

South Somerset District Council

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Part A – Items considered in public

A7	Statement of Licensing Policy Under the Licensing Act 2003	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. approve the Statement of Licensing Policy as amended;b. approve the Licensing Policy for publication prior to implementation. <p>Reason: To confirm the new SSDC Statement of Licensing Policy as required by Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides that a Licensing Authority must, every 5 years, determine and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy.</p> <p><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A8	Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme Policy	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed to endorse the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme Policy which had been developed in collaboration with Somerset West & Taunton, Sedgemoor and Mendip District Councils.</p> <p><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>

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A9	2021/22 Treasury Management Performance Outturn Report	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. note the Treasury Management Activity for the 2021/22 financial year; b. note the position of the individual prudential indicators for the 2021/22 financial year; c. note the outlook for the investment performance in 2021/22; d. note the Council operated within all of the Prudential Indicators during 2021/22. <p>Reason: To review the treasury management activity and the performance against the Prudential Indicators for the 2021/22 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> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A10	Proposed Changes to the Financial Procedure Rules for 2022/23	<p>RESOLVED: That Council approved the proposed changes to the Financial Procedure Rules for the rest of the financial year 2022/23.</p>

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		<p>Reason: To agree the proposed changes to the Financial Procedure Rules (FPRs) for the rest of the financial year 2022/23.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A11	Local Government Reorganisation - The Section 24 Direction and the General and Specific Consents Issued by the Executive of Somerset County Council	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the General Consent issued by the Executive of Somerset County Council under the section 24 Direction be noted; b. where the General Consent does not apply, all members of the Senior Leadership Team be given delegated authority in consultation with the section 151 Officer to seek specific consents from the Executive of Somerset County Council under the section 24 Direction if required to implement decisions taken or proposed by South Somerset District Council within their respective areas of responsibility. <p>Reason: To ensure that the Council can respond effectively to business and local government reorganisation needs in the period to Vesting Day.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A12	Review of Remote Meetings	

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	Options	<p>RESOLVED That Council agreed:-</p> <p>:</p> <p>(i). with the exception of the meeting of the Audit Committee on 28 July 2022, all future meetings of South Somerset District Council and its committees will be held in person with a virtual on-line space and live streaming, provided the technology to provide a virtual on-line space and live stream is available in the normal meeting venue. Members of the public may attend in person or, where there is an on-line facility, virtually. Members of Council attending via the virtual on-line space may only participate at the express invitation of the Chair of the meeting.</p> <p>Note: this requirement applies to Full Council and the following meetings only:</p> <p>Appeals Committee Appointments Committee Area East Committee Area North Committee Area South Committee Area West Committee Audit Committee</p>

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		<p>District Executive Licensing Committee Licensing Sub-Committee Regulation Committee Scrutiny Committee Standards Committee;</p> <p>(ii) (i) applies until 31 March 2023 unless external circumstances dictate otherwise;</p> <p>(iii) that the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of Council be given delegated power to make any or all meetings remote for a period of up to 4 weeks at any time when it appears reasonably prudent to do so on public health and safety grounds or in line with national or local safe practice under the Covid19 guidance and requirements issued by the Government from time to time;</p> <p>(iv) that officers may continue to attend meetings remotely, where possible, provided that where an officer is named as the Lead Officer for an Agenda item they must attend the meeting in person or, if attending remotely, ensure a suitable, properly briefed officer approved by the relevant SLT lead, attends in person;</p>
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		<p>(v) the meeting of Audit Committee on 28 July 2022 will be a remote advisory meeting with any decision delegated to the Chief Executive.</p> <p>Reason: To review the Council’s previous decisions to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology; and to return to in-person Council meetings.</p> <p><i>(Voting: 29 in favour, 2 against, 7 abstentions)</i></p>
A13	Appointment of Members to Vacancies on Various Council Committees	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. to appoint Councillor Pauline Lock to the vacancy on the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2022-23; b. note that the Leader appointed Councillor Pauline Lock to the vacancy on the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2022-23. c. note that the Leader appointed Councillor Barbara Appleby to the vacancy on the Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2022-23. d. note that the Leader appointed Councillor Wes Read to the vacancy on the Appeals Panel for the municipal year 2022-23.

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		<p>e. note that the Leader appointed Councillor John Clark to the vacancy on the Wincanton Regeneration Programme Board for the municipal year 2022-23.</p> <p>f. note that the Leader appointed Councillor Mike Hewitson as Chairman of Audit Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2022- 23.</p> <p>g. The Council note that the Leader has appointed Councillor Brian Hamilton as Vice-Chairman of Audit Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2022- 23.</p> <p>h. note that the Leader appointed Councillor Andy Kendall to the vacancy on the Audit Committee for the municipal year 2022-23</p> <p>Reason: To confirm the appointment of unfilled positions on the various committees following the appointment of Councillors to various committees and working groups at Council on 19th May 2022.</p> <p><i>(Voting on recommendation (a): unanimous in favour)</i></p>
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