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| 6. | Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (presentation) | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to note the content of the report and the accompanying presentation made by the LEP Partnership Manager</p> |
| 7. | Somerset Waste Partnership Business Plan 2015/16 | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Draft Business Plan 2015-20 on behalf of the authority. 2. Provided the following general comment for the Board to consider for inclusion in the next iteration of the Plan:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When setting out the budget forecasts it would be useful to have the previous years outturn figures as a comparison. <p>Reason: To agree the Somerset Waste Partnership's Business Plan 2015-20.</p> |
| 8. | 2014/15 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for the Quarter ending 30th December 2014 | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Note the current 2014/15 financial position of the Council; |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Note the reasons for variations to the previously approved Directorate Budgets as detailed in paragraphs 3.2; c. Note the transfers made to and from reserves outlined in paragraph 11.1 and the position of the Area Reserves as detailed in Appendix C and the Corporate Reserves as detailed in Appendix D; d. Note the virements made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix B; e. Approve a £5,000 contribution for a Thorney Bund pump and £5,000 for a boat from the Flood Reserve as detailed in paragraph 11.5. <p>Reason: To update Members on the current financial position of the revenue budgets of the Council and to report the reasons for variations from approved budgets for the period 1st April to 31st December 2014.</p> |
| 9. | 2014/15 Capital Budget Monitoring Report for the Quarter ending 30th December 2014 | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. note the net spend of £1,306,000 so far on capital for 2014/15 and approve the revised capital programme for 2014/15 and beyond (paragraph 6 and 7); |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. note the progress of individual capital schemes as detailed in Appendix A; c. note the slippage over £50,000 in the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 10; d. approve the virement of £29,000 outline in paragraph 11; e. approve the re-allocation of funding of £60,000 as detailed in paragraph 12 & 13; f. note the schemes that were approved prior to 2010, as detailed in Appendix D, and confirm approval for those projects that they wish to remain in the programme; g. note the total land disposals to registered social landlords as detailed in Appendix B; h. note the balance of S106 deposits by developers held in a reserve as detailed in Appendix C; i. note the current position with regard to funds held by the Wessex Home Improvement Loans as detailed in paragraph 17. <p>Reason: to update Members on the current financial position of the capital programme of the Council and to report the reasons for variations from</p> |

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| | | approved budgets for the period 1 st October to 31 st December 2014. |
| 10. | Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommended to Council to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. note the report of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group attached at Appendix A; b. approve the overall Revenue Budget for 2015/16 of £17,389,600 and the General Account Summary as shown at Appendix B and note future year projection; c. approve the detailed budgets for the District Executive and four Area Committees as shown at Appendix C; d. approve there is no increase in the Council Tax for 2015/16 for South Somerset District Council, which will result in a continuing Band D charge of £150.74; e. approve the additional expenditure for budget pressure bids as shown in Appendix D; f. approve the savings proposals in Appendix E in conjunction with the Equalities Impact Schedule at Appendix G; |

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| | | <p>g. approve the once-off items of expenditure as shown in Appendix F;</p> <p>h. approve the transfer of the NDR surplus (£0.9595 million) to the NDR Volatility Reserve;</p> <p>i. note the current position and future estimation of reserves and balances as shown in paragraphs 53-56;</p> <p>j. approve the revised Capital Programme as shown in Appendix H;</p> <p>k. approve the new schemes to be included in the Capital Programme as shown in Appendix I;</p> <p>l. note the scoring of new capital schemes outlined in Appendix K;</p> <p>m. note the proposed funding of the Capital Programme as shown in paragraph 66;</p> <p>n. note the detailed Capital Investment appraisal forms for new schemes, as shown at Appendix J.</p> <p>Reason: To seek approval for the proposed 2015/16 Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Plan (Revenue Budgets for 2015/16 to 2019/20) and the Capital Programme that will be recommended to Full Council.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 8 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions)</i></p> |
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| 11. | Investing in Market Housing | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the current position on the council's housing property portfolio as detailed in the appendix. 2. To continue to take an opportunistic approach to purchasing properties for housing purposes which fulfil a defined housing need and provide a reasonable rate of return on the capital investment of up to £600,000. 3. That each purchase be approved by the Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Policy as advised by the Corporate Strategic Housing Manager, Assistant Director (Economy), Assistant Director (Finance and Corporate Services) and a member of the Scrutiny Committee. 4. The criteria for acquisition of new dwellings as set out in this report. (Para 6.3). 5. To note the longer term options available should the council may wish to explore for developing a property portfolio as set out in para 6.1. |

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| | | <p>6. To authorise officers to begin a review of the overall management arrangements for existing properties.</p> <p>7. To note that a report would be brought back in a years' time including the full costs income and yield from the implementation of the policy and receive recommendations for further capital investment.</p> <p>Reason: To confirm current position in relation to acquisition of homes for strategic housing need and put forward options for investing in housing for local people which can assist with meeting local needs whilst providing a reasonable rate of return on the investment.</p> |
| 12. | Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed that the Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance in Appendix 1 concerning the provision of financial assistance for dealing with private sector housing matters be adopted as the future policy of the Council.</p> <p>Reason: To adopt the Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance.</p> |
| 13. | Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 | |

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| | | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To the implementation and use of the new provisions of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, as described in the report, 2. To delegate powers to other agencies to issue Community Protection Notices to be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory & Democratic Services. 3. That the decision to set penalty charges in relation to Fixed Penalty Notices be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory & Democratic Services. <p>Reason: To agree to implement tools and powers as provided by the ‘Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014’.</p> |
| 14. | The Living Wage | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed that from the 1st April 2015 the two spine points 9 and 10 remaining below the current living wage level on our permanent and fixed pay scale are deleted so that all main pay scale rates meet the living wage criteria.</p> <p>Reason: To move towards meeting the living wage rate by deleting the lowest two spine points from the SSDC main pay scales.</p> |

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| 15. | Councillor Induction Programme 2015 and Future IT Proposals for Councillors | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Member Induction Programme (as amended) attached at Appendix A to this report; 2. agree that from May 2015, Members be offered a one off sum of £400 to purchase an internet enabled device (tablet or laptop) of their choice to enable them to access their SSDC emails, agendas and minutes and the internet in order to conduct their SSDC business. This payment is defined as a Benefit in Kind for tax purposes; 3. agree that with effect from 1 May 2015 Members will be encouraged to receive their meeting papers and other circulated documents digitally through the Mod.Gov app; 4. delegate the necessary changes to be made to Part 6 (Members Allowances Scheme) of the Council's Constitution to the Assistant Director (Legal and Corporate Services). <p>Reason: to agree the Member Induction programme for 2015 and to agree their future IT requirements.</p> |
| 16. | Family Focus Programme Update | |

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| | | <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive noted the progress made in delivering South Somerset Family Focus, the multi-agency family support programme in the District.</p> <p>Reason: To update Members on progress of the South Somerset Family Focus Programme for supporting families with multiple and complex issues in the District.</p> |
| 17. | Access from Memorial Hall car park to land at the rear of the Dolphin Hotel, Wincanton - WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA | This item was withdrawn from the Agenda. |
| 18. | Monthly Performance Snapshot | <p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive noted the monthly performance snapshot data.</p> <p>Reason: The report is provided for Members information.</p> |
| 19. | District Executive Forward Plan | <p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A with the following addition:- |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of Licensing Software – March/April 2015 <p>2. Noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B.</p> <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p> |