

## South Somerset District Council

### Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 19 March 2020

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#### Part A – Items considered in public

A8	Change to the Constitution - Delegation of Decision Making (Urgent Report)	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Full Council agreed the following changes be made to the Council's Constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. To amend Part 3, Responsibility for Functions, Sections 3 and 4 of the Council's Constitution to allow delegated authority to the Chief Executive, and to the relevant Director in the Chief Executive's absence where not already delegated, to take Executive and Quasi-Judicial decisions in consultation with the Leader of the Council (or Deputy) and the relevant Portfolio Holder, Ward Member and Committee Member if practicable, if meetings of the relevant committee are unable to be held;</li><li>b. If legislation and technology allows, then enable Councillors to make decisions by remote, virtual meetings using available technology;</li><li>c. That delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer and Chief Executive to amend the Constitution to reflect any further changes that are required as a direct result of Government Legislation /Guidance resulting from the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation;</li><li>d. These changes in procedure will cease when the Government announces that the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis is over and when normal meetings can resume.</li><li>e. That these changes in procedure be reviewed in 3 months.</li></ul>
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		<p><b>Reason:</b> To ensure that the Chief Executive (and Directors if the Chief Executive is not available) have sufficient powers to allow the business of the Council to continue to function as Council meetings are postponed on Government advice during the current coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: 24 in favour, 2 against, 0 abstentions)</i></p>
<b>A9</b>	Adoption of the Yeovil Public Realm Design Guide as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. endorsed the attached Public Realm Design Guide for adoption. (Appendix A)</li> <li>b. endorsed the attached Shopfront Guide for adoption. (Appendix B)</li> </ul> <p><b>Reason:</b> To endorse the Yeovil Public Realm Design Guide to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). which supports relevant policies in the Council`s adopted Local Plan (2006-2028) and completes Project P1 from the Yeovil Refresh.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
<b>A10</b>	Statutory Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers 2020 21	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council considered and approved the proposed Statutory Pay Policy Statement for publication</p>

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		<p><b>Reason:</b> Section 38(1) of the Localism Act 2011 requires English local authorities to produce an annual statutory pay policy statement.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
<b>A14</b>	Motions	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council agreed that South Somerset District Council sign the Time to Change Employer Pledge.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The Employer Pledge and Employer Action Plan supports organisations to put in place best-practice interventions and policy to help staff work in ways that promote a positive mental wellbeing.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>