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Part A – Items considered in public

A6	Funding for Citizens Advice South Somerset (CASS)	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. note the report and support the inclusion of £32,000 to Citizens Advice South Somerset (CASS) within the draft budget to be recommended to Council, included in Item 13 on this agenda within the 2019/20 budget. b. receive a further report by, December 2019, with proposals for consolidating and securing the long-term future of CASS beyond March 31st 2020. <p>Reason: To confirm one off additional financial contributions to mitigate the worst effects of the County Council cuts to the core funding of Citizens Advice South Somerset (CASS).</p>
A7	Local Plan Review 2016-2036 Preferred Options for Consultation	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approve for consultation the Regulation 18 Local Plan Review 2016-2036 Preferred Options document (published in a separate appendix) in June 2019. b. delegate responsibility for the production, technical editing and styling of the consultation document to the Lead Specialist-Strategic Planning in association with the Director, Strategy and Support Services and the Portfolio Holder Strategic Planning (Place Making).

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		<p>Reason: To agree to consultation on the Local Plan Review 2016-2036 Preferred Options document in June 2019.</p>
A8	SSDC Council Plan Update 2019-20	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that Council:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. agree the updated Council Plan and key performance indicators for 2019-20; b. note the detailed milestones and desired outcomes for each Priority Project; c. agree the Area Chapters; d. agree the KPIs and performance monitoring plan. <p>Reason: To propose that Council agree the adoption of the South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Council Plan 2019-20, together with a revised set of Key Performance Indicators.</p>
A9	Economic Development Strategy (2019 - 2028) Delivery Budget	

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		<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive supported the one off revenue funding of £200,000 for the Economic Development Strategy (EDS) Delivery Programme, with £146,000 allocated in 2019/20 and the remaining £54,000 in the 2020/21 budget as included within the draft budget for 2019/20 and 2020/21 to be recommended to Council.</p> <p>Reason: To agree an Economic Development Strategy (EDS) 2019 – 2028 Delivery Budget for 2019/20 and 2020/21.</p>
A10	Adoption of the Somerset Housing Strategy (2019-2023)	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to adopt the Somerset Housing Strategy (it's Vision, Themes, Priorities and Objectives) and supports the action plan for the district.</p> <p>Reason: To agree and adopt the Somerset Housing Strategy (SHS)</p>
A11	2018/19 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending 31st December 2018	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. note the current 2018/19 financial position of the Council; b. note the reasons for variations to the previously approved Directorate Budgets as detailed in paragraph 9, Table 1;

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		<p>c. note the virements made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix B; and</p> <p>d. note the transfers made to and from reserves outlined in paragraph 28, Table 5 and the position of the Area Reserves as detailed in Appendix C and the Corporate Reserves as detailed in Appendix D.</p> <p>Reason: To provide Members with the current projection of the forecast spending and income (“outturn”) against the Council’s approved Revenue Budget for the financial year, and to explain projected variations against budget.</p>
A12	2018/19 Capital Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending 31st December 2018	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed to:-</p> <p>a. note the content of the report;</p> <p>b. approve the revised Capital Programme spend profile as detailed in paragraph 7, Table 1.</p> <p>c. approve the projects listed in Appendix B remain in the capital programme.</p> <p>Reason: To provide Members with an in-year projection in 2018/19 of the forecast spending (“outturn”) against the Council’s approved Capital Programme Budget, and to explain projected variations against individual projects and the Programme as a whole.</p>

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A13	2019/20 Draft Revenue and Capital Budgets and Medium Term Financial Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. recommend that Full Council approves the Net Revenue Budget for 2019/20 of £16,197,800, as set out in the Revenue Account Summary (paragraph 46) and in detail in Appendix A for the District Executive and four Area Committees, subject to any final amendments; b. recommend to Full Council a 2019/20 Council tax annual increase of 2.85%, increasing the annual Band D rate by £4.63 to £167.11. Full Council to note this new annual rate comprises £165.26 for SSDC services, raising £9,959,571, and £1.85 on behalf of the Somerset Rivers Authority, raising £111,492; c. recommends to Full Council the reprioritisation of £2.5m from the MTFP support fund to Regeneration as detailed in paragraph 43; <p>recommends that Full Council approves the additions to the Capital Programme for new capital bids of £1.7395m as shown in Appendix D.</p> <p>Reason: To set out the Draft Budget and proposed council tax for 2019/20 to enable Executive to recommend proposals to Full Council for approval. The report is based on the Medium Term Financial Plan (Revenue Budgets for 2019/20 to 2023/24) and also includes proposed additions to the Capital Programme.</p>

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A14	SSDC Capital Strategy 2019/20	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive reviewed and recommended the Capital Strategy and the borrowing and investment limits for approval to Full Council.</p> <p>Reason: The Capital Strategy is an annual report which must be approved by Full Council before the start of the financial year in line with the revised CIPFA Prudential Code.</p> <p><i>(Voting: 9 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
A15	SSDC Investment Strategy 2019/20	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive reviewed and recommended that the Full Council approve the Investment Strategy for 2019/20.</p> <p>Reason: The Investment Strategy must be approved by Full Council by 31 March each year in line with regulations.</p>
A16	Council Tax Discount Review	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive approved the increase in the Empty Home Premium on empty properties to the maximum percentage, as detailed in the Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Act 2018.</p>

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		<p>Reason: To approve an increase to the Empty Home Premium charged on properties that have been empty for 2 years or more, in accordance with the Rating (property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Act 2018.</p>
A17	Corporate Performance Report 2018-19: 3rd Quarter	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive noted the Corporate Performance Report 2018-19: 3rd Quarter.</p> <p>Reason: To note the current position of the council's agreed key performance indicators for the period from October to December 2018 (Q3).</p>
A18	Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive agreed that the Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance in Appendix 1 concerning the provision of financial assistance for private sector housing and associated matters, including disabled facilities grants be adopted as the future policy of the Council.</p> <p>Reason: To adopt the Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance in Appendix 1</p>
A19	District Executive Forward Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive:-</p>

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		<p>1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A, with the following amendments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan Review – removed from March 2019 • Commercial Strategy 2017-2021 - mid term review and update – added for August 2019 <p>2. noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B.</p> <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>