

**South Somerset District Council**  
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6.	Report from Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive noted the report.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To note the reports from Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.</p>
7.	Direct Hostel Provision, Move On Accommodation and Support	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approved funding of £160,000 per annum is added to the Medium Term Financial Plan in 2017/18 for two years as an unavoidable budget pressure to fund Stonham, to provide services to assist single adults who are in need of accommodation, to prevent homelessness;</li> <li>2. noted that there is a risk of £80,000 per annum associated with the structure of eligible/ineligible costs in relation to Housing Benefit that will be added as a Risk to Balances;</li> <li>3. approved in principle £35,000 funding in 2017/18 for Yeovil4Family, to provide a floating support service for vulnerable individuals at risk of homelessness to be funded from a carry forward from 2016/17 (which will be subject to District Executive approval in June 2017);</li> <li>4. noted the outcomes of the funding from SSDC in 2016/17 as well as further outcomes achieved as a result of funding allocated from Somerset Positive Lives partnership.</li> </ol>

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		<p><b>Reason:</b> To confirm funding for 2017/18, towards the cost of provision of the direct access hostel and related services for very vulnerable clients who would otherwise be homeless.</p>
8.	Council Tax Support Scheme for 2017/18	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive agreed to recommend to Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. that personal allowances and premiums are uprated in line with those for Housing Benefit;</li> <li>b. that non-dependent deductions are uprated in line with the annual percentage increase in Council Tax;</li> <li>c. that the non-dependent income bands are increased by the same percentage as those in the Prescribed Requirements relating to pensioners;</li> <li>d. that proposal 2 be approved;</li> <li>e. that proposals 1, 3 and 4 be rejected;</li> <li>f. that the hardship scheme budget be set at £30,000 for the 2017/18 financial year;</li> <li>g. to consider the Equalities Impact Assessment at Appendix 1 in approving (d);</li> <li>h. to consider the public consultation responses in the Equalities</li> </ul>

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		<p>Impact Assessment and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group report in approving (d) and (e);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to consider the interaction of Universal Credit and Tax Credits with the CTS scheme in approving (d);</li> <li>j. to note the recommendations of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group attached at Appendix 3;</li> <li>k. to note the scheme has been amended to reflect changes to the Prescribed Requirements;</li> <li>l. that the 2017/18 Council Tax Support Scheme (circulated under separate cover as Appendix A) is adopted;</li> <li>m. to note that the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme has been reflected within the overall Council Tax Base.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reason:</b> To recommend the proposed amendments to the Council Tax Support scheme for the 2017/18 financial year to Full Council for approval.</p>
10.	Strategic Commercial Land and Property Project	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approved the proposed project to develop a Commercial Land and Property Strategy and fund up to £102,000 of the project from general fund balances.</li> <li>2. noted that a report outlining the way forward and the Strategic</li> </ul>

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		<p align="center">Commercial Land and Property Project findings would be reported to District Executive (and later inform the revised Asset Land and Property Management Strategy 2014-2017) in July 2017.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To agree to develop a Commercial Land and Property Strategy for SSDC.</p>
11.	Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. adopt the Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance in Appendix 1 concerning the provision of financial assistance for private sector housing and associated matters, including disabled facilities grants as the future policy of the Council;</li> <li>2. confirm that the allocation and method of funding for the various elements agreed with the Joint Commissioning Board of the Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group outlined in sections 2.1.1 to 2.1.6 is agreed subject to available funding.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reason:</b> To agree to adopt the Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance.</p>
12.	Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme Update 2017/18	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. noted the current position and timetable for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme;</li> </ol>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. approved in principle the savings and additional income outlined in Appendix A;</li> <li>c. approved in principle the additional budget pressures outlined in Appendix B;</li> <li>d. noted the impact and position of general fund balances as outlined in paragraphs 29 and 30;</li> <li>e. approved the internal borrowing policy document and the setting up of an internal borrowing reserve of £1m as detailed in Appendix C;</li> <li>f. noted that all capital bids are being deferred pending an update to the Annual Action Plan within the approved Council Plan;</li> <li>g. noted the current status of funding for Disabled Facilities Grants and that a guarantee has been sought from SCC to enable grant applications to continue to be assessed and approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reason:</b> To confirm the current position on the Medium Term Financial Plan (Revenue Budgets for 2017/18 to 2021/22) and the Capital Programme.</p>
13.	South Somerset Economic Development Monitoring Report (December 2016)	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. note and consider the Economic Development Monitoring Report (Appendix A); and</li> <li>b. delegate responsibility to the Assistant Director for Economy in</li> </ul>

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		<p>consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning to make any final minor text amendments which may be necessary to enable the Economic Development Monitoring Report to be published.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To confirm the Employment Economic Development Monitoring Report and inform Members as to the implications for plan-making and decision-taking.</p>
14.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A, with the following amendments; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charging for Mobile Home Sites – moved to May 2017</li> <li>• Proposed redevelopment of Yeovil Crematorium – moved to March 2017</li> <li>• SSSC Data Protection Policy – moved to Mar 2017</li> <li>• *New* Loan to Somerset Waste Partnership for new Waste Vehicles – February 2017</li> <li>• *New* Final Recommendation of the Community Governance Review of Brympton Parish Council – February 2017</li> <li>• *New* Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers - Statement for Financial Year 2016 – 2017 – February 2017</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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		<p align="right">2. noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
16.	Exclusion of Press and Public	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the following item be considered in Closed Session by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A under Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>
17.	Disposal of the former Stables at Churchfield, Wincanton (Confidential)	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive agreed to defer the decision to dispose of the former stable building, courtyard and garden at Churchfield, Wincanton for up to 12 months</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To allow for a review of all SSSDC operational property.</p>
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