

South Somerset District Council
Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 1 March 2018

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6.	District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants 2018/2019	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <p>a. approved the proposed funding allocation of £26,500 to be funded from the District Wide Grants budget and Young People & Play budget proposed for 2018/19 to the following district wide organisations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Somerset Rural Youth Project - £8,000 b) Actiontrack Performance Company - £2,500 c) Take Art – £10,500 d) Somerset Arts Week - £3,500 e) Somerset Film - £2,000 <p>Reason: To confirm the levels of funding for several district-wide organisations seeking financial support from SSDC in 2018/19.</p>
7.	SSDC Review of Operational Office Accommodation - Progress Report on Area Presence	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive :-</p> <p>a. endorsed the principles for Area presence as set out in the report below. This included disposal of and/or redevelopment of its current Area Offices over the next 2 years in accordance with relevant governance and policies;</p> <p>b. noted that Officers will keep Members up to date on progress as specific proposals emerge for each Area.</p>

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		<p>Reason: To assess the current needs of the Council's offices against its future requirements, post Transformation, across the District.</p>
8.	Business Rates Relief - Local Discretionary Relief, Year 2	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approve an increase in the percentage of relief awarded for 2017/18 under the "Non Domestic Rates Revaluation Support Relief" Scheme from 43% to 55%; b. approve the continuation of the "Non Domestic Rates Revaluation Support Relief" Scheme for 2018/19 (Year 2) with revised award levels shown in para 16; c. approve the use of the Councils local discretionary powers to extend the Business Rate Relief Scheme for Pubs for the 2018/19 financial year; d. approve the use of the Councils local discretionary powers to extend the doubling of the Rural Rate Relief for the 2018/19 financial year; e. note that where the Council uses its local discount powers to award the Revaluation Support Scheme, up to the maximum funding amounts given above, and to extend the Pub Relief for 2018/19 and the doubling of Rural Rate relief, the cost will be reimbursed in full by Government.

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		<p>Reason: To approve an increase in the level of awards to businesses of “Revaluation Support Relief” for 2017/18.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>South Somerset District Council Car Park Charging Policy Paper</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. apply an increase in July 2019 based on the CPI inflation rate for the previous 4 years; b. thereafter, apply an increase every 4 years based on the CPI inflation rate for the previous 4 years; c. recommendation 1 and 2 above shall take effect where the cost of implementing the increase (for example new signage, adaptations to the machines etc.) does not outweigh the expected additional revenue to be generated; and d. recommend a full cost review of bench-marked market charges and car park operations as part of the car park strategy update to ensure alignment in the wider market area. This is to be carried out by officers in the financial year 2018/2019 for implementation in July 2019; subject to being approved at District Executive. <p>Reason: To consider various car park user improvements and benchmarking as part of an updated car park strategy and to present a longer term charging policy in line with the regulations in force.</p>

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		<i>(Voting: 3 in favour, 2 against, 0 abstentions)</i>
10.	The 'Making' of the Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive agreed to the making of the Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Reason: To note the result of the Referendum in relation to the Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan and to confirm that the Plan be 'made' (or adopted).</p>
11.	Key4Life - At Risk Preventative Programme in Somerset	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. note the work undertaken to date; b. approve the proposal to investigate further similar opportunities with Key4Life, relevant Officers to progress them, implement where appropriate and report back at the end of this programme. <p>Reason: To note the progress made with "in kind" support for the work of Key4Life following a presentation to the Leadership Meeting in September 2017.</p>
12.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive:-</p>

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		<p>1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A, with the following amendments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SSDC Disposals Policy (revised) – April 2018 • Private Sector Enforcement and charging policy – May 2018 <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"> • Civil society strategy: have your say • Strengthening consumer redress in the housing market <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
14.	Exclusion of Press and Public	<p>RESOLVED: 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>
15.	SSDC Review of Operational Office Accommodation - Feasibility Study Comparison of South Somerset District Council's Future Head Office options (Confidential)	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive agreed the recommendations of the report.</p> <p>Reason: To update members on the findings and recommendations following the David Lock Associates report of December 2017 on SSDC Review of Operational Office Accommodation.</p>

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