

APPENDIX B - Current Consultations – February 2018

Purpose of Document	Portfolio	Director	Response to be agreed by	Contact	Deadline for response
<p>Business rates in multi-occupied properties</p> <p>Consultation on reinstating the practice of the Valuation Office Agency prior to the decision of the Supreme Court in Woolway (VO) v Mazars.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/business-rates-in-multi-occupied-properties</p>	Financial and Legal Services	Director – Support Services	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Ian Potter	23 February 2018
<p>Fair funding review: a review of relative needs and resources</p> <p>The fair funding review will set new baseline funding allocations for local authorities by delivering an up-to-date assessment of their relative needs and resources, using the best available evidence.</p> <p>We are considering a wide range of options for developing an updated funding formula by looking again at the factors that drive costs for local authorities.</p> <p>This consultation focuses specifically on potential approaches that have been identified to measure the relative needs of local authorities.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/fair-funding-review-a-review-of-relative-needs-and-resources</p>	Strategy and Policy	Chief Executive	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Paul Fitzgerald	12 March 2018
<p>SCC Library Services Consultation</p> <p>In summary, under the proposals, 15 of our 34 library buildings would be seeking community involvement to remain open. Where this is not possible, services would instead be provided either through outreach in community venues or through additional mobile library stops.</p>	Leisure and Culture	Service Manager – Communications SSC	No official SSDC response	Councillors to make their own individual responses	22 April 2018

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For 7 of our libraries, the County Council is consulting on two alternative options – either to seek community involvement to maintain library buildings or to keep existing library services as they currently are. www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation .					