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# Committee details

## SWT Community Scrutiny Committee

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### Purpose of committee

The Community Scrutiny Committee is made up of 15 councillors and usually meets once a month. Its plays an important role in providing local accountability, openness and involvement in decision-making. Community Scrutiny was introduced to act as the Executive's 'critical friend'. It ensures public accountability and reflects the needs and concerns of Somerset West and Taunton residents by considering issues before decisions are made and reviewing how effectively public services are provided.

Community Scrutiny considers matters relating to the External Operations and Climate Change Directorate and Housing and Communities Directorate, including their performance and budget monitoring.

Community Scrutiny also carries out the functions of the Crime and Disorder Committee (as per S19 of the Police and Justice Act) with responsibility for scrutinising crime and disorder in the District.

Matters relating to the External Operations and Climate Change Directorate, including:

- Climate Change
- Emergency Planning
- Coastal Protection
- Asset Management
- Parks & Open Spaces
- Major contracts
- Street Scene
- Environmental Services
- Regulatory Services
- Commercial Services
- Public Health & wellbeing

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Matters relating to the Housing and Communities Directorate, including:

Housing Revenue Account 30 year Business Plan  
Tenancy Management  
Sheltered and Extra Care Housing Service  
Housing Options, Homelessness and Homefinder  
Rough Sleepers  
Safeguarding  
Community resilience and engagement  
Community grants  
Housing Property (including repairs and maintenance, voids, safety compliance)  
Housing development and regeneration (affordable housing, projects such as North Taunton Woolaway Project and low carbon homes)

Scrutiny's role and functions are set out in the Terms of Reference in the [Constitution](#).

### Membership

- Sam Murrell (Secretary)
- Marcus Prouse (Secretary)
- [Councillor Libby Lisgo](#) (Chair)
- [Councillor David Mansell](#) (Vice-Chair)
- [Councillor Simon Coles](#)
- [Councillor Tom Deakin](#)
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