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Part A – Items considered in public

A7	Non Domestic (Business) Rate Pooling	RESOLVED:	That Council agreed to:-
			 endorse the urgent decision to participate in the pooling arrangement with other Somerset authorities (Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, Somerset County Council, Taunton Deane District Council, Mendip District Council, and Sedgemoor District Council, under the Business Rate Retention Scheme, for 2015/16; and,
			 approve that delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director (Finance and Corporate Services) in consultation with the Finance and Spatial Planning Portfolio Holder, to decide whether to remain in the pool once the government's settlement figures are announced in December 2014.
		Reason:	To endorse the urgent decision made to enter into a business rates pooling arrangement with other Somerset authorities under the Business Rates Retention scheme.
A8	Adoption of Housing Strategy Implementation Plan	RESOLVED:	That Council formally adopted the Housing Strategy Implementation Plan subject to reconsideration of the Temporary Accommodation matters on page 60/61 of the plan due to the recently announced

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		Reason:	consultation on proposed funding reductions in Supported Housing Grant by Somerset County Council. To formally adopted the Housing Strategy Implementation Plan as a policy of the Council. (Voting: unanimous in favour)
A9	Loan to Drayton Community Venture	RESOLVED:	 That Council approved a loan of £130,000 to Drayton Community Pub Ltd, to be repaid over 20 years, from the available capital balances subject to: i. a revised business plan being approved by the Assistant Director – Finance and Corporate Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Finance and Spatial Planning and; ii. a first charge being secured on the property.
		Reason:	To agree a loan of £130,000 to Drayton Community Pub Ltd (an industrial and Provident society for the benefit of the community) to purchase Drayton Arms public house.
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