

South Somerset District Council
Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 6 September 2018

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6.	Proposed Designation of Herne Hill, Ilminster as a Local Nature Reserve	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. endorse the proposal that Herne Hill becomes a Local Nature Reserve b. delegate to Ilminster Town Council under s19 of the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949 the power to declare Herne Hill as land held and managed by the Town Council as a Local Nature Reserve <p>Reason: To agree that Ilminster Town Council be given delegated authority to declare and consult on the proposed designation of Local Nature Reserve status (LNR) for Herne Hill under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.</p>
7.	Revisions to the Statement of Community Involvement in respect of Neighbourhood Plans	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive agreed to the proposed revisions to the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, with some minor text amendments.</p> <p>Reason: To approve the proposed revisions to the December 2015 Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in order to comply with the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017.</p>
8.	The 'Making' of the South Petherton Neighbourhood Plan	

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		<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive agreed to the making of the South Petherton Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Reason: To note the result of the Referendum in relation to the South Petherton Neighbourhood Plan and to confirm that the Plan be ‘made’ (or adopted).</p>
9.	The East Coker Neighbourhood Plan Referendum	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. agreed to the Examiner’s report and recommendations for Proposed Modifications to the East Coker Neighbourhood Plan. b. agreed to the Council organising a referendum for local people on the Electoral Register as to whether they want South Somerset District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for East Coker to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area. c. delegated responsibility to the Director for Strategy and Commissioning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning to make any final minor text amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan, and to sign off the final version of the Plan in agreement with East Coker Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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		<p>Reason: To note the progress made on the preparation of the East Coker Neighbourhood Plan; to agree the independent Examiner’s report and recommendations for Proposed Modifications; and to set out the process for ‘making’ the plan following a favourable local referendum to be organised by the District Council.</p>
10.	Update on Superfast Broadband for Rural Businesses	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted the content of the report. b. Agreed that officer time and resource be allocated to working with Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) and Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) (and other parties as necessary) to clarify and promote their voucher schemes to maximise the coverage of Superfast Broadband across the District c. Requested officers to report back to District Executive and Full Council as soon as sufficient information is available for members to take a decision on committing any SSDC funding to ‘top-up’ such a superfast broadband voucher scheme. <p>Reason: To provide members with an update on phase 2 of the Superfast Broadband Extension Programme.</p>
11.	Financial Strategy and Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20	

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		<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. approved the Financial Strategy. b. noted the current position and timetable for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget estimates. <p>Reason: To confirm support for the updated Financial Strategy and provide Members with information regarding the initial Medium Term Financial Plan estimates for the period 2019/20 to 2022/24.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 7 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
12.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A, with the following amendment; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current position of the Local Government Boundary Review 2. noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B. <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
14.	Exclusion of Press and Public	<p>RESOLVED: That the following items be considered in Closed Session by virtue of the</p>

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		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).
15.	SSDC Operational Office Accommodation - Update on review of options for Brympton Way and Petters House (Confidential)	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive agreed the recommendations of the report.</p> <p>Reason: To update Members on findings and recommendations following the March 2018 District Executive report on SSDC operational office accommodation in Yeovil.</p>