

South Somerset District Council

Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 21 March 2019

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Part A – Items considered in public

A7	Equality and Diversity Policy 2019	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. adopt the new Equality and Diversity Policyb. delegate authority for future amendments to the Policy to the Director of Strategy and Commissioning and Equalities Portfolio Holder. <p>Reason: To approve the new Equality and Diversity Policy which sets out the Council's approach to promoting equality and meeting its equality duties to the public, customers, contractors/suppliers and staff in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
A8	SSDC Local Authority Trading Company	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p>

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		<p>a. note that District Executive approved the setting-up of a Holding Company & Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) in the manner outlined in this report with delegated authority to the Director for Commercial Services and Income Generation, and S151 Officer in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holders to proceed with the implementation as proposed within the document, following more detailed due diligence on the legal and financial set up of the company;</p> <p>b. note that District Executive approved for Elleston - landscape management and horticultural services, to be the first traded service within that LATC structure. This is in accordance with the attached business plan (Appendix 2);</p> <p>c. approve the principle of a working capital loan of up to £132,000 to the Trading Company following the creating of the companies following due diligence as outlined in recommendations (a) and (b) above, and delegate authority to the S151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder - Finance and Legal to agree final amount and commercial terms. The loan advance to be financed from the Council's revenue reserves.</p> <p>Reason: To confirm that SSDC set up a holding company in order to take forward the trading of its services.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: 32 in favour, 11 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
A9	Revision to Member Profiles and removal from the Council Constitution	RESOLVED: That Full Council:-

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		<p>a. agreed to adopt the Role Profiles and Framework set out in Appendices 1-3 to the report, including the addition of a desirable knowledge and skill set specification;</p> <p>b. agreed that the existing member role profiles be removed from the Council's Constitution; and amend Article 2.03 of the Constitution accordingly;</p> <p>c. agreed that future revisions to the member role profiles be agreed by a member working group, of political and Area balance, to provide member insight to the learning and development of councillors; such working group to be formed on an 'as needed' basis.</p> <p>Reason: To confirm approval of the revised member role profiles and removal of them from the constitution making them a companion document.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 42 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>