

South Somerset Council – Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 18 January 2018

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A7</p>	<p>Heart of the South West (HotSW) - Joint Committee</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approved 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. approved 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. appointed Councillor Ric Pallister and Councillor Jo Roundell Greene as the Council's named representative and substitute named representative on the Joint Committee; d. appointed 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. approved 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. agreed 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. authorised the initial work programme of the Joint Committee aimed at the successful delivery of the Productivity Strategy;</p> <p>i. agreed 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> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 46 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstentions)</i></p>
A8	Council Tax Support Scheme 2018/19	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed:-</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 confirm the proposed amendments to the Council Tax Support scheme for the 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A9	Monitoring Officer Appointment	RESOLVED: That Full Council:-

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		<p>a. confirmed that Angela Watson be designated this Council's Monitoring Officer on a permanent basis from 19 January 2018.</p> <p>b. noted that the Monitoring Officer would appoint a Deputy who is authorised to act in the event of the absence or illness of the Monitoring Officer, and Members will be informed of that appointment once made.</p> <p>Reason: To confirm the appointment of the Council's Monitoring Officer.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
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