

South Somerset District Council

Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 8 July 2021

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Part A – Items considered in public

A6	Appointment of Chief Executive Officer	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. accept the recommendation of the Appointments Committee, to appoint Jane Portman as the Chief Executive Officer and Head of Paid Service, for South Somerset District Council on an interim basis for an 18 month period commencing from 16 August 2021;b. accept the proposed amendment to salary as per section 11 (to a total package of £130,000 per annum);c. appoint Nicola Hix (Director) to fulfil the statutory role of Head of Paid Service for the period 12 July to 16 August 2021;d. appoint Jill Byron (Monitoring Officer) as Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for South Somerset District Council on an interim basis for an 18 month period. <p>Reason: To confirm the recommendation of the Appointments Committee and appoint a new Chief Executive Officer for South Somerset District Council.</p> <p><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
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A7	Financing the Yeovil Refresh	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. An increase of the Yeovil Refresh net budget of £2,604,168. b. An increase in long term borrowing of £2,604,168 to fund the project. c. An increase to the gross budget by £367k from the current approved budget (see Appendix A for more detail). <p>That Council noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. That a future Council meeting would consider the Business Case for establishing a cooperative working space at Yeovil. e. That in the worst case scenario the Council may need to increase its long term borrowing to £4,529,168m in total (ref. Para 26). <p>Reason: To agree to increase the net budget to enable delivery of the Yeovil Refresh projects that are included in the Future High Street Bid over the 36 month construction period associated with this Fund.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: 36 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions)</i></p>

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A8	Review of Priority Project 1 of the Council's Annual Action Plan 2021- 2022	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed that the outcomes and key milestones contained in Priority Project 1 within the Council's Annual Action Plan 2021-2022 are revised as per Appendix A of this report.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the revised Priority Project 1 outcomes and key milestones for adoption within the Council's Annual Action Plan 2021-2022 to reflect the current Covid 19 Recovery and Renewal Strategy as adopted by District Executive on 1st April.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A9	2020/21 Treasury Management Performance Outturn Report	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Note the Treasury Management Activity for the 2020/21 financial year; b. Note the position of the individual prudential indicators for the 2020/21 financial year; c. Note the outlook for the investment performance in 2020/21; d. Note the Council operated within all of the Prudential Indicators during 2020/21.

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		<p>Reason: To review the treasury management activity and the performance against the Prudential Indicators for the 2020/21 financial year as prescribed by the CIPFA Code of Practice and in accordance with the Council’s Treasury Strategy, Annual Investment Policy and Treasury Management Practices.</p>
A10	<p>Review of Remote Meetings and Delegation of Decisions</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. continue to enable members to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology and so extend the delegation given on 15 April 2021 for a further 6 months, to 08 January 2022; d. delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer and Chief Executive to amend the Constitution to reflect these changes. <p>Reason: To review Council instructions on the continuation of remote consultative meetings and associated delegation to ensure that (i) the Council’s decision-making processes continue to operate in accordance with the law and in line with safe practice under the Covid-19 guidance and requirements issued by the Government from time to time while remaining transparent and (ii) the Constitution is kept up-to-date</p>

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		<i>(Voting: 32 in favour, 5 against, 0 abstentions)</i>
A17	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>
A18	Urgent Decision Records to report (Confidential)	<p>RESOLVED: That Council noted the verbal update provided by the Monitoring Officer on the urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of Council and relevant officers since 7th May 2021.</p> <p>Reason: To note the decisions taken by the Chief Executive.</p>
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