

**South Somerset District Council**  
**Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 10 September 2020**

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5.	Stronger Somerset Business Case	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. endorse the Business Case for the reform of local government including the creation of 2 unitary Councils within Somerset, and recommend its approval to full Council, at the next meeting on 10th September 2020;</li> <li>b. delegate authority to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, in consultation with the other Somerset District Leaders and Chief Executives, to make minor amendments to the Business Case as necessary and / or appropriate, ahead of its submission to the Secretary of State;</li> <li>c. support the continuing consultation with local stakeholders, above and beyond any programme of consultation that may be required by the Government in due course;</li> <li>d. note that in the best interests of the communities and residents of South Somerset, the Council will continue to work with colleagues across all tiers of local government and public service in Somerset.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reason:</b> To agree the case for change in Somerset; a case for reform and reorganisation to deliver better outcomes for the people, places and businesses in Somerset. This is detailed in the Stronger Somerset Business Case and summarised in the Executive Summary. It has been prepared for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government in September 2020.</p> <p><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>

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