

South Somerset District Council
Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 4 December 2014

Agenda Item No	Agenda item	Decision
6.	Presentation from the Environment Agency on Flooding trigger points	RESOLVED: That District Executive noted the presentation.
7.	The Somerset Levels & Moors 20 Year Flood Action Plan - Proposed Somerset Rivers Authority	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to endorse progress to date in the development of the Somerset Rivers Authority, and note that a further report would follow in due course; 2. to nominate a member of the Executive to sit on the proposed new Somerset Rivers Authority from 31 January 2015; 3. to note that the Chief Executive and Leader may make an urgent decision to contribute up to £45,000 (likely to be £43,500) towards the interim funding required by the Somerset Rivers Authority, as identified in paragraph 3. This funding to come from the Flooding Reserve set up by District Executive in February 2014; 4. to note that longer term funding and operation of the Somerset Rivers Authority (beyond any interim funding period) will be subject to further development and agreement between local partners and Government, and a further report will follow in due course. <p>Reason: To note the progress made to date towards establishing a Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) and to endorse the proposals for the further development of the SRA.</p>
8.	Quarterly Performance and Complaints Monitoring Report - 2nd Quarter 2014/15	RESOLVED: That the District Executive noted and commented on the corporate performance monitoring report.

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		<p>Reason: To review the corporate performance monitoring report covering the second quarter of the financial year from 1st July – 30th September 2014 (Q2).</p>
9.	Non Domestic (Business) Rate Pooling	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend to Full Council to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. endorse the urgent decision to pool that the Council participate in the pooling arrangement with other Somerset authorities (Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, Somerset County Council, Taunton Deane District Council, Mendip District Council, and Sedgemoor District Council, under the Business Rate Retention Scheme, for 2015/16; and, b. approve delegated authority is given to the Assistant Director – Finance and Corporate Services in consultation with the Finance and Spatial Planning Portfolio Holder, to decide whether to remain in the pool once the government’s settlement figures are announced in December 2014. <p>Reason: To seek endorsement of the urgent decision made to enter into a business rates pooling arrangement with other Somerset authorities under the Business Rates Retention scheme.</p>
10.	Additional Revenues Team Resources	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the addition of four additional Grade 3 Revenues Officers to the establishment; 2. that the cost in 2014/15 of £24,050 be funded from Unallocated

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		<p align="right">Balances in 2014/15 and the full year cost of £96,220 be added to the MTFP for 2015/16.</p> <p>Reason: To agree additional resources for the Revenues Team which forms part of the Revenues and Benefits Service.</p>
11.	Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive noted the report.</p> <p>Reason: To inform members of the current status of the register of Assets of Community Value, brought about by nominations received from community groups in South Somerset using the Community Right to Bid.</p>
12.	Monthly Performance Snapshot	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive noted the monthly performance snapshot data.</p> <p>Reason: The report is provided for Members information.</p>
13.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A with the following amendments;</p> <p>1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A with the following additions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing

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		<p align="center">Grants, Loans and other assistance – February 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LED Contract Price (Confidential) – February 2015 <p>2. Noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B, with the following additions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bellwin scheme of emergency financial assistance to local authorities • Consultation from Somerset County Council to cease Housing Related Support <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
15.	Exclusion of Press and Public	<p>RESOLVED: that the following item be considered in Closed Session by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A under Paragraph 3: “Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).”</p>
16.	Delivery of the Car Parking Strategy (Confidential)	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed the recommendations of the report.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the purchase of a site for additional car parking.</p>
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