

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

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7.	Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme Policy	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that Full Council agree to endorse the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme Policy that has been developed in collaboration with Somerset West & Taunton, Sedgemoor and Mendip District Councils to support those suffering financial hardship as a result of the rising cost of living.</p>
8.	Review of 2022/23 Capital Programme	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted the possible future calls on the Corporate Capital Contingency Budget during 2022/23, as currently foreseen by Senior Leadership Team. b. Recommended that the Chief Executive agrees to fund £125k from the Corporate Capital Contingency Fund towards the Ham Hill Project. <p>Reason: To note the future potential calls on the 2022/23 Corporate Capital Contingency Budget and agree additional funding for the visitors centre at Ham Hill.</p>

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9.	2021/22 Revenue Budget Outturn Report	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted the outturn report position as set out in Table One; b. Recommended that the Chief Executive approves the transfer of the 2021/22 underspend of £900k to the General Fund reserve, as set out in paragraph 12. c. Recommended that the Chief Executive approves the creation of a new earmarked reserve for potential Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) costs and the transfer of £444k into this reserve as set out in paragraphs 18 to 23. <p>Reason: To note the actual spending and income (“outturn”) against the Council’s approved Revenue Budget for the financial year 2021/22, and provide explanations on the key variances against the approved budget.</p>
10.	2021/22 Capital Budget Outturn Report	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted the overall capital outturn position as described in this report.

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		<p>b. Recommended that the Chief Executive approve the carry forward of underspent budget from 2021/22 into 2022/23 of £7.062m.</p> <p>c. Noted that the principle of carrying forwards unspent but approved capital budgets from one year to the succeeding year have been given general consent by Somerset County Council’s Executive under the Section 24 Direction.</p> <p>Reason: To note the total spend for the year 2021/22 on the capital programme and how this compared with the agreed budget for the year, with explanations for the main differences.</p>
11.	Wincanton Regeneration budget - Change of Scope	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that the Chief Executive agree:-</p> <p>a. Option 2</p> <p>i. To allocate the full £260,000 requested from the capital contingency budget to the Wincanton Regeneration Scheme.</p>

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		<p>Reason: To agree revisions to the scope of the Wincanton Regeneration project and related changes to budget including a request for additional funds from the corporate capital contingency for the project. This follows receipt of tenders for the public realm scheme. The approach will ensure a focus on the two priorities of delivering the public realm and building repair grants (property project) during the remaining months of the project.</p>
12.	Investment Asset Update Report	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. note the continuing performance of the commercial investments of the Council b. note the return being achieved across the portfolio which is in line with the Council's target of 7%. <p>Reason: To update to members and the public on performance of the commercial investments owned by the Council since the last half yearly update reported in March 2022.</p>
13.	North Cadbury and Yarlinton Neighbourhood Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that the Chief Executive:-</p>

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		<p>a. agrees the Examiner’s report and accepts in full his recommendations for Proposed Modifications to the North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>b. agrees to officers organising a referendum later this year for local people on the Electoral Register. The aim of the referendum is to ascertain whether local residents want South Somerset District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for North Cadbury and Yarlington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area.</p> <p>c. delegates responsibility to the Director for Support Services and Strategy to make any final minor text amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan, in agreement with the North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the Independent Examiner’s report and recommendations for Proposed Modifications; and to set out the process for ‘making’ the Plan in the event that there is a favourable outcome to the local referendum to be organised by the District Council.</p>
14.	Establishment of an Implementation Board in Somerset	

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	for the implementation of local government reorganisation	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. recommend that the Chief Executive agree to the establishment of the Implementation Board with representation from the Constituent Councils, constituted in accordance with and having the functions set out in the Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 1 b. noted the Leader’s appointment of Councillor John Clark to the Implementation Board. <p>Reason: To approve the establishment of an Implementation Board with Mendip District Council, Sedgemoor District Council, Somerset County Council and Somerset West and Taunton District Council (collectively, with the addition of South Somerset District Council, the Constituent Councils) to monitor the reorganisation programme in Somerset and provide advice and recommendations on its implementation to the Executive of Somerset County Council. The Implementation Board will operate between now and the vesting day of the new Somerset Council on 1 April 2023.</p>
15.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive recommend that the Chief Executive:-</p>

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		<p>1. approve the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A, with the following amendments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phosphates Updated – moved to September 2022 • External Audit Value For Money (VFM) Audit – moved to a date to be determined • Request from Scrutiny Committee for a report on the strategy and future deliverance of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 funding to be discussed by District Executive <p>2. note the receipt of the following government consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness Prevention Grant 2023/24 onwards: technical consultation <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
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