

South Somerset District Council
Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 4 January 2018

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6.	Heart of the South West (HotSW) - Joint Committee	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that Full Council:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approve the recommendation of the HotSW Leaders (meeting as a shadow Joint Committee) to form a Joint Committee for the Heart of the South West; b. approve the Arrangements and Inter-Authority Agreement documents set out in appendices A and B (as amended) for the establishment of the Joint Committee with the commencement date of Monday 22nd January 2018; c. appoint Councillor Ric Pallister and Councillor Jo Roundell Greene as the Council's named representative and substitute named representative on the Joint Committee; d. appoint Somerset County Council as the Administering Authority for the Joint Committee for a 2 year period commencing 22nd January 2018; e. approve the transfer of the remaining joint devolution budget to meet the support costs of the Joint Committee for the remainder of 2017/18 financial year subject to approval of any expenditure by the Administering Authority; f. approve an initial contribution of £1,400 for 2018/19 to fund the administration and the work programme of the Joint Committee, noting that any expenditure will be subject to the approval of the Administering Authority;

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		<p>g. agree that the key function of the Joint Committee is to approve the Productivity Strategy (it is intended to bring the Strategy to the Joint Committee for approval by February 2018);</p> <p>h. authorise the initial work programme of the Joint Committee aimed at the successful delivery of the Productivity Strategy;</p> <p>i. agree the proposed meeting arrangements for the Joint Committee including the timetable of meetings for the Joint Committee as proposed in para 23.</p> <p>Reason: To enable the Heart of the South West Joint Committee to be formally established.</p>
7.	Council Tax Support Scheme 2018/19	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that Full Council agree:-</p> <p>a. that personal allowances and premiums are uprated in line with those for Housing Benefit;</p> <p>b. that non-dependent deductions are uprated in line with the annual percentage increase in Council Tax;</p> <p>c. that the non-dependent income bands are increased by the same percentage as those applied to the national Council Tax Support scheme for pensioners;</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. that Bereavement Support payments are disregarded in line with their treatment in Housing Benefit; e. that the hardship scheme budget be set at £30,000 for the 2018/19 financial year; f. to note the recommendations of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group attached at Appendix 1 (published as a separate appendix to this report); g. to note the scheme has been amended to reflect changes to the Prescribed Requirements; h. that the 2018/19 Council Tax Support Scheme attached at Appendix 2 is adopted (published as a separate appendix to this report); i. to note that the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme has been reflected within the overall Council Tax Base. <p>Reason: To recommend the proposed amendments to the Council Tax Support scheme for the 2018/19 financial year to Full Council for approval.</p>
8.	SSDC Transformation Programme - Progress Report	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive noted the report.</p> <p>Reason: To note the progress of the council's Transformation Programme.</p>

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9.	Annual review of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. noted the Council’s use of RIPA powers; b. approved and adopted the revised Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 Policy and Procedures attached at Appendix A along with the new Using Social Media and Networking Sites in Investigations Policy (Appendix 5); c. appointed the Director of Service Delivery as Senior Responsible Officer and amendments to authorising officers were noted. <p>Reason: To ensure compliance with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA).</p>
10.	2018/19 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan Update	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. noted the current estimates and next steps in respect of the draft Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme. b. approved in principle the changes to budget estimates in respect of pressures and savings included within the report (para 16).

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		<p>Reason: To note and confirm the latest estimates for 2018/19 draft budget and Medium Term Financial Plan estimates for the period 2018/19 to 2022/23, together with an update on the Capital Programme.</p>
11.	Yeovil Street Markets	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. agreed to remove the current income target for Yeovil’s markets of £39,020 from 2018/19 as SSDC will no longer be receiving a direct income from market traders. This will be covered within the provision for unavoidable loss as detailed in the financial implications. b. agreed to retain the annual markets budget of £20,000 for 2018/19 only. To allow the new market operator/partner to successfully establish. Thereafter the future of Yeovil Street Markets will be an Area South Committee issue in discussion with other stakeholders. <p>Reason: To approve the future financial arrangements and proposed market management structure of the Yeovil Street Markets.</p>
12.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as

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		<p>attached at Appendix A, with the following amendments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSDC Operational Office Accommodation Review (Headquarters Feasibility Report) – moved to March 2018 • SSDC Operational Office Accommodation Review (Areas and Locality Working) – moved to March 2018 <p>2. noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B, with the following additional consultations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional local government finance settlement 2018 to 2019: consultation • Fair funding review: a review of relative needs and resources • Business rates in multi-occupied properties <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
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