

Report of Executive Decisions

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This report is submitted for information and summarises decisions taken by the District Executive and Portfolio Holders since the last meeting of Council in August 2016. The decisions are set out in the attached Appendix.

Members are invited to ask any questions of the Portfolio Holders.

Background Papers

All Published

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Appendix

Portfolio	Subject	Decision	Taken By	Date
Strategy & Policy	Consent for disposal of a property in Pen Selwood by Yarlington Housing Group	The Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Policy has agreed to confirm consent for the proposed disposal of number 1, Grove Close, Coombe Street, Pen Selwood by Yarlington Housing Group.	Portfolio Holder	26/08/16 Executive Bulletin No. 684
Finance & Legal Services	SDDC Medium Term Financial Strategy and Plan	<p>District Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approved the current Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Plan; 2. agreed that £104,000 in Council Tax Reduction Grant be passported to support Town and Parish Councils' Precepts; 3. approved in principle that South Somerset District Council remains in the Somerset Business Rates Pool for 2017/18 with a final decision delegated to the Assistant Director – Finance and Corporate Services in Consultation with the Leader and Finance Portfolio Holder; 4. noted the current position and timetable for the Medium Term Financial Plan. <p>District Executive recommended to full Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. approval to utilise the capital receipts outlined in the Efficiency Strategy attached at Appendix A for revenue costs; 6. to note that a 4-year Rate Support Grant settlement deal has been made available by the Department for Communities and Local Government and that the terms offered for South Somerset includes a negative grant in 2019/20 whereby £330k would be collected locally for return to the Government; 7. to authorise the Leader and/or Portfolio Holder for Finance and Legal Services to make representations to the Department for Communities and Local Government, and others, to seek to improve the 4 year deal RSG offer. 	District Executive	01/09/16

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Strategy & Policy	Affordable Housing Development Programme	<p>District Executive:</p> <p>a. noted the outturn position of the Affordable Housing Development Programme for 2015/16 [ref section 11];</p> <p>b. confirmed that the Council continue to use the hybrid rent model when acting as the sole source of grant funding for four or five bedroom properties and for all property types in certain higher value rural locations, but otherwise accept the affordable rent model for the majority of new grant funded homes [ref section 10.8];</p> <p>c. de-allocated £373,000 from Stonewater for the scheme at West Hendford, Yeovil [ref section 13];</p> <p>d. confirmed retention of £375,000 allocation for underwriting of the LD project by Stonewater [ref section 13];</p> <p>e. confirmed allocation of £1,040,000 to Stonewater for the scheme at North Street, Crewkerne subject to appropriate planning permission being in place [ref section 14];</p> <p>f. confirmed the creation of a new rural contingency fund of £500,000 [ref section 15].</p>	District Executive	01/09/16
Strategic Planning (Place Making)	South Somerset Authority Monitoring Report (September 2016)	<p>District Executive:</p> <p>1. endorsed the Authority Monitoring Report (2016) (at Appendix A); and</p> <p>2. delegated responsibility to the Assistant Director for Economy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning to make any final minor text amendments which may be necessary to enable the Authority Monitoring Report to be published.</p>	District Executive	01/09/16
Strategy & Policy	Quarterly Corporate Performance and	District Executive noted the report.	District Executive	01/09/16

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	Complaints Monitoring Report - 1st Quarter 2016/17			
Strategy & Policy	Consent for disposal of a property in Charlton Musgrove by Yarlington Housing Group	The Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Policy has agreed to advise Yarlington Housing Group that, SSDC does not support their proposed disposal of number 3, St Johns Cottages, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove. The Portfolio Holder further notes the objections of the ward member to the potential for deployment of funds outside of South Somerset and the future implications of this proposed disposal on number 2, St Johns Cottages, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove.	Portfolio Holder	02/09/16 Executive Bulletin No. 685
Strategy & Policy	Consent for disposal of a property in Ilminster by Yarlington Housing Group	The Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Policy has agreed to confirm consent for the proposed disposal of number 3, Berrymans Lane, Ilminster by Yarlington Housing Group.	Portfolio Holder	23/09/16 Executive Bulletin No. 688
Strategy & Policy	Consent for disposal of a property in Chiselborough by Yarlington Housing Group	The Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Policy has agreed to advise Yarlington Housing Group that, SSDC does not support their proposed disposal of number 17, Taylors Orchard, Chiselborough.	Portfolio Holder	23/09/16 Executive Bulletin No. 688
Strategy & Policy	Consent for disposal of a property in Knole by Yarlington Housing Group	The Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Policy has agreed to advise Yarlington Housing Group that, SSDC does not support their proposed disposal of number 2, Council House, Knole, Langport.	Portfolio Holder	30/09/16 Executive Bulletin No. 689
Property & Climate Change	Castle Cary Market House – approval of priority works	The Portfolio Holder for Property and Climate Change has agreed to the early commencement of priority work up to the value of £31,163 from within the £45,000 funds allocated, in lieu of a short-medium term programme of repairs and maintenance for Castle Cary Market House.	Portfolio Holder	30/09/16 Executive Bulletin No. 689
Strategic Planning (Place Making)	Community Right to Bid Quarterly Update Report	Recommendation: District Executive members comment on and note the report.	District Executive	06/10/16

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Area West Committee Chair & SAFC Champion	Somerset Armed Forces – Overview of Progress 2016	Recommendation: District Executive discuss and note the report.	District Executive	06/10/16
Finance & Corporate Services	Medium Term Financial Strategy and Plan – Flexible use of Capital Receipts	Recommendation: That the District Executive recommends to full Council the approval to utilise the capital receipts outlined in the Efficiency Strategy attached at Appendix A for revenue costs.	District Executive	06/10/16
Finance & Corporate Services	Medium Term Financial Strategy and Plan – Four Year Settlement	Recommendation: That the District Executive decides whether or not to recommend to full Council the acceptance of the 4-year settlement deal offered by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the publishing of the Efficiency Plan attached at Appendix A.	District Executive	06/10/16
Environment & Economic Development	Infrastructure Projects and Funding for Feasibility Studies	Recommendation: District Executive is recommended to: i. Delegate to the Strategic Regeneration Board the re-prioritisation, as and when required, of the ‘Investing in Infrastructure’ programme of projects originally agreed by District Executive Committee, using the criteria approved by District Executive. ii. Delegate the spend of the remaining Infrastructure Reserve to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economic Development in consultation with the Strategic Regeneration Board, with £150,000 allocated to area schemes including £50,000 to the ‘Yeovil Refresh’. iii. Approve the application form set out in Appendix 1 as the basis for allocation of feasibility funding.	District Executive	06/10/16