

## South Somerset District Council

### Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 3 December 2020

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#### Part A – Items considered in public

A5	Stronger Somerset Business Case	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Council agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. to endorse the Stronger Somerset proposal for the reform of local government including the creation of two unitary Councils within Somerset. and agree its submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Voting on (a): 41 in favour, 14 against, 0 abstentions)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b. to note that the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, in consultation with the other Somerset District Leaders and Chief Executives, have been given delegated authority by District Executive to make minor amendments to the Proposal as necessary and / or appropriate, ahead of its submission to the Secretary of State.</li><li>c. to support the continuing consultation and engagement with key partners, neighbouring authorities, business, staff, unions and local stakeholders, above and beyond any programme of consultation that may be required by the Government in due course.</li><li>d. to this Council, with the other Somerset councils, advancing the delivery of aspects of the proposals for reform ahead of the Secretary of State's approval where so doing will support the</li></ul>
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		<p>Stronger Somerset Proposal and lead to early delivery of efficiencies, community outcomes and greater collaboration and integration.</p> <p>e. to pay due regard to the Equalities Impact Assessment, attached as Appendix B, in considering the proposal for a Stronger Somerset.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting on (b) to (e): 41 in favour, 13 against, 0 abstentions)</i></p> <p>f. to 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 including ensuring our residents, communities and businesses are supported through the pandemic.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting on (f): 49 in favour, 5 against, 0 abstentions)</i></p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To confirm the submission of the Stronger Somerset proposal for the reform of local government including the creation of two unitary Councils within Somerset to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government by 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.</p>