

Report of Executive Decisions

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This report is submitted for information and summarises decisions taken by the District Executive and Portfolio Holders since the last meeting of Council in December 2018. The decisions are set out in the attached Appendix.

Members are invited to ask any questions of the Portfolio Holders.

Background Papers

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Appendix

Portfolio	Subject	Decision	Taken By	Date
Strategic Planning (Place Making)	The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 - Fees for arranging for the provision of boarding for cats and dogs	The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning (Place Making) in consultation with the Director - Service Delivery and the S151 Officer, has agreed that the fees for the provision of boarding for cats or dogs under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 be set as per the tables outlined in the report - please see Portfolio Holder report at this link:- http://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=865	Portfolio Holder	07/12/18
Leader of the Council	Corporate Peer Challenge: Follow Up Visit	District Executive is asked to note the findings of the Peer Challenge Follow up Team, as set out in their report attached at Appendix 1.	District Executive	09/01/19
Strategic Planning (Place Making)	A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme – Local Impact Report	District Executive is asked to: a. note the report and its contents; b. approve delegation of the Local Impact Report (LiR) to the Lead Specialist, Strategic Planning, Strategic Planning Portfolio Holder and Property, Climate Change and Income Generation Portfolio Holder; and c. agree that the Council submit a Written Representation to the Examining Authority and give delegation of the contents of that Written Representation to the Leader of the Council, Strategic Planning Portfolio Holder and Property, Climate Change and Income Generation Portfolio Holder and the Ward Members for Camelot and Ivelchester.	District Executive	09/01/19
Leisure and Culture	Assessing Needs and Opportunities for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities in South Somerset	District Executive is asked to: a. note and comment on the emerging issues from the draft Needs Assessment. b. encourage Members to attend the upcoming workshop on 24th January 2019 at 5.00pm to share their reactions and to participate in a prioritisation exercise.	District Executive	09/01/19
Finance and Legal Services	2019/20 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan Update	District Executive is asked to: a. note the current estimates and next steps in respect of the draft Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme.	District Executive	09/01/19

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		b. approve in principle the changes to budget estimates in respect of pressures and savings included within the report (para 14).		
Finance and Legal Services	Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20	District Executive is requested to recommend to Council: (a) the introduction of a minimum award value of £0.50 a week in line with Housing Benefit; (b) the introduction of a £5 a week tolerance on income increases and decreases before it affects a Council Tax Support award; (c) that personal allowances and premiums are uprated in line with those for Housing Benefit; (d) that non-dependent deductions are uprated in line with the annual percentage increase in Council Tax; (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; (f) that the hardship scheme budget be set at £30,000 for the 2019/20 financial year; (g) to note the recommendations of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group attached at Appendix 1; (h) to note the scheme has been amended to reflect changes to the Prescribed Requirements; (i) that the 2019/20 Council Tax Support Scheme at Appendix 2 (to follow) is adopted; (j) to note that the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme has been reflected within the overall Council Tax Base.	District Executive	09/01/19
Finance and Legal Services	Council Tax Discount Review Executive Portfolio	District Executive is asked to: a. Approve the use of the Councils local discretionary powers to implement a Care Leavers Discount from April 2019. b. Approve that the additional amount to fund the Care Leavers discount is added to the budget which currently funds Council Tax Discretionary reductions. c. Approve 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.	District Executive	09/01/19
Finance and Legal Services	Business Rates Relief	District Executive is asked to:	District Executive	09/01/19

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		a. Approve the use of the Councils local discretionary powers to implement Retail Rate Relief from April 2019 for two years; b. Approve the use of the Councils local discretionary powers to extend the Business Rate Relief Scheme for Local Newspapers for the 2019/20 financial year; c. Approve the use of the Councils local discretionary powers to extend the doubling of the Rural Rate Relief for the 2019/20 financial year and future financial years until the primary legislation has been changed.		
Transformation	SSDC Transformation Programme – Progress Report Executive Portfolio	District Executive is asked to note and comment on the report.	District Executive	09/01/19
Strategy and Policy	Notification of an Urgent Executive Decision - Short term funding facility required to SSDC Opium Power Ltd to accommodate VAT cashflow during VAT reclaim period	That Council note the urgent executive decision made by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Council Leader and Portfolio Holder for Property, Climate Change and Income Generation to use short term funding facility required to SSDC Opium Power Ltd to accommodate VAT cashflow during VAT reclaim period.	District Executive	09/01/19