

South Somerset Council – Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 16 March 2017

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A7</p>	<p>Council Tax Penalties and Civil Penalties in Housing Benefit</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council approved the application of Council Tax and Housing Benefit Civil Penalties with effect from 1 April 2017.</p> <p>Reason: To approve the application of Council Tax Penalties and Civil Penalties in Housing Benefit with effect from 1 April 2017</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
<p>A8</p>	<p>Proposed Changes to Business Rates Relief Policy</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approved a change to the DRR Policy on Discretionary ‘Top up’ Charity Relief to 100% where the rate payer would, apart from entitlement to Mandatory Charity, otherwise qualify for 100% Small Business Rate Relief; b. noted that the DRR Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group had considered and supported the proposed amendments. <p>That Full Council noted that District Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. approved the use of the Council’s local discount powers to grant 100% Rural Rate Relief to eligible ratepayers from 1 April 2017; d. approved the use of the Council’s local discount powers to introduce a local discount of £1,500 a year for Local Newspapers

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		<p>which would come in to effect on 1 April 2017;</p> <p>e. noted that the Retail Relief which was in place for 2014/15 and 2015/16 had been removed from the policy as the deadline for applications had now passed;</p> <p>f. noted that the Flood Relief which related to premises flooded between 1/12/13 and 31/03/14 had been removed from the policy as the deadline for applications had now passed;</p> <p>g. noted that the temporary Transitional Relief scheme had been removed from the policy as it came to an end on 31 March 2017. A new national Transitional Relief Scheme was being introduced alongside the new 2017 Rating List.</p> <p>Reason: To approve the proposed amendments to the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (DRR Policy) relating to Discretionary Charity Relief.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A9	Membership of Committees - Appointment of Councillors to Committees and Panels	

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		<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council, in accordance with Section 16 (1) Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the duty therein to give effect to the wishes of the political group to which seats on any committee are allocated, confirmed that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Councillor Martin Wale be appointed to the Appointments Committee; b. Councillor David Norris be appointed to the South West Internal Audit Partnership Ltd; c. Councillor Derek Yeomans be appointed to the Transformation Board; d. Councillor Nick Weeks be appointed to the Somerset Rivers Authority (substitute); e. Councillor Colin Winder be appointed to the Income Generation Board. <p>Reason: To confirm changes to Committees, Panels and outside organisation appointments following requests from the Liberal Democrat and Conservative groups.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A10	Draft Meetings Calendar for 2017/18	

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		<p>RESOLVED: That Council approved the meetings timetable for 2017/18 subject to any amendments made by the Annual Council meeting in May 2017.</p> <p>Reason: To confirm the proposed meetings timetable for 2017/18.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
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