

## SSDC BRIEFING MARCH 25, 2022



Here is your fortnightly update on South Somerset District Council news, including meetings, Coronavirus Support, Local Government Reorganisation, and more from the past 14 days. Please note, the pre-election period commenced on 21 March.

You can also keep up to date on news with our website [www.southsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk) or click the button below. If you would like a PDF version of this newsletter or a URL link, please email [communications@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:communications@southsomerset.gov.uk)

[Visit our Website](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk)





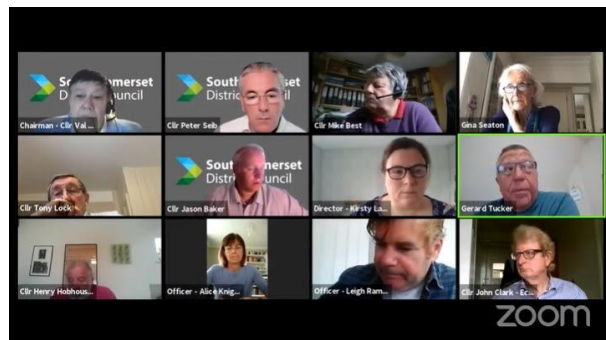
## Upcoming Meetings

[Licensing - Thursday 31 March 2pm](#)

[Scrutiny - Tuesday 5 April](#)

[District Executive - Thursday 7 April 9.30am](#)

[Previous meetings can be viewed on our Youtube channel.](#)



## Coronavirus Support

The Coronavirus Support section on the Government website is a valuable resource to help you support your community, give health advice and keep you updated on COVID-19 news.

[Find out more here](#)

The countywide support page [can be found here.](#)



## Featured News

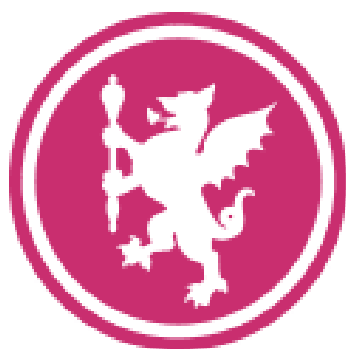


### Supporting those affected by conflict in Ukraine

South Somerset District Council stands with all those affected by the conflict in Ukraine. We have provided a guide to national and local charities offering support...

[Read more](#)

[www.southsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk)



### Refugee resettlement in Somerset

Displaced people who meet the selection criteria of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) are referred to and screened by the Home Office. After that the Home Office works with local authorities' resettlement schemes to place...

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## **Elections to Somerset County Council confirmed**

Formal notice has now been given for elections to Somerset County Council that will take place on Thursday, 5 May. There are 110 seats available across the county, two in the 55 divisions with voters able to cast two votes in each division.

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Together we are delivering your  
**New Somerset Council**

**Public Meeting**  
**Get involved** in the  
**new Council for Somerset**

**Thursday 17 March, 4.30-6.30pm**  
**Venue: The Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory,**  
**Taunton TA3 6EU**

A new Somerset Council will replace the county council and four districts in just over a year.

Share your ideas at a public meeting of the Local Government Reorganisation Advisory Board.

**On the agenda: Devolution principles and the Culture of the new Council.**

For more information visit [www.newsomersetcouncil.org.uk](http://www.newsomersetcouncil.org.uk)



**MENDIP**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Sedgemoor**  
District Council

**SOMERSET**  
County Council

**Somerset West**  
and Taunton

**South Somerset**  
District Council

**Moving forward together | New Somerset Council**

Highlights from the sixth LGR Advisory Board Meeting, a hybrid meeting held at Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory and also online 17.03.22.

[Read more](#)

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## CONCERT FOR UKRAINE

FUNDRAISER EVENING

### A Concert for Ukraine

Fri 1 Apr, Octagon Auditorium TICKETS:\*  
£10.00 - £25.00 To show our support for  
Ukraine we welcome performers from  
across Somerset and beyond with an  
evening of music, dance and spoken word.  
This concert will be raising funds for  
School in a...

[Read more](#)

[www.octagon-theatre.co.uk](http://www.octagon-theatre.co.uk)

## Rock FOR UKRAINE

FUNDRAISER EVENING

### Rock for Ukraine

Fri 22 Apr, Westlands Event Night Main  
Info Let's Rock for Ukraine; Join us for a  
night at Westlands Entertainment Venue  
standing in solidarity with Ukraine through  
the power of live music. Local and regional  
bands will be performing to raise...

[Read more](#)

[westlandsyeovil.co.uk](http://westlandsyeovil.co.uk)

## Coronavirus - further advice

You may find the guidance on the  
Local Government Association  
website helpful at this time

[Find out more here](#)

If you need posters or other  
resources (including new Stay Alert  
messaging) for your communities at  
this time, you can create a free  
account and download resources  
from Public Health England

[Find out more here](#)



## Further support and news

### Weekly update: Covid 19

You can continue to keep track of the Covid-19 rates in Somerset using the Dashboard [which can be found here](#) and [the latest news here](#). Infection rates have shown a significant increase across Somerset with cases per 100,000 people rising from 1068.6 in South Somerset on March 14 to 1315.2 on March 21.

The government has published its [plan for living with COVID-19](#).

Care home residents, people aged 75 and over and those with a weakened immune system aged 12 and over will be invited to get a [spring COVID-19 booster](#). The NHS will contact these groups and will invite them to book a spring booster when it's due.

### Update: Local Government Reorganisation

Updates and the latest news can be found both on the [New Somerset Council website](#) including guides to the election and Local Community Networks.

### Implementation Executive

The new Implementation Executive, which includes the five existing Council Leaders and four Cabinet Members of the County Council will hold their first meeting this afternoon (Friday 25 March). The Implementation Executive will maintain oversight of the new council's development until the new administration is appointed following the May elections. At this first meeting they are being asked to endorse the Implementation plan for the programme.

### Final Candidates Briefing event Wednesday 30 March

The notice of the election has now been published and the deadline for people to apply to stand for election is 4pm on 5 April. Before then, a third and final briefing event for people considering standing will take place on Wednesday 30 March 17:15 to 18:30. And don't forget, if you've recently moved house and need to register to vote, the deadline for that is Thursday 14 April.

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### Guidance to support local communities with Brexit

A page which brings together guidance and information from across Government to help councils is available.

You can check what else you or your organisation may need to do to prepare by answering a few questions on the Brexit checker.

Brexit checker: <https://www.gov.uk/brexit>

