

**South Somerset District Council**  
**Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 5 March 2015**

Agenda Item No	Agenda item	Decision
6.	Quarterly Performance and Complaints Monitoring Report - 3rd Quarter 2014/15	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive noted the corporate performance monitoring report.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To receive the corporate performance monitoring report covering the third quarter of the financial year from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.</p>
7.	Adoption of the South Somerset Local Plan	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive recommend to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the conclusions of the Inspector's Report and approve the necessary Main Modifications to make the South Somerset Local Plan (2006 – 2028) sound (Appendix A);</li> <li>2. To approve the Additional Modifications (Appendix C);</li> <li>3. To endorse the adoption version of the South Somerset Local Plan (2006 – 2028) (Appendix B) and recommend that Full Council adopt the South Somerset Local Plan (2006 – 2028);</li> <li>4. To approve the Adoption Statement (Appendix D), Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement (Appendix E), and revised Policies Maps (Appendix F); and</li> <li>5. Delegate responsibility to the Assistant Director for Economy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Spatial Planning to make any final minor text amendments which may be necessary to enable the Adopted South Somerset Local Plan (2006 – 2028) and Policies Map to be published.</li> </ol>

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		<p><b>Reason:</b> To consider the conclusions of the Inspector’s Report, and note how the 12 Main Modifications and Additional Modifications amend the South Somerset Local Plan (2006 – 2028) to create the adoption version of the plan, and to recommend to Council that it be formally adopted.</p>
8.	District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants 2015/16 - overview report	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive agreed to note the overview of funding to voluntary sector and community organisations made both district wide and in the areas during 2014/15 and the proposed funding for 2015/16 to the organisations detailed in agenda items 9 to 13.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To receive an overview of the district-wide organisations seeking funding support from SSDC for 2015/16, and to receive a report on the overall grant support programmes awarded to the voluntary and community sectors in 2014/15.</p>
9.	Funding for South Somerset Voluntary and Community Action (SSVCA)	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approve funding for South Somerset Voluntary &amp; Community Action (SSVCA) of £74,260 for 2015/16.</li> <li>2. the current Service Level Agreement (SLA) being rolled forward for another year enabling a full review of our funding for SSVCA with a new agreement in place from 2016/17.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reason:</b> To consider grant funding of SSVCA for 2015/16</p>
10.	Funding for Access For All (Formerly	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive approved funding for Access For All of</p>

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	known as South Somerset Disability Forum)	<p align="right">£8,000 for 2015/16.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To consider funding of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Access For All for 2015-16.</p>
11.	Funding for District-wide Health and Well-being Grants 2015/16	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive approves levels of funding for Actiontrack, Take Art, Somerset Art Works and Somerset Film in 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 2 of the agenda report. (Actiontrack £2,000, Take Art £10,500. Somerset Art Works £3,500 and Somerset Film £2,000)</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To consider levels of funding for specified arts organistaions.</p>
12.	Service Level Agreement with Somerset Rural Youth Project	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note the report and the work being carried out in our rural communities through the service level agreement.</li> <li>2. continue to support the work carried out by the Somerset Rural Youth Project (SRYP) with a £8,000 grant to cover 1 year's work agreed through a service level agreement (SLA).</li> </ol> <p><b>Reason:</b> To consider funding for Somerset Rural Youth Project for one year.</p>
13.	Funding for South Somerset Citizen's Advice Bureau (SSCAB)	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive agreed to approve funding for South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau of £121,730 for 2015-16.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To consider grant funding of South Somerset Citizen's Advice Bureau</p>

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		for 2015-16.
14.	Access from Memorial Hall car park to land at the rear of the Dolphin Hotel, Wincanton	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive refuse entry to land at the rear of the Dolphin Hotel, Wincanton by way of an access easement or licence agreement, and the gap to be stopped up as soon as practicable after appropriate notice has been served.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To consider the access to land at the rear of the Dolphin Hotel, Wincanton.</p>
15.	Establishment of the Somerset Growth Board	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The District Executive agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South Somerset District Council endorses the Somerset Chief Executive and Leaders Group proposal to establish a Somerset Growth Board;</li> <li>2. An annual financial contribution of £4,570 to be found from Unallocated Balances is made towards the Growth Board's core costs for a notional period of three years, subject to annual review.</li> <li>3. South Somerset District Council's representative on the Board will be the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economic Development.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reason:</b> To consider the establishing of a Somerset Growth Board.</p>

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16.	Retail Relief from Business Rates	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive recommend to Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that the Council uses its discretionary powers to award Transitional Relief in accordance with Government guidance;</li> <li>(b) note that the Retail Relief limit has been increased from £1,000 to £1,500 for 2015/16;</li> <li>(c) note that the enhanced Small Business Rates Relief Scheme has been extended for a further year;</li> <li>(d) note the government's views on rate relief for childcare providers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reason:</b> To recommend to Council the implementation of the Business Rates Transitional Rate relief for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years.</p>
17.	Loan to Somerset Waste Partnership for Waste Vehicles	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Note the reduced requirement to £1.9025 million for the loan to the Somerset Waste Partnership;</li> <li>b) Approve the interest rate of PWLB plus 1% is applied at the date the loan is exercised;</li> <li>c) Note that at current rates this reduces the interest due by £18,100 per annum. The actual interest due however will be dependent on rates at the time of the loan.</li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Reason:</b> To approve the amount and interest rate of a loan to the Somerset Waste Partnership.</p>
18.	Huish Academy Artificial Grass Pitch Project	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive agreed to:</p> <p>Approve subject to the terms and conditions set out in the proposed Letter, Award Agreement and the Standard Terms and Conditions of Award, that South Somerset District Council has agreed to Award Huish Episcopi Academy a section 106 grant of £290,172 towards the construction of a Third Generation (3G) Artificial Grass Pitch and supporting ancillary facilities on the basis that these facilities and the school playing fields will be available for community use, consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. £193,686 of section 106 contributions that have been paid to the Council.</li> <li>ii. £96,486 of section 106 contributions where payment is subject to trigger clauses being reached within the relevant S106 agreements presenting a degree of risk to Huish Episcopi Academy that those monies may not be received by the Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reason:</b> To seek approval to award Huish Episcopi Academy a capital grant comprised of Section 106 Contributions towards the construction of Third Generation Artificial Grass Pitch.</p>
19.	Community Right to Bid - Assets of	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive noted the report.</p>

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	Community Value	<p><b>Reason:</b> To inform members of the current status of the register of Assets of Community Value.</p>
20.	Somerset Armed Forces Community Covenant Partnership Update	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive noted the report.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To provide an update on progress with the Somerset Armed Forces Community Covenant Partnership.</p>
21.	Monthly Performance Snapshot	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive noted the monthly performance snapshot data.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The report is provided for members information.</p>
22.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the District Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached as Appendix A with the following addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Petherton Neighbourhood Area – April</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B</li> </ol> <p><b>Reason:</b> The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>

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25.	Disposal of the workshop in Helliars Road, Chard (Confidential)	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That District Executive agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delegated authority for the Assistant Director (Environment) and Assistant Director, Finance and Corporate Services), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Finance and Spatial Planning, to dispose of the freehold of The Workshop, Helliars Road, Chard for a minimum sum as stated in the agenda report with an appropriate uplift clause;</li> <li>2. As the Council had not deemed this property surplus to its requirements, the purchaser would also be responsible for the Councils legal and professional costs in this matter;</li> <li>3. That the figure stated in the agenda report is added to the Medium Term Financial Plan in 2016/17 as an additional budget pressure to reflect the shortfall in net income.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reason:</b> To consider disposal of the workshop at Helliars Road, Chard.</p>