

South Somerset District Council
Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 7 January 2021

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6.	Somerset Waste Partnership Annual Report and Business Plan Update	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approved the draft Business Plan 2020-2021; b. noted the changes to how garden waste payments will be made in 2021, as agreed by the Somerset Waste Board; c. approved the renewal of the delegation of powers required to underpin the SWP's advice, support and enforcement policy. <p>Reason: To approve the annual Somerset Waste Board rolling five-year business plan and the draft business plan.</p>
7.	Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend to Council to approve the introduction of a new income banded / grid scheme for working age applicants with effect from 1st April 2021, to increase the overall level of support for the lowest income families which will give stability for applicants and to reduce the administrative burden placed on the Council by the introduction of Universal Credit.</p> <p>Reason: To recommend that Full Council approve the implementation of an income banded Council Tax Support scheme with effect from 1 April 2021.</p>
8.	2021/22 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan Update	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive-</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. noted the current estimates and next steps in respect of the Draft Budget for 2021/22 and the Medium Term Financial Plan. b. noted the current the Capital bids in Appendix A to be finalised for the February District Executive report. c. noted the changes to the budget estimates in respect of the initial pressures and savings included within the report (para 17). These also be finalised in the February report. d. recommended that Full Council approve an increase in Council Tax by £5 in 2021/22 for a Band D property. <p>Reason: To note the 2021/22 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan estimates for the period 2021/22 to 2025/26, together with an update on the Capital Programme.</p>
9.	Somerset Recovery and Growth Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approved the Somerset Recovery and Growth Plan; b. delegated authority to the Economy Lead Specialist to make any necessary final amendments to the Somerset Recovery and Growth Plan in association with the appropriate Director(s) and the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development including Commercial Strategy.

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		<p>Reason: To approve the Somerset Recovery and Growth Plan.</p>
10.	Transformation Programme Assessment and Final Report	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive noted the content of the SSDC Transformation Programme Assessment and Final Report.</p> <p>Reason: To communicate the SSDC Transformation Programme Assessment and Final Report to members.</p>
11.	Octagon Theatre Development	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. agreed <u>in principle</u> to progress the development of the project and the underwriting of the total project costs by SSDC, of up to £23.01m, with a further report brought to Executive once full financial implications including VAT were confirmed. b. noted the intention to partially offset the project costs with future grant funding applications, which can be progressed if the project is approved in principle to proceed. c. noted the confidential appendices, namely the Executive Summary by Charcoal Blue, and the initial financial assessment of the business case to refurbish the existing site and facilities; and to extend the site with both additional educational and commercial income earning facilities; which will assist in repaying the proposed

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		<p>project costs.</p> <p>d. noted the current financial forecast in the business plan, which is awaiting VAT advice. (This is to be presented in a final report for approval in due course).</p> <p>Reason: To approve in principle to refurbish and develop The Octagon Theatre and underwrite the full value of the project, up to £23.01 million (excluding VAT), subject to the successful application for various forms of grant funding which would partially offset the overall project costs. Confirmation of VAT implications for the Council are being sought by a specialist tax advisor.</p>
12.	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. 2. noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B. <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>