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A7	Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) approved the overall Revenue Budget for 2017/18 of <b>£17,379,200</b> and the Revenue Account Summary as shown at Appendix A and note future year projections outlined in paragraph 33</li> <li>(b) approved the detailed budgets for the District Executive and four Area Committees as shown at Appendix B;</li> <li>(c) approved the increase of £5.00 per annum in the Council Tax for 2017/18 for South Somerset District Council, which will result in a Band D charge of £157.48;</li> <li>(d) approved the transfer of £109,729 to the Somerset Rivers Authority;</li> <li>(e) approved the additional expenditure for budget pressure bids and removal of 16/17 once offs as shown in Appendix C;</li> <li>(f) approved the savings proposals in Appendix D in conjunction with the equalities checks;</li> <li>(g) noted the current position and future estimation of reserves and balances as shown in paragraphs 53-57;</li> <li>(h) noted the deferral of new capital schemes pending the finalisation of the Council Plan 2017/18 Annual Plan;</li> <li>(i) noted the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement and Capital Prudential Indicators as attached at Appendix E.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reason:</b> To seek approval of the 2017/18 Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (Revenue Budgets for 2017/18 to 2021/22).</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 39 for, 0 against, 12 abstentions)</i></p>

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A8	Council Tax Setting 2017/18	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Full Council approved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the formal council tax resolutions referred to in paragraphs 4 to 13</li> <li>(b) and the individual tax setting as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) that the <b>Somerset County Council; Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset (PCC for Avon and Somerset); and Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority</b> 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;</li> <li>(ii) that the <b>total amount</b> of council tax for each band of property in the South Somerset area for 2017/18 be as given in the table below:</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="842 963 1993 1029"> <thead> <tr> <th>A -</th> <th>A</th> <th>B</th> <th>C</th> <th>D</th> <th>E</th> <th>F</th> <th>G</th> <th>H</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>858.70</td> <td>1,030.43</td> <td>1,202.17</td> <td>1,373.91</td> <td>1,545.65</td> <td>1,889.13</td> <td>2,232.60</td> <td>2,576.09</td> <td>3,091.30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NB: The above figures exclude all <b>town/parish precepts</b> and assume that the figures provided by Somerset County Council &amp; Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue are approved at their full Council meetings on 15<sup>th</sup> February &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017 respectively. If any changes are required they will be reported to the meeting. PCC for Avon and Somerset approved their figures on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017.</li> <li>(iii) that, having calculated the totals of each precepting authority's amounts (including town and parish precepts), the Council (in</li> </ul>	A -	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	858.70	1,030.43	1,202.17	1,373.91	1,545.65	1,889.13	2,232.60	2,576.09	3,091.30
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		<p>accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Act 1992) (as amended) hereby sets the amounts shown at <b>TOTAL</b> in the table shown at Appendix A as the council taxes for the financial year 2017/18 for each category of dwelling.</p> <p>(c) the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="855 600 1989 954"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2016/17 £</th> <th>2017/18 £</th> <th>Increase %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>South Somerset District Council</td> <td>152.48</td> <td>157.48</td> <td>3.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset County Council</td> <td>1,060.84</td> <td>1,082.36</td> <td rowspan="2">3.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset County Council (Adult Social Care)</td> <td>20.80</td> <td>42.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PCC for Avon and Somerset</td> <td>178.26</td> <td>181.81</td> <td>1.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority</td> <td>79.98</td> <td>81.57</td> <td>1.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>1,492.36</b></td> <td><b>1,545.65</b></td> <td><b>3.57</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town and Parish Council (average)</td> <td>77.60</td> <td>84.73</td> <td>9.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>1,569.96</b></td> <td><b>1,630.38</b></td> <td><b>3.85</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Reason:</b> To seek approval of the final council tax resolutions for 2017/18.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 33 for, 0 against, 18 abstentions)</i></p>		2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Increase %	South Somerset District Council	152.48	157.48	3.28	Somerset County Council	1,060.84	1,082.36	3.99	Somerset County Council (Adult Social Care)	20.80	42.43	PCC for Avon and Somerset	178.26	181.81	1.99	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority	79.98	81.57	1.99		<b>1,492.36</b>	<b>1,545.65</b>	<b>3.57</b>	Town and Parish Council (average)	77.60	84.73	9.19		<b>1,569.96</b>	<b>1,630.38</b>	<b>3.85</b>
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<b>A9</b>	Heart of the South West Devolution Update	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council agreed to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>note the update about the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Combined Authority / devolution deal proposals (including noting that a Joint Committee, if established, would have responsibility for developing future 'deal' and combined authority proposals for recommendation to the constituent authorities);</li> </ol>																																			

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		<p>2. approve the proposals for the HotSW Productivity Plan preparation and consultation proposals (including noting that a Joint Committee, if established, would have responsibility for approving and overseeing the implementation of the Productivity Plan);</p> <p>3. And agreed:</p> <p>(a) 'In principle' to the establishment of a HotSW Joint Committee with a Commencement Date of Friday 1st September 2017 in accordance with the summary proposals set out in the report;</p> <p>(b) That the 'in principle' decision at (a) above is subject to further recommendation and report to the constituent authorities after the County Council elections in May 2017 and confirmatory decisions to: approve the establishment of the Joint Committee; a constitutional 'Arrangements' document; an 'Inter-Authority Agreement' setting out the support arrangements; appoint representatives to the Join Committee; and appoint an Administering Authority.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The urgent and essential need to improve productivity across the HotSW area is the driver for the recommendations in this report.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 47 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions)</i></p>
<b>A10</b>	Superfast Broadband Extension Programme - Update Report	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council agreed to:</p> <p>a) Note the updated information in the report regarding the delivery of the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) Superfast (Broadband) Extension Programme.</p> <p>b) Await further detail of the geographic coverage and extent of the</p>

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		<p>new programme (including the proposed CDS voucher scheme). This detail is expected from CDS by March/ April 2017 and upon receipt of this information, determine whether SSDC's potential financial contribution can be incorporated into a voucher scheme for South Somerset Residents and Businesses.</p> <p>c) Authorise officers to further explore options for a superfast broadband voucher scheme should the outcome of recommendation 2 (the CDS Voucher scheme) be negative.</p> <p>d) Request officers to report back to Full Council as soon as sufficient information is available for members to take a decision on committing funding to a superfast broadband voucher scheme.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To provide an update on the Superfast Broadband Extension Programme.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: Unanimous in favour )</i></p>
<b>A11</b>	Loan to Somerset Waste Partnership for Waste Vehicles	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to approve the loan of £3.5 million to Somerset Waste Partnership towards the purchase of new recycling vehicles;</li> <li>2. to note that this capital expenditure would be added to the Capital Programme, and that the principal payments received would be capital receipts;</li> <li>3. to note the additional interest in the region of £29,255 per annum would be added to the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2018/19.</li> </ol>

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		<p><b>Reason:</b> To seek approval for South Somerset District Council to loan the Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) £3.5 million towards the purchase of new refuse vehicles.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: Unanimous in favour)</i></p>
<b>A12</b>	Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy 2017/18	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council approved the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2017/18.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2017/18, as attached at appendix 1 to the agenda report.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: Unanimous in favour)</i></p>
<b>A13</b>	Appointment of an External Auditor	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council approved that SSDC opt in to the Public Sector Audit appointments (PSAA) to appoint an external auditor by December 2017.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To agree the route for appointing an External Auditor from April 2018.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: Unanimous in favour)</i></p>
<b>A14</b>	Statutory Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers 2017 - 18	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council approved the proposed Statutory Pay Policy Statement for the year 2017-18 for publication.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March for each financial year.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: 47 for, 0 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>

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A15	Final Recommendation of the Community Governance Review of Brympton Parish Council	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to note the results of the consultation and agree to publish them</li> <li>2. that the final recommendation be: “To accept the vote from the people of Brympton to agree to increase the number of Parish Councillors to twelve”</li> <li>3. to draw up a Reorganisation Order to give effect to this recommendation.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reason:</b> To confirm the the outcome of the final public consultation (Community Governance Review) which has taken place in the parish of Brympton on the proposal to increase the number of Parish Councillors from eleven to twelve (under the provisions of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007).</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: Unanimous in favour)</i></p>