

South Somerset District Council

Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 15 October 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A7	Presentation on the progress of the South Somerset Environment Strategy	<p>RESOLVED: That Council noted the presentation updating them on the progress of the SSDC Environment Strategy, including the update on the Council's carbon footprint work.</p> <p>Reason: To note the progress of the SSDC Environment Strategy.</p>
A8	Membership of Committees - Appointment of New Councillors to Scrutiny Committee	<p>RESOLVED: That 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, the Council confirmed that:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Councillors Louise Clark, Oliver Patrick and Linda Vijeh be appointed to the Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Reason: To confirm amendments to the Scrutiny Committee membership following the appointment of Councillors to various committees and working groups at Council on 21st May 2019.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(voting: agreed without dissent)</i></p>
A12	Motions	<p>Motion 1</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to ask that the Chief Executive:-</p>

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		<p>a. write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inform him of SSDC's support for DEFRA's ambition to phase out the badger cull, and that the Council are opposed to repeated badger culling in Somerset • offer access to SSDC owned land as part of a coordinated badger-vaccination programme <p>b. continue to refuse permission to cull badgers on SSDC land, and to write to all Town and Parish Councils in South Somerset to encourage them to do the same;</p> <p>c. engage at the appropriate level with other councils across Somerset to ascertain what steps, if any, that our partners in local government are taking in relation to the issue of bTB;</p> <p>d. publicise the Council's resolution to support DEFRA's ambition to phase out the cull;</p> <p>e. provide councillors with an update regarding all of the above at least prior to the next badger cull due to commence in autumn 2021.</p> <p>Reason: To support DEFRA's ambition to phase out the badger cull in England as a method of controlling the spread of bovine tuberculosis (bTB).</p> <p align="right"><i>(voting: 37 in favour, 8 against, 4 abstentions)</i></p>

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		<p>Motion 2</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and to our local MPs to express concern over the proposals in their White Paper: Planning for the Future; b. reflect the strength of concern across the Authority in its official consultation response; c. highlight South Somerset District Council's concerns over these proposals with the public at every suitable opportunity; d. provide Councillors with an update on the progress of these proposals at regular intervals; e. work with partner organisations such as social housing providers to understand the impact of these proposals on the delivery of affordable housing in South Somerset; f. work with partner organisations such as Somerset Wildlife Trust to understand the impact of these proposals on our biodiversity and habitats.

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		<p>Reason: To express the Council's concerns on the Government's consultation 'Planning for the Future'.</p> <p><i>(voting: 37 in favour, 5 against, 2 abstentions)</i></p>