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Part A – Items considered in public		
A6	Heart of the South West Formal Devolution Bid	<p>RESOLVED: That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. noted the final prospectus set out in Appendix A and the work done to date on the Heart of the South West (HotSW) proposals. ii. agreed to be part of the devolution bid. iii. approved the submission of the final draft Heart of the South West Devolution Prospectus (Appendix A) to Government, subject to any minor changes made to the final draft prior to submission which are agreed by the Strategic Director in consultation with the Leader of Council. iv. authorised the Leader of Council to negotiate/participate on behalf of the Council but with a requirement to bring back to Council members regular reports on progress. This would be on the clear understanding that any final decision on whether or not to join any Combined Authority would be a matter for Full Council to determine should this eventually be proposed. <p>Reason: To note the prospectus for the HotSW proposals and to agree to be part of the devolution bid. <i>(Voting: 55 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
A7	Revenue Budget 2016/17 - Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme	<p>RESOLVED: That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approved the overall Revenue Budget for 2016/17 of £17,291,300 and the Revenue Account Summary as shown at Appendix A and note future year projections outlined in paragraph 43; b. approved the detailed budgets for the District Executive and four Area Committees as shown at Appendix B; c. approved the increase of 1.95% (£2.88 per annum) in the Council Tax for 2016/17 for South Somerset District Council, which will

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		<p>result in a Band D charge of £150.63;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. approved a further increase of 1.25% (£1.85 per annum) to cover the precept for the Somerset Rivers Authority, producing an overall increase of 3.2% (£4.73 per annum) in the Council Tax for 2016/17 for South Somerset District Council, which will result in an overall Band D charge of £152.48; e. approved the additional expenditure for budget pressure bids as shown in Appendix C; f. approved the savings proposals in Appendix D in conjunction with the Equalities Impact Schedule at Appendix F; g. approved the once-off items of expenditure as shown in Appendix E; h. noted the current position and future estimation of reserves and balances as shown in paragraphs 68-71; i. approved the revised Capital Programme as shown in Appendix H; j. approved of the new schemes to be included in the Capital Programme as shown in Appendix I; k. noted the scoring of new capital schemes outlined in Appendix K; l. noted the proposed funding of the Capital Programme as shown in paragraph 82; m. noted the detailed Capital Investment appraisal forms for new schemes, as shown at Appendix J; n. approved the setting aside of £2.5 million from capital reserves for transformation costs to be delegated to District Executive o. approved in principle the use of new capital receipts to fund revenue costs pending a detailed report to District Executive. <p>Reason: To approve for the proposed 2016/17 Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Plan (Revenue Budgets for 2016/17 to 2020/21) and the</p>

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		<p>Capital Programme. (Voting: 48 in favour, 0 against, 8 abstentions)</p>																		
A8	Council Tax Setting 2016/17	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council approved:</p> <p>a. the formal council tax resolutions referred to in paragraphs 4 to 13</p> <p>b. the individual tax setting as follows:</p> <p>(i) that the Somerset County Council; Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset (PCC for Avon and Somerset); and Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority has stated the amounts shown in paragraphs 7 to 10 respectively of this report in precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992 (as amended), for each of the categories of dwelling;</p> <p>(ii) that the total amount of council tax for each band of property in the South Somerset area for 2016/17 be as given in the table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th align="center">A -</th> <th align="center">A</th> <th align="center">B</th> <th align="center">C</th> <th align="center">D</th> <th align="center">E</th> <th align="center">F</th> <th align="center">G</th> <th align="center">H</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td align="center">829.09</td> <td align="center">994.90</td> <td align="center">1,160.74</td> <td align="center">1,326.54</td> <td align="center">1,492.36</td> <td align="center">1,823.98</td> <td align="center">2,155.64</td> <td align="center">2,487.26</td> <td align="center">2,984.72</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p align="center">NB – The above figures exclude all town/parish precepts and assume that the figures provided by Somerset County</p>	A -	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	829.09	994.90	1,160.74	1,326.54	1,492.36	1,823.98	2,155.64	2,487.26	2,984.72
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		<p>Council & Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue are approved at their full Council meetings on 17 February & 19 February 2016 respectively. If any changes are required they will be reported to the meeting. PCC for Avon and Somerset approved their figures on 8 February 2016.</p> <p>(iii) that, having calculated the totals of each precepting authority's amounts (including town and parish precepts), the Council (in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Act 1992) (as amended) hereby sets the amounts shown at TOTAL in the table shown at Appendix A as the council taxes for the financial year 2016/17 for each category of dwelling.</p> <p>c. the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th align="center">2015/16</th> <th align="center">2016/17</th> <th align="center">Increase</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th align="center">£</th> <th align="center">£</th> <th align="center">%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>South Somerset District Council</td> <td align="center">147.75</td> <td align="center">152.48</td> <td align="center">3.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset County Council</td> <td align="center">1,027.30</td> <td align="center">1,060.84</td> <td align="center">3.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset County Council (Adult Social Care)</td> <td align="center">0.00</td> <td align="center">20.80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PCC for Avon and Somerset</td> <td align="center">174.78</td> <td align="center">178.26</td> <td align="center">1.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Devon and Somerset Fire</td> <td align="center">78.42</td> <td align="center">79.98</td> <td align="center">1.99</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2015/16	2016/17	Increase		£	£	%	South Somerset District Council	147.75	152.48	3.20	Somerset County Council	1,027.30	1,060.84	3.26	Somerset County Council (Adult Social Care)	0.00	20.80		PCC for Avon and Somerset	174.78	178.26	1.99	Devon and Somerset Fire	78.42	79.98	1.99
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A9	Joint Working Report - South Somerset District Council and Sedgemoor District Council	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. not to create a Joint Authority at this time. 2. to request that the Working Group investigates a Strategic Alliance between the two authorities and bring forward proposals for the scope of such an alliance to Full Council in May 2016. 3. to retain the Joint Leaders Advisory Group to drive and monitor progress on the creation and implementation of a Strategic Alliance. 4. to review the proposals again against the emerging regional situation in December 2016. 5. that initial priorities for inclusion in any strategic alliance are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Joint Income Generation Board to generate ideas and seek potential joint initiatives. - To continue monitoring of opportunities across the two authorities so that, where possible, vacant posts are filled in
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		<p align="right">either council without the need for external recruitment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A review of potential opportunities for alternative means of service delivery that would be unaffected by the scope of transformation. <p>Reason: To agree the future working arrangements between South Somerset District Council and Sedgemoor District Council. <i>(Voting: 51 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstentions)</i></p>
A10	Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy 2016/17	<p>RESOLVED: That Council approved the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2016/17 as attached at Appendix 1 to the Agenda report.</p> <p>Reason: To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2016/17. <i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A11	Review of Code of Conduct for Councillors Complaints Process	<p>RESOLVED: That, pursuant to the recommendation from its Standards Committee, the Council agreed to adopt the revised arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct for Councillors complaints to replace those currently in force.</p> <p>Reason: To adopt the proposed revised complaints guidance/procedure notes for dealing with complaints about district, town and parish councillors within South Somerset. <i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>

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A12	Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers - Statement for Financial Year 2016 - 2017	<p>RESOLVED: That Council approved the proposed Statutory Pay Policy Statement for the year 2016-17 for publication.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers as required under Section 38 (1) of Localism Act 2011. This requires local authorities to prepare, approve and publish an annual statutory pay policy statement by 31st March for each financial year. <i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A13	Draft Meetings Calendar for 2016/17	<p>It was noted that due to the announcement of the EU Referendum date, the following meetings in June would be rescheduled:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensing Committee moved from 14th to 7th June • Area North Committee moved from 22nd to 29th June • Audit Committee moved from 23rd to 30th June <p>RESOLVED: That Council approved the meetings timetable for 2016/17 (as amended) subject to any further amendments made by the Annual Council meeting in May 2016.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the SSDC 2016/17 meetings timetable for publication. <i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A17	Motions	<p>Motion 1</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed to the introduction of words of encouragement (non-religious) before meetings of Full Council.</p>

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		<p align="right"><i>(Voting: 22 in favour, 21 against, 11 abstentions)</i></p> <p>Motion 2</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed to establish, understand and report to the residents of Chard, the future plan for sporting facilities and sporting development within the town. To set out the strategy of delivering this plan by identifying gap analyses of the current, and future states, including the ownership/accountability of key stakeholders.</p> <p>Thus being in line, and reflecting the commitments made in the SSDC Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013 - 2018 (Page 19, Paragraph 2). <i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
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