

South Somerset District Council

Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 19 May 2022

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Election of Chairman	RESOLVED: That Councillor Paul Maxwell be elected as Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.
A2	Appointment of Vice Chairman	RESOLVED: That Councillor Wes Read be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.
A9	Appointment of Member Level Bodies 2022/23	RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed:- (1) To note that it appointed the Leader of the Council in May 2019 for a period of four years, starting on the day of her election and ending on the vesting day of the new Somerset Council on 1 st April 2023. (2) To note that the Leader appointed a Deputy Leader in May 2019 to hold office until the end of the term of office of the Leader. (3) The Leader appoint between 1 and 8 further District Executive Members. (4) The re-establishment of the following member-level bodies for 2022/2023:

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		<p>(10) To note the Independent Members’ Remuneration Panel have not met for a number of years as Council agreed to an annual uplift of all Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances by the same percentage as the equivalent negotiated APT&C pay award for officers in 2009. SSDC will shortly join the County-wide Remuneration Panel.</p> <p>(11) To agree the continuation of Council Procedure Rule 40(B) - Appointment of substitute Members at meetings of Committees.</p> <p>(12) To confirm the Council’s annual meetings timetable as attached at Appendix B.</p> <p><i>(Voting: 34 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions)</i></p>
A11	Planning - Changes to the Scheme of Delegation to increase the efficiency of the Planning Service	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed to make the following changes to the Council’s Constitution:-</p> <p>(i) Replace the current first paragraph of Article 8.03 with the following words:</p> <p><i>“The Regulation Committee shall determine applications for planning permission referred from the area committees in</i></p>

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		<p><i>accordance with the approved guidelines set out in part 3 of this document. <u>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>(ii) 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> (new text underlined)</p> <p>Reason: To agree changes to the Scheme of Delegation in relation to planning applications.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A12	Planning - Planning Application	

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	Validation Requirements; Revised Validation Checklist	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to adopt the revised Planning Application Validation Requirements document and revised Planning Checklist. (ii) to delegate any final amendments to the Director for Service Delivery following closure of the consultation on 20 May 2022. <p>Reason: To confirm the proposed changes to the established Planning Application Validation Guide and Checklist introduced by the Council in July 2020 following public consultation upon the changes proposed.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 36 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
A13	Planning - Discretionary fees for Pre-application advice and associated services	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed the recommended changes to the Schedule of Pre-application and discretionary planning fees.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the proposed changes to the established Pre-application charging regime operated by South Somerset District Council.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A14	Notification of a Decision taken under delegated powers in respect	

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	of a Dispensation for a Councillor	<p>RESOLVED: That Council noted that the Chief Executive had:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) approved a dispensation for Councillor Malcolm Cavill from attending meetings of the Council by reason of illness for a six month period commencing 14th April 2022, in order to avoid Councillor Cavill ceasing to be a member of the authority under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972. (ii) agreed that the dispensation would last until 14th October 2022. <p>Reason: To note that a general dispensation has been granted by the Chief Executive under section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 for a Councillor from attending Council meetings due to ill health over a six month period.</p>
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