

## South Somerset District Council

### Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 17 January 2019

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#### Part A – Items considered in public

A8	Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Full Council agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. the introduction of a minimum award value of £0.50 a week in line with Housing Benefit;</li><li>b. the introduction of a £5 a week tolerance on income increases and decreases before it affects a Council Tax Support award;</li><li>c. that personal allowances and premiums are uprated in line with those for Housing Benefit;</li><li>d. that non-dependent deductions are uprated in line with the annual percentage increase in Council Tax;</li><li>e. that the non-dependent income bands are increased by the same percentage as those applied to the national Council Tax Support scheme for pensioners;</li><li>f. that the hardship scheme budget be set at £30,000 for the 2019/20 financial year;</li><li>g. to note the recommendations of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group attached at Appendix 1;</li><li>h. to note the scheme has been amended to reflect changes to the Prescribed Requirements;</li></ul>
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		<p>i. that the 2019/20 Council Tax Support Scheme is adopted (published as a separate appendix);</p> <p>j. to note that the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme has been reflected within the overall Council Tax Base.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To confirm the proposed amendments to the Council Tax Support scheme for the 2019/20 financial year.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
<b>A9</b>	Appointment a new Member to represent SSDC on the Armed Forces Community Covenant	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Full Council agreed to appoint Councillor Andrew Kendall to represent SSDC on the Armed Forces Community Covenant for the remainder of the Council year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To agree to appoint a new a new Member to represent SSDC on the Armed Forces Community Covenant for the remainder of the Council year.</p>
<b>A10</b>	Changes to the Council's Constitution following the Local Government Boundary Commission Review - New Ward arrangements between Area North and East Committees	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <p>a. delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary changes to the Council's Constitution for the newly created Northstone / Ivelchester / St Michael's Ward (NIST) be wholly within Area East Committee for the purpose of Area Committee working from May 2019 and all other Ward name changes as set out in the Order.</p>

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		<p>b. agree that a briefing paper be issued to the Parish Councils within the new Ward to explain their amalgamation and the implications of representation in a 3 member Ward.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To confirm the amendment of the Council's Constitution for the new Northstone, Ivelchester, St Michaels Ward be encompassed within Area East for the purpose of Area working from May 2019 and all other Ward name changes as set out in the Order.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>