

South Somerset District Council
Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 2 March 2017

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6.	District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants 2017/18	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to approve the District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants funding for 2017/18 as follows:- <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Access for All</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizens Advice South Somerset (CASS)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">121,730</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SPARK (previously SSVCA)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">74,260</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset Rural Youth Project</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Actiontrack Performance Company</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Take Art</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset Art Works</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset Film</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£230,990</td> </tr> </table> 2. to approve the proposal to conduct a review into the future funding relationship with SPARK and CASS to be reported to members in the autumn of 2017. This will inform the funding relationship from 2018/19 onwards. 	Access for All	9,000	Citizens Advice South Somerset (CASS)	121,730	SPARK (previously SSVCA)	74,260	Somerset Rural Youth Project	8,000	Actiontrack Performance Company	2,000	Take Art	10,500	Somerset Art Works	3,500	Somerset Film	2,000	<hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/>		Total	£230,990
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		<p>Reason: To review and confirm the district-wide organisations seeking financial support from SSDC in 2017/18.</p>
7.	Council Tax Penalties & Civil Penalties in Housing Benefit	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive agreed to recommend to Council that it approve the application of Council Tax and Housing Benefit Civil Penalties with effect from 1 April 2017 (as detailed in the report).</p> <p>Reason: To recommend that Council approve the application of Council Tax Penalties and Civil Penalties in Housing Benefit with effect from 1 April 2017.</p>
8.	Proposed Changes to Business Rates Relief Policy	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approve the use of the Council's local discount powers to grant 100% Rural Rate Relief to eligible ratepayers from 1 April 2017; b. approve the use of the Council's local discount powers to introduce a local discount of £1500 a year for Local Newspapers which would come in to effect on 1 April 2017; c. note that the Retail Relief which was in place for 2014/15 and 2015/16 has been removed from the policy as the deadline for applications has now passed;

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		<p>d. note that the Flood Relief which related to premises flooded between 1/12/13 and 31/03/14 has been removed from the policy as the deadline for applications has now passed;</p> <p>e. note that the temporary Transitional Relief scheme has been removed from the policy as it comes to an end on 31 March 2017. A new national Transitional Relief Scheme is being introduced alongside the new 2017 Rating List;</p> <p>f. recommend to Council 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;</p> <p>g. note the DRR Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group have considered and support the proposed amendments.</p> <p>Reason: To approve the proposed amendments to the Council’s Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (DRR Policy) and recommend their adoption by Full Council.</p>
9.	Review of Discretionary Housing Payments Policy	RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:

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		<p>a. approve the revised Discretionary Housing Payment Policy to come in to effect on 1 April 2017;</p> <p>b. note the Discretionary Housing Payment Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group findings and recommendations for the policy revision attached at Appendix A</p> <p>Reason: To approve the revised Discretionary Housing Payment Policy.</p>
10.	Quarterly Corporate Performance and Complaints Monitoring Report - 3rd Quarter 2016/17	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive noted the report.</p> <p>Reason: To note the Corporate Performance and Complaints data presented for the period 01 October – 31 December 2016 (Q3).</p>
11.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A, with the following amendments; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Local Development Scheme 2017-2020 – April 2017 • Proposal to establish a Commercial Income Generation Fund – April 2017 • Loan for Winsham Community Pub, Shop & PO – April 2017 • Proposed Redevelopment of Yeovil Crematorium – moved to

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		<p align="right">June 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging for Mobile Home sites – removed from Plan • Update on the Intelligent Enforcement Proposal for Council car parks – removed from Plan <p>2. noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B with the following additional consultation:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Business Rate Retention – further consultation on the design of the reformed system - response due by 03 May 2017 <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
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