communities and businesses to benefit from the development whilst protecting local communities and the environment.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 07 August 2014 at 3.30 pm

Present:

Councillor P H MurphyChairman
Councillor R P LillisVice Chairman

Councillor M O A Dewdney
Councillor G S Dowding
Councillor M J Chilcott
Councillor K J Ross

Members in Attendance:

Councillor T Taylor
Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew

Officers in Attendance:

Monitoring Officer (B Lang)
Assistant Director – Planning and Environment (T Burton)
Media and Public Relations Officer (D Rundle)
Scrutiny and Performance Officer (S Rawle)
Administrative Support (A Randell)

Chris Edwards - Quantock Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Manager.

SC9 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Freeman, P N Grierson, K Mills and D J Sanders.

SC10 Minutes

(Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 10 July 2014 – circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held on 10 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

SC11 Declarations of Interest

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a County, Parish or Town Council:

Name	Minute No.	Description of Interest	Personal or Prejudicial or Disclosable Pecuniary	Action Taken
Cllr P N Grierson	All Items	Alcombe	Personal	Spoke and voted
Cllr K J Ross	All Items	Dulverton	Personal	Spoke and voted
Cllr P H Murphy	All Items	Watchet	Personal	Spoke and voted
Cllr K H Turner	All Items	Brompton Ralph	Personal	Spoke

An additional interest was declared by Councillor S Dowding as a member of the Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee (JAC).

SC12 Public Participation

No members of the public had requested to speak on any item on the Agenda.

SC13 Notes of Key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points

(Copy of Notes of Cabinet Decisions/Action Points, circulated with the agenda.)

RESOLVED that the Key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points from the meeting held on 6 August 2014, be noted.

SC14 Cabinet Forward Plan

(Copy of the Cabinet Forward Plan published 16 July 2014, circulated with the agenda.)

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Forward Plan published on 16 July 2014, be noted.

SC15 Presentation from Quantock Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

(Report from Quantock Hills AONB Manager, Circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to provide Members with an update relating to the Quantock Hills AONB service and partnership.

Chris Edwards, presented the report capturing why the Quantock Hills AONB was a nationally significant landscape, what the service and partnership provided and the potential implications of further funding cuts.

During the course of discussion the following points were made:-

- Members discussed the statutory duty placed on local authorities to publish a plan for the management of the area.
- A critical element fell under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The Council had a statutory duty to work together with other stakeholders to produce a management plan which was required to be revised every five years. The emphasis was placed on local authorities and not the AONB management service to create and update the management plan.

- The positive effect of the AONB to small businesses in the area were considered. It was suggested that they should have the option to contribute to the funding of the partnership to enhance the environment the local businesses benefitted from.
- The target figure funding was set by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs , who matched what other partners contributed to the service.
- Planning restrictions in the AONB were discussed. Article 1.5 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 was referred to which excluded areas of the AONB from the use of permitted development rights. There had been no change to this situation in recent years.
- Income was down 50% for the partnership and, as a result future sustainability and resilience of the service was considered.
- The possible use of mitigation funding from the Hinckley C development were discussed. However, this funding had been ring-fenced for landscape management areas to reduce the impact of Hinkley C.
- The budget for 2014/2015 was looked at. Project funding had been used to absorb cuts and used to continue to pay employees. Funding had enabled the service to replace a full time Ranger, however it was noted that the AONB was the only one of a similar nature that employed Rangers.
- EDF funding that had 'kicked in' had enabled the partnership to maintain the maximum ceiling for DEFRA contributions.
- The partnership was to undertake visitor surveys for the first time in seven years due to funding restraints. This was programmed to commence next Spring/Summer.
- A recent survey had shown that the Red Deer population had increased slightly.
- Awareness of the risks of Lyme Disease was referred to., It was determined that raising risks without discouraging visitors away from the countryside was the best approach although no specific initiatives to undertake this currently existed.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1) The Scrutiny Committee recognised the developments that had taken place relating to changes in funding the Quantock Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in recent years and, in particular, recent discussions hosted by Somerset County Council aimed at achieving a sustainable funding position going forward. The Committee recommended that the Cabinet to consider maintaining the Council's contribution towards the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at least at the current level for future years if required.
- 2) The Cabinet also be recommended to consider lobbying the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs through the Local Government Association to secure a more sustainable funding arrangement of all Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in the same way that National Parks were funded, thus recognising the value of these designated parts of England and Wales and, in the interim, request that Somerset County Council provided sufficient funding to sustain the operation of the Quantock Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

SC16 **Scrutiny Committee Work Plan**

(The Scrutiny Committee work plan, circulated with the Agenda was considered.)

The report provided the Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to consider the meeting timetable for 2014/2015.

Councillors were requested to consider and comment on the proposed Work Plan submitted.

During the course of the discussion the following points were raised:-

- Suggested that local academies should be scrutinised along with grading results. It was suggested that intake should be related to results with comparison to the national value added figures linked to education.
- Members requested that the West Somerset Community College be invited to scrutiny for discussions as to how they aimed could be ing to address their funding gap. It was proposed that this item be included on the agenda for the December meeting with College and County Council representatives invited to attend.
- Following questioning relating to the assets of the authority it was determined that this would be addressed in an update due in October.
- A briefing note would be prepared and be circulated to all Members relating to local planning processes.

RESOLVED that the Work Plan be adopted.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

Weekly version of Forward Plan⁵ published on 19 August 2014

Forward Plan Ref / Date proposed decision published in Forward Plan	Date when decision due to be taken and by whom	Details of the proposed decision	Documents and background papers to be available to decision maker	Does the decision contain any exempt information requiring a resolution for it to be considered in private and what are the reasons for this?	Contact Officer for any representations to be made ahead of the proposed decision
FP/14/10/01 24/09/2013	1 October 2014 By Councillor K V Kravis – Lead Member Resources & Central Support	Title: Allocation of Section 106 funds held – Quarter 2 Decision: to make proposals for the allocation of monies secured through planning obligations to individual schemes, and to update members with the current funding position.		No exempt / confidential information anticipated	Ian Timms, Assistant Director Business Development 01984 635271
FP/14/10/02 24/09/2013	1 October 2014 By Councillor D Westcott – Lead Member for Community and Customer	Title: Consideration of nomination/s received under the Community Right to Bid Legislation Decision: To approve community listing		No exempt / confidential information anticipated	Bruce Lang, Assistant Chief Executive 01984 635200
FP/14/10/03 6/02/2014	1 October 2014 By Councillor C Morgan – Lead Member for Environment – Hinkley Point	Title: Hinkley Point Decision: to consider key issues relating to Hinkley Point		No exempt / confidential information anticipated	Andrew Goodchild, New Nuclear Programme Manager 01984 635245
FP/14/10/04 5/06/2014	1 October 2014 By Councillor K V Kravis – Lead Member Resources & Central Support	Title: Proposed Shared Legal Services Partnership Decision: to consider a proposal to establish a shared legal services partnership between Taunton Deane Borough Council, West Somerset Council and Mendip District Council		Exempt information relating to staffing matters	Bruce Lang, Assistant Chief Executive 01984 635200

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FP/14/11/03 29/04/2014	5 November 2014 By Councillor K V Kravis – Lead Member Resources & Central Support	Title: Hinkley Point C Community Impact Mitigation Fund Decision: to agree the release of funding for the Community Impact Mitigation Fund		No exempt / confidential information anticipated	James Holbrook, Major Projects Manager (Hinkley Point) 01984 635218
FP/14/11/04 5/08/2014	5 November 2014 By Councillor D Westcott – Lead Member for Community and Customer	Title: Council Tax Rebate Scheme – Review for 2015/16 Decision: to provide information on Council Tax Rebate scheme in 2013/14 for recommendation to Council		No exempt / confidential information anticipated	Heather Tiso, Head of Revenues and Benefits 01823 356541 Ext 2245

Note (1) – Items in bold type are regular cyclical items.

Note (2) – All Consultation Implications are referred to in individual reports.

The Cabinet comprises the following: Councillors T Taylor, K V Kravis, K M Mills, C Morgan S J Pugsley, A H Trollope-Bellew, K H Turner and D J Westcott.

The Scrutiny Committee comprises: Councillors P H Murphy, R Lillis, M J Chilcott, M O A Dewdney, G S Dowding, J Freeman, P N Grierson, B Heywood and K J Ross.

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Report to a Meeting of: Scrutiny
To be Held on: 11 September 2014
Date Entered on Executive Forward Plan N/A
Or Agreement for Urgency Granted:

REVIEWING THE PROCESS OF THE MAKING OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF CABINET

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to consider and comment on the attached briefing paper concerning the review of the process of the making of Executive Decisions by individual members of Cabinet.

2. CONTRIBUTION TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 There are no direct links with regards to this report.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Scrutiny Committee consider the content of the briefing paper at Appendix A and make comment as appropriate.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

Risk Matrix

Description	Likelihood	Impact	Overall
There are no risks directly associated with this report			

The scoring of the risks identified in the above table has been based on the scoring matrix. Each risk has been assessed and scored both before the mitigation measures have been actioned and after they have.

5. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 5.1 The briefing paper at Appendix A was presented to a meeting of the Corporate PAG on the 27th August, 2014. The PAG requested that when the matter is considered by Full Council, that some more specific examples should be given of the type of decisions that could be

taken if the process on individual executive decision making was re-introduced. This will be researched and covered in the final report.

- 5.2 The Scrutiny Committee have requested to consider and debate the issues detailed in the briefing paper.
- 5.3 Comments received from the Scrutiny Committee will be included as part of the final report scheduled for the Full Council meeting to be held on 22nd October 2014.

6. FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct links associated with this report.

7. COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 7.1 There are no comments associated with this report.

8. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

Members need to demonstrate that they have consciously thought about the three aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty as part of the decision making process.

The three aims the authority **must** have due regard for:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

- 8.1 There are no direct links with regard to this report.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no direct links with regard to this report.

10. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no direct links with regard to this report.

11. ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no direct links with regard to this report.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no direct links with regard to this report.

13. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 There are no direct links with regard to this report.

Briefing Paper

Reviewing the process of the making of Executive decisions by individual members of Cabinet

Introduction

Whilst under the Local Government Act 2000, the Cabinet may delegate any of its functions to an individual member of the cabinet, West Somerset Council has agreed for several years not to follow this process and consider all decisions at Full Cabinet Meetings.

In the light of the many changes happening externally and internally in relation to local government, the Portfolio Holder for Executive Support and Democracy has requested that a Briefing Paper be prepared for the Corporate PAG to review current practice and consider whether or not to recommend that individual Councillor Executive decision making be reintroduced. Should the Council be minded to move forward in this basis it will also be necessary to specify what decisions are to be taken by individual Cabinet Members and what procedure/protocol should be followed in this regard.

Background/Issues to Consider

The majority of local authorities do enable individual Cabinet/Executive Councillors to make decisions. Indeed, following the Local Government Act 2000, Executive decisions were made by individual members at West Somerset Council.

This practice was not continued due to a perception, at least, that there would be more transparency if all decisions went through Full Cabinet meetings so that all Members had the opportunity to participate in any debate/discussion at Cabinet meetings.

This approach is quite permissible in terms of adhering to any legislative requirements; nevertheless there are implications in terms of generating greater bureaucracy and in many cases taking longer to reach a decision given that all such matters must be considered at Full Cabinet Meetings.

At least some of these concerns can be allayed by the fact that reporting papers relating to decisions taken by individual Cabinet Members will be required to be made available and any such decisions so made are still subject to the 'call in' process.

With the changes that are occurring, particularly in relation to the establishment of the "One Team" of officers, now maybe a good time to consider reintroducing the implementation of executive decisions made by individual Cabinet Members.

Possible options of the way forward

Should the Council wish to introduce the process of some decisions being made by individual Cabinet Members, the existing Council constitution already makes provision for this.

As currently worded, an individual Cabinet Member can make a decision relating to their Portfolio as long as it is not a "key decision".

For a decision to be classified as 'key' it will meet one of the following criteria:

- the decision will affect two or more wards within the area covered by the Council;
- the decision will have a significant impact on at least one ward;
- revenue spending or saving would be £25,000 or more as a result of the decision;
- capital saving or spending would be £50,000 or more as a result of the decision.

Therefore key decisions at the Council will continue to be made by the Full Cabinet.

Notwithstanding the above, the wording of the Constitution enables individual Cabinet Members and Officers to make Executive decisions as detailed in Section 1 of the Scheme of Delegations – see attached.

Individual Cabinet Members cannot make decisions regarding new policies or amendments to existing policies; such introductions or changes must be agreed by Council. It is still possible (and appropriate) for a lead Member to whom an Executive decision is delegated to refer the matter to a meeting of the Cabinet should he/she consider this would be appropriate.

If the Executive decision is to be taken by the Leader of the Council (or the Deputy Leader in the absence of the Leader), they must consult with any relevant Lead Member, or Officer as appropriate (appropriate Officers will usually be the Head of Paid Service, Section 151 Officer or Monitoring Officer). Where the issue is ward specific, the ward Members will also be consulted. Relevant reports will also be considered.

If the Executive decision is to be made by another member of the Cabinet, he/she will consult with any other relevant lead Members, or Officers and consider any relevant reports. Where the issue is ward specific, the ward Members will also be consulted. Particular financial and legal advice should be taken into account in all decision making.

Executive decisions made by Cabinet Members who are lead Members will be recorded on a form designed for the purpose, signed by the Lead Member and the Leader of the Council (or the Deputy Lead in the absence of the Leader). The Monitoring Officer will keep the forms and they will be retained in a secure location. The completed forms (or copy) and any reports considered will be public documents. Each decision record form will contain the following information:

- a record of the decision;
- a record of the reasons for the decision;
- details of any options considered and rejected;
- any interest declared and any dispensations granted;
- the signature of the Lead Member;
- the signature of the Leader of the Council (or the Deputy Leader in the absence of the Leader) and the date on which it was signed;
- the date on which the decision was implemented or called in.

Clearly any individual Cabinet Member can only take an Executive decision as long as it is:

- (a) within the Council's policies and objectives;
- (b) in accordance with legislation, statutory guidance, good practice and the Constitution; and
- (c) within budget.

The Corporate PAG is invited to discuss the principle of the relative merits of reintroducing the use of making of certain Executive decisions by individual members of the Cabinet.

If the general consensus to the point of principle is in the affirmative, to then consider whether the current framework for making such decisions is appropriate as set out in the briefing paper and currently worded in the constitution or whether some variations ought to be considered/proposed.

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORKPLAN 2014/15

2014 7 August	11 September	16 October	13 November	18 December	2015 15 January	12 February	12 March	16 April	May (provisional, date not yet set)
Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points	Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points	Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points	Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points	Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points	Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points	Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points	Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points	Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points	Notes of key Cabinet Decisions/Action Points
Cabinet Forward Plan	Cabinet Forward Plan	Cabinet Forward Plan	Cabinet Forward Plan	Cabinet Forward Plan	Cabinet Forward Plan	Cabinet Forward Plan	Cabinet Forward Plan	Cabinet Forward Plan	Cabinet Forward Plan
Quantock Hills AONB – Overview of Service and Funding Update	Update on JMASS (post Tier 4/5 implementation)	Presentation from Engage WS	Corporate Performance – April-Sept 2014/15 (6 month review)	GP OOH Provision – New Arrangements	Budget 2015/16 Draft Proposals				
		Draft Community Asset Transfer Strategy	Financial Monitoring – April-Sept 2014/15 (6 month review)	Secondary Education in West Somerset	Service Plans – 2016-2017				
		Minehead Rhynes – Roles & Responsibilities	Budget 2015/16 Initial Savings Ideas		Financial Standing and MTFP 2015/16-2017/18				
			Fees and Charges 2015/16						
Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review	Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review	Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review	Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review	Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review	Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review	Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review	Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review	Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review	Scrutiny Committee Workplan Review

Items in Blue are those detailed in the ‘Financially Fit Future’ report, presented to Scrutiny in July

Note: Members of the Scrutiny Committee and all other Members of West Somerset Council are invited to contribute items for inclusion in the work programme. Please contact Sam Rawle, Scrutiny Officer, who will assist you in submitting your item.

Work Programme – Selection of Items

This paper details topic areas that have been suggested by Scrutiny Members as potential items for the work programme, along with some **suggestions** as to how best to progress each idea. Each topic has been considered at the agenda setting meeting on the 1st September 2014 with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Suggested Topic	Suggested way forward
<p>Secondary Education in West Somerset –</p> <p>Review of the recent process undertaken by SCC to change the secondary education framework in WS.</p>	<p>Discussed at agenda setting meeting 28th July, 2014.</p> <p>Scrutiny Officer to investigate possible invitation to SCC officer to attend a future scrutiny meeting to explain educational framework in WS and review of the recent exercise to change the secondary education age ranges.</p> <p>Update Scrutiny Meeting 7th August 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested that local academies should be scrutinised along with exam results benchmarked against national tables and judge whether West Somerset pupils are getting good value in the education sector. • Members requested that the WSCC be invited to scrutiny for discussions as to how they aim to address their funding gap in future years. It was proposed that this item be included on the agenda for the December meeting with College and SCC representatives invited to attend. <p>Update Scrutiny agenda setting meeting – 1st September</p> <p>It was considered that to fully understand the issues surrounding this topic that the best approach would be to set up a scrutiny task and finish review group so that a focused enquiry could be carried out and to ensure that the appropriate witnesses would have the opportunity to contribute to the review.</p> <p><i>Nominations from interested Scrutiny Members to be part of the review shall be considered at the scrutiny meeting on the 11th September as part of the work plan item.</i></p>
<p>Reviewing process of the making of Executive Decisions by Individual Members of Cabinet.</p>	<p>A report was considered at the Corporate PAG meeting 27th August, 2014.</p> <p>At the agenda setting meeting 1st September, 2014 it was agreed that the paper should come before the September meeting of Scrutiny to enable Scrutiny to consider and make further comment on the issues contained within the paper.</p>
<p>Social Media Policy and Guidelines</p>	<p>A report was considered at the Corporate PAG meeting 27th August, 2014.</p>

	<p>Members suggested that Scrutiny could review the policy and guidelines.</p> <p><i>Scrutiny Committee are requested to consider whether they wish this item to be included as part of the work plan.</i></p>
<p>Voluntary Sector – Update report from organisations currently receiving a grant from WSC</p>	<p>Members are asked to consider whether they would like an item concerning updates from the remaining voluntary sector organisations that the Council supports.</p> <p>Scrutiny Committee have received an update from the QHAONB and an update is scheduled for Engage WS to attend the October meeting.</p> <p>The update would take the form of a written report from officers as opposed to presentations from the individual organisations.</p> <p><i>Scrutiny Committee are requested to consider whether they wish this item to be included as part of the work plan.</i></p>