

News from South West Co-operative Party – Somerset Branch

the co-operative party

Invitation to Party Members To The Next meeting of the **Co-operative Party, Somerset**

This will take place on
Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 1900

At **New Venue** St James Church,
In Small hall, St James Street
Taunton.
(Map overleaf on page 2)

Agenda

- 1: Apologies.
- 2: Minutes of last meeting on 25th September 2012
(Available near or at meeting)
- 3: Matters arising.
- 4: Correspondence
- 5: Treasurers Report
- 6: Party Council Report
- 7: South West Weekend School
- 8: Any other Business
- 9: Date / Venue next meeting

Officers would again like to respectfully ask you to support Branch and to make every effort to attend, any apologies to the **Chair** (Details at bottom page 2) or to me

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NEWS

New councillor elected in a flagship co-operative council. The Co-operative Party's Head of Communications and member of the Co-operative Group's South London Area Committee, Martin Tiedemann, was elected on 17th January as a Labour & Co-operative councillor in the London Borough of Lambeth. Elected for Brixton Hill ward, home to Lambeth Town Hall and Brixton Prison, Cllr Tiedemann replaced former council leader Steve Reed, recently elected as Labour & Co-operative MP for Croydon North.

Co-operative councils set out policy agenda

“A direct means to building One Nation”: says Ed Miliband.

The 21 leaders of Labour's Co-operative Councils Network today set out their joint vision to “share power and decision-making more equally to achieve the best outcomes for citizens and their communities.” download your copy from website:

www.party.coop now and forward to your local councillor

Stella Creasy MP leads **“Movement for Change”** in a campaign to end legal loan-sharking and promote credit unions as a safer, more affordable alternative as promoted so well at recent Weekend school at Torquay again at above website. Has your local council adopted the **“Sustainable Communities Act”** why not contact you're County, District again details at website link: localworks.org Remember to check our own local party website: www.swcoopparty.org.uk

Websites for interesting mutual downloads and resources.

www.compassonline.org.uk

www.policy-network.net

www.ippr.org and of course Co-operatives UK site at www.uk.coop/

The Co-operative Party stands for:

Enterprise

A sustainable economy and society

Empowerment

a culture of citizenship

Accountability

socially responsible business

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2013 County Elections Candidates confirmed!!

The South West Local Government panel was confirmed with latest addition Andy Merrifield (Wells along with Andrew Govier, Andy Lewis (Dunster) and Libby Lisgo, Brenda Weston, and our chair Martin Jevon at recent party council Meeting .This gives us a total of 6 labour/Co-op candidates in Somerset.

Membership Reminder

As agreed at last years Party Conference rates for 2013 will be £25 standard rate, however is has been agreed that reduced rate (paid direct to Branch only) for Senior/unwaged will remain at £12

Attention Members

Note: limited parking at venue entrance via coal orchard off St James street (also may be some parking at closed? adjacent Doctors Surgery)

See attached PDF plan how to get to hall through Link outside to left and entrance doors on left (may also be able to enter via large hall if not in use!)

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