

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **South Somerset District Council** held on **Thursday 17 August 2017** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT.

(7.30 pm - 8.20 pm)

Present:

Members: Councillor Tony Capozzoli (Chairman)
Councillor Crispin Raikes (Vice-Chairman)

Clare Aparicio Paul	Andy Kendall	Sylvia Seal
Jason Baker	Mike Lewis	Gina Seaton
Cathy Bakewell	Sarah Lindsay	Peter Seib
Neil Bloomfield	Mike Lock	Garry Shortland
Amanda Broom	Tony Lock	Angie Singleton
Hayward Burt	Paul Maxwell	Alan Smith
John Clark	Sam McAllister	Sue Steele
Nick Colbert	Graham Middleton	Rob Stickland
Adam Dance	David Norris	Gerard Tucker
John Field	Tiffany Osborne	Andrew Turpin
Nigel Gage	Stephen Page	Linda Vijeh
Carol Goodall	Ric Pallister	Martin Wale
Peter Gubbins	David Recardo	Nick Weeks
Henry Hobhouse	Jo Roundell Greene	Colin Winder
Val Keitch	Dean Ruddle	Derek Yeomans

Officers:

Alex Parmley	Chief Executive
Ian Clarke	Director (Support Services)
Clare Pestell	Director (Commercial Services & Income Generation)
Paul Fitzgerald	Section 151 Officer
Angela Cox	Democratic Services Manager

48. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 1)

At the beginning of the meeting, with the agreement of all Members, the Chairman asked Councillor Crispin Raikes to join him as Vice Chairman for the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marcus Barrett, Mike Beech, Mike Best, Dave Bulmer, Sarah Dyke, Anna Groskop, Kaysar Hussein, Jenny Kenton, Graham Oakes, Sue Osborne, Wes Read and William Wallace.

49. Minutes (Agenda Item 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th July 2017 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

50. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest made.

51. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 4)

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

52. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 5)

The Leader of Council reminded Members that nominations for the Gold Star Awards closed on 6th September 2017 and he encouraged them to nominate inspirational young people and the adult volunteers working with them for an award.

53. Report of Executive Decisions (Agenda Item 6)

The report of Executive Decisions was noted.

54. Audit Committee (Agenda Item 7)

Councillor Derek Yeomans, Chairman of the Audit Committee, presented the report of the Committee.

The report of the Audit Committee was noted.

55. Scrutiny Committee (Agenda Item 8)

Councillor Sue Steele, Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, presented the report of the Committee.

The report of the Scrutiny Committee was noted.

56. Motions (Agenda Item 9)

There were no Motions submitted by Members.

57. Questions Under Procedure Rule 10 (Agenda Item 10)

There were no Questions submitted by Members under Procedure Rule 10.

58. Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 11)

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Full Council would take place on **Thursday, 21st September 2017** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil **commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

59. 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).

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

The Leader of Council reminded Members that income generation was part of the Council Action Plan agreed by them in April 2017.

The Director for Commercial Services and Income Generation introduced the report and advised that the new Commercial Strategy would help to deliver income that would help with the projected gap in the Council's budget over the coming years.

Members discussed the report at some length and the Director for Commercial Services and Income Generation and Chief Executive answered questions on points of detail.

At the conclusion of the debate, the recommendations, with one minor amendment, were put to the vote, and were carried (voting: 28 in favour, 16 against, 2 abstentions).

RESOLVED: That Full Council:-

1. Noted that District Executive had approved the Commercial Strategy 2017-2021 for immediate adoption and implementation.
2. Noted the findings of the consultants report.
3. Approved the recommendations proposed in the report.
4. Noted that District Executive had approved the budget to be added to the Medium Term Financial Plan, for a new Property Land and Development team led by an appropriately qualified Property, Land and Development Manager, and an Income & Opportunity Development Manager.

Reason: To confirm the Council's commercial approach, core principles and methodology in undertaking the business service, income generation and other corporate plan objectives to create a balanced property and land asset portfolio, with investment income contributing towards the currently identified revenue shortfall by 2021.

(Voting: 28 in favour, 16 against, 2 abstentions)

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Chairman

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Date