

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **District Executive** held at the **Council Chamber, Brympton Way, YEOVIL, Somerset BA20 2HT** on **Thursday 3 August 2017**.

(9.30 am - 12.05 pm)

Present:

Councillor Ric Pallister (Chairman)

Peter Gubbins	Angie Singleton
Henry Hobhouse	Nick Weeks
Val Keitch	Derek Yeomans
Jo Roundell Greene	

Also Present:

Mike Lewis	Sue Steele
Tony Lock	

Officers:

Alex Parmley	Chief Executive
Clare Pestell	Director (Commercial Services & Income Generation)
Lynda Pincombe	Community Health & Leisure Manager
Catherine Hood	Finance Manager
Angela Cox	Democratic Services Manager

Note: All decisions were approved without dissent unless shown otherwise.

28. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Agenda Item 1)

The minutes of the District Executive meeting held on 6th July 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and, having been approved as a correct record, were signed by the Chairman.

29. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Seib, Sylvia Seal and Ian Clarke, Director.

30. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest made.

31. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 4)

There were no members of the public present.

32. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 5)

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

33. Notification of an Urgent Executive Decision - Huish Episcopi Academy Swimming Pool Project (Agenda Item 6)

The Chairman outlined the reasons for the need to take the urgent decision relating to the potential increase in the cost of the project and to allow works to start during the school holidays.

In response to questions from Members the Community Health and Leisure Manager advised that:-

- Although the works would start during the school holidays, the project would not be complete until the Autumn.
- There was a secured community usage at the facility and dedicated public parking spaces.
- All the Section 106 contributions would come from sites within Area North.
- If the project was delivered under budget then the SSDC contribution would be reduced pro-rata.

It was requested and agreed that a report on the community use at the facility be presented to Area North Committee annually.

At the conclusion of the debate, Members were content to note the urgent decision taken.

NOTIFICATION: That the District Executive noted the urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of Council, according to the provision of Section 3-47 (4) of the Constitution, to agree to a revised contribution of £117,094 of S106 receipts to support the Huish Episcopi Academy Swimming Pool Project overall scheme cost of £1,215,116.

Reason: To note the urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of Council, to support the Huish Episcopi Academy Swimming Pool Project.

34. 2017/18 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for the Period ending 30th June 2017 (Agenda Item 7)

The Finance Manager introduced the report and gave a detailed explanation of the Transformation budget as requested by the Scrutiny Committee and clarified that a report on the Westland Leisure Complex would be presented to the Executive in September.

It was noted that there were minor corrections to the paragraph numbers detailed in the recommendations in the printed copies of the Agenda.

During discussion, it was noted that the offer for customers to purchase 2 years of garden waste collections had been successful as the income had increased.

At the conclusion of the debate, Members were content to confirm the recommendations of the report.

- RESOLVED:** That District Executive agreed to:-
- a. note the current 2017/18 financial position of the Council;
 - b. note the reasons for variations to the previously approved Directorate Budgets as detailed in paragraph 7;
 - c. note the transfers made to and from reserves outlined in paragraph 21 and the position of the Area Reserves as detailed in Appendix C and the Corporate Reserves as detailed in Appendix D;
 - d. approve the virements as detailed in paragraph 11 and note the virements made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix B.

Reason: To confirm the current financial position of the revenue budgets of the Council and to report the reasons for variations from approved annual budgets for the period 1st April to 30th June 2017.

35. 2017/18 Capital Budget Monitoring Report for the Period ending 30th June 2017 (Agenda Item 8)

The Finance Manager drew Members attention to the table on page 30 of the agenda papers which detailed the revised capital programme and asked that the Executive consider reviewing the delayed capital projects listed in Appendix B and confirm the Strategic Leadership Team proposals to move some of the allocated funding.

At the conclusion of a short debate, Members were content to agree the recommendations of the report.

- RESOLVED:** That District Executive agreed to:-
- a. note the content of the report:
 - b. approve the revised capital programme spend as detailed in paragraph 6;
 - c. approve the virements of £25,000 outline in paragraph 11;
 - d. note the review of schemes as detailed in Appendix B and approve Leadership Board proposals.

Reason: To confirm the current financial position of the capital programme of the Council and to report the reasons for variations from approved budgets for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017.

36. Corporate Grants Report 2016 - 2017 (Agenda Item 9)

There was no debate and Members were content to note the overall spend on voluntary sector grants in 2016/2017.

RESOLVED: That the District Executive noted the Corporate Grants report.

Reason: To note the overall spend on voluntary sector grants in 2016/2017

37. District Executive Forward Plan (Agenda Item 10)

Members noted the following addition to the Executive Forward Plan:-

- Update on Westland Leisure Complex – September 2017

RESOLVED: That the District Executive:-

1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A, with the following amendment:

- Update on Westland Leisure Complex – September 2017

Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.

38. Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 11)

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the District Executive would take place on Thursday 7th September 2017 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil commencing at 9.30 a.m.

39. Exclusion of Press and Public (Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED: That the following item be considered in Closed Session by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A under Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

40. Commercial Land and Property Review and Strategy (Confidential) (Agenda Item 13)

The Chairman and Director for Commercial Services and Income Generation introduced the report to Members. They responded to questions from the Scrutiny Committee, and Members on points of detail.

During discussion, a number of points were made to be incorporated into the report to be presented to Full Council and at the conclusion of the debate, Members were content to propose the recommendations for agreement by Full Council.

RESOLVED: That District Executive approved the recommendations of the report and agreed they be proposed to Full Council on 17th August 2017.

Reason: To provide a new council wide Commercial Strategy for 2017 – 2021.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

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Chairman

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Date