

South Somerset District Council
Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 7 April 2022

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6.	Planning Re-imagined - Changes to the Scheme of Delegation to increase the efficiency of the Planning Service	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that Full Council make the following changes to the Council's Constitution:-</p> <p>a. replace the current first paragraph of Article 8.03 with the following words:</p> <p><i><u>"The Regulation Committee shall determine applications for planning permission referred from the area committees in accordance with the approved guidelines set out in part 3 of this document. The initial submission of any "Major Major" category application will be dealt with by the Regulation committee". Thereafter, proposals for subsequent variations to the original permission, will be referred to the ward member(s) and Area Chairman to review whether or not the issues raised by the variation application, and the consultation responses to them, merit determination at committee. Where the proposed changes are concluded to be of a minor nature the determination of those applications will be delegated to the Lead Specialist – Built Environment."</u></i> (new text underlined)</p> <p>b. amend paragraph 160 of the Schedule of Functions Delegated to Officers to read as follows:</p> <p><i><u>"The determination of all notifications, including applications for Permission in Principle and for Technical Details consent."</u></i></p>

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		<p align="center">(new text underlined)</p> <p>Reason: To propose changes to the Council’s Constitution: Scheme of Delegation in relation to planning applications</p>
7.	Planning - Planning Application Validation Requirements; Revised Validation Checklist	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive recommend that the Chief Executive agree the revised Planning Application Validation Requirements document for consultation, following which it will be referred to Full Council for the adoption of a revised Planning Checklist.</p> <p>Reason: To propose changes to the established Planning Application Validation Guide and Checklist introduced by the Council in July 2020 and to seek approval for a public consultation upon the changes proposed.</p>
8.	Planning - Discretionary fees for Pre-application advice and associated services	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive recommend that Full Council agree to the recommended changes to the Schedule of Pre-application and discretionary planning fees at Appendix A (as amended).</p>

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		<p>Reason: To propose changes to the established Planning Pre-application charging regime operated by South Somerset District Council.</p>
9.	Annual review of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive noted the Council’s use of RIPA powers and recommend that the Chief Executive agree the minor amendments to the RIPA Policy and Procedures.</p> <p>Reason: The Council’s policy and the use of RIPA powers must be reviewed at least once per year to ensure they are being used consistently with the policy and that the policy remains fit for purpose</p>
10.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive recommend that the Chief Executive:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approve the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A, with the following amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction of Director on the Update on the delivery of the Economic Development Strategy and funding delivery

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		<p>2. noted the receipt of a new consultation from DEFRA on a Storm Overflow Discharge Reduction Plan to be added to the Consultation Database.</p> <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
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