

Report of Executive Decisions

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This report is submitted for information and summarises decisions taken by the District Executive and Portfolio Holders since the last meeting of Council in February 2017. The decisions are set out in the attached Appendix.

Members are invited to ask any questions of the Portfolio Holders.

Background Papers

All Published

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Appendix

| Portfolio | Subject | Decision | Taken By | Date | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Strategy & Policy | Community Led Housing - Outline Plan | The Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Policy has approved the outline plan for the use of funds specifically allocated by central government to support community led housing schemes. | Portfolio Holder | 24/02/17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leader: Strategy & Policy Leisure & Culture Equalities & Diversity | District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants 2017/18 | District Executive agreed: 1. to approve the District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants funding for 2017/18 as follows:- <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Access for All</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizens Advice South Somerset (CASS)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">121,730</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SPARK (previously SSVCA)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">74,260</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset Rural Youth Project</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Actiontrack Performance Company</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Take Art</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset Art Works</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset Film</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,000</td> </tr> </table> 2. to approve the proposal to conduct a review into the future funding relationship with SPARK and CASS to be reported to members in the autumn of 2017. This will inform the funding relationship from 2018/19 onwards. | Access for All | 9,000 | Citizens Advice South Somerset (CASS) | 121,730 | SPARK (previously SSVCA) | 74,260 | Somerset Rural Youth Project | 8,000 | Actiontrack Performance Company | 2,000 | Take Art | 10,500 | Somerset Art Works | 3,500 | Somerset Film | 2,000 | District Executive | 02/03/17 |
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| Finance & Legal Services | Council Tax Penalties and Civil Penalties in Housing Benefit | District Executive agreed to recommend to Council that it approve the application of Council Tax and Housing Benefit Civil Penalties with effect from 1 April 2017 (as detailed in the report). | District Executive | 02/03/17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finance & Legal Services | Proposed Changes to Business Rates Relief Policy | District Executive agreed to: a. approve the use of the Council's local discount powers to grant 100% Rural Rate Relief to eligible ratepayers from 1 April 2017; b. approve the use of the Council's local discount powers to introduce a local discount of £1500 a year for Local Newspapers which would come in to effect on 1 April 2017; c. note that the Retail Relief which was in place for 2014/15 and 2015/16 has | District Executive | 02/03/17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | <p>been removed from the policy as the deadline for applications has now passed;</p> <p>d. note that the Flood Relief which related to premises flooded between 1/12/13 and 31/03/14 has been removed from the policy as the deadline for applications has now passed;</p> <p>e. note that the temporary Transitional Relief scheme has been removed from the policy as it comes to an end on 31 March 2017. A new national Transitional Relief Scheme is being introduced alongside the new 2017 Rating List;</p> <p>f. recommend to Council a change to the DRR Policy on Discretionary 'Top up' Charity Relief to 100% where the rate payer would, apart from entitlement to Mandatory Charity, otherwise qualify for 100% Small Business Rate Relief;</p> <p>g. note the DRR Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group have considered and support the proposed amendments.</p> | | |
| Finance & Legal Services | Review of Discretionary Housing Payments Policy | <p>District Executive agreed to:</p> <p>a. approve the revised Discretionary Housing Payment Policy to come in to effect on 1 April 2017;</p> <p>b. note the Discretionary Housing Payment Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group findings and recommendations for the policy revision attached at Appendix A.</p> | District Executive | 02/03/17 |
| Strategy & Policy | Quarterly Corporate Performance and Complaints Monitoring Report – 3rd Quarter 2016/17 | District Executive noted the report. | District Executive | 02/03/17 |
| Strategy and Policy | Consent for disposal of a property in Yeovil by Yarlington Housing Group | The Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Policy has agreed to withhold consent from the proposed disposal of number 58, Westfield Crescent, Yeovil by Yarlington Housing Group. | Portfolio Holder | 10/03/17 |