

Somerset West and Taunton Shadow Council – Decisions taken by the SWT Executive on Tuesday, 28 January 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public		
A4	Monkton Heathfield: Land south of Manor Farm, Langaller, Masterplan Framework and emerging SS1 Concept Masterplan	<p>Resolved that the Executive approved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The draft Masterplan and Development Guide be published for stakeholder and statutory consultation; and b) That, subject to there being no issues raised requiring substantive changes during the consultation, the Head Strategy and the Portfolio Holder for Planning be authorised to approve the document for Development Management decision making and to inform and guide pre-application discussions with prospective developers and landowners.
A5	Somerset West and Taunton Districtwide Design Guide	<p>Resolved that the Executive approved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the draft districtwide Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document be approved as the basis for a public consultation period of eight weeks; 2) That the outcome of the public consultation, including any appropriate suggested amendments, be reported back to the Executive as soon as possible with a view to seek approval to adopt the draft districtwide Design Guide as a Supplementary Planning Document; 3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Strategy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to carry out any minor amendments of a drafting or similar nature necessary, prior to consulting on the draft Design Guide; and 4) That the creation and launch of a District-wide ‘Quality of Place’ award scheme be explored, which would be linked to the Somerset West and Taunton Districtwide Design Guide, and the Taunton Garden Town Vision, Design Charter and Checklist.
A6	Taunton Garden Town Public Realm Guide	<p>Resolved that the Executive approved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the draft Public Realm Design Guide for Taunton Garden Town be approved as the basis for key stakeholder consultation for a period of eight

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		<p>weeks;</p> <p>2) That the outcome of the key stakeholder consultations, including any appropriate suggested amendments, be reported back to the Executive as soon as possible with a view to seek approval to adopt the draft Public Realm Design Guide for Taunton Garden Town a material consideration when determining planning applications and will inform discussions with our statutory consultees;</p> <p>3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Strategy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to carry out any minor amendments of a drafting or similar nature necessary, prior to consulting on the draft Public Realm Design Guide for Taunton Garden Town.</p>
A7	Hinkley Point C Section 106 Tourism Delivery Plan	<p>Executive recommended that Council approved:-</p> <p>1) The Phase 4 Action Plan for delivery from March 2020 onward; and</p> <p>2) The request for drawing down £635,594 of Hinkley Point C Section 106 allocations available for tourism to deliver the Phase 4 plan.</p>
A8	Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Annual Fund Review	<p>Executive recommended that Full Council approved in relation to the VCS grants within the scope of the review:-</p> <p>1) To continue funding VCS organisations at current levels for 2020/21 whilst the key points raised during the review detailed in this paper were addressed;</p> <p>2) In June/July 2020 carried out a review of current areas of funding and set new funding objectives in line with the Councils corporate objectives and current needs within the community and report to the Scrutiny Committee in September 2020; and</p> <p>3) During 2020/21 officers should work closely with all grant recipients to ensure targets were met and grants were offering value for money.</p> <p>Executive recommended that Full Council approved in relation to the Taunton and</p>

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		<p>West Somerset Citizens Advice Organisations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To agree an additional allocation of £25000 within the Councils 2020/21 budget for a 'one off' grant in order to help maintain the Local Assistance Scheme and to provide staffing capacity to enable Citizens Advice Managers to engage with transformation related work; 2) To agree an additional allocation of £8000 within the Councils 2020/21 budget to enable the joint commissioning of a consultant to work alongside the Citizens Advice (CA) services; 3) To jointly commission (with other District Councils and Somerset County Council) a consultant to work with the CAs to explore different operating models, transformation of service delivery, use of technology and interventions to reduce service demand; 4) To undertake a comprehensive review of SWT financial support for CA services during Summer/Autumn 2020 following receipt of the consultant's report; and 5) To work proactively with Citizens Advice Taunton (CAT) and West Somerset Advice (WSA) to explore suitable accommodation options.
A9	Somerset West and Taunton Prosperity/Economic Development Strategy	<p>Executive recommended that Full Council approved:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the Strategy should progress to the Full Council meeting for adoption, after which a detailed operational work plan would be agreed in consultation with the Portfolio Holder during March 2020 to progress during the financial year 2020-2021; and b) To the development of targeted messaging and communications materials for the different audiences.