

South Somerset District Council
Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 2 December 2021

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6.	Corporate Health & Safety Policy	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that Full Council agree to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. note the contents of the report; b. approve the adoption of the updated Health and Safety Policy as detailed in Appendix A; c. delegate the power to make any minor amendments to the Health and Safety Policy to the Lead Specialist – Strategic Planning in consultation with the Director of Strategy and Support Services and the Portfolio Holder for Health and Safety. <p>Reason: To request that Council adopt the updated Health and Safety (H&S) Policy.</p>
7.	Chard Shop Front Design Guide	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive recommend that the Chief Executive approve the draft Chard Shop Front Design Guide (Appendix A) for formal consultation.</p>

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		<p>Reason: To seek approval for the draft Chard Shop Front Design Guide to be subject to formal consultation. The formal consultation will be in accordance with the council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement which supports the Local Plan.</p>
8.	COVID Recovery and Renewal Strategy: six months' progress report	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that the Chief Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. notes the good delivery progress made within the first six months' (Appendix 1) b. agree that rather than establishing a new Recovery Board that Members and Officers continue to have representation on the groups identified (in Appendix 2) and co-ordinate to ensure alignment with SSDC's Recovery and Renewal Strategy delivery. <p>Reason: To provide District Executive with a six months' progress report regarding delivery of the Recovery and Renewal Strategy.</p>
9.	2021/22 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending 30 September 2021	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend that the Chief Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. notes the variances being forecast from the 2021/22 revenue budget agreed by Council in February 2021 as set out in

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		<p align="center">Table One.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. approves the virement of £28k from the insurance budget to fund the extension of key fixed term posts across the Council until the end of this financial year, as described in paragraphs 39 to 42. c. notes the budget virements made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix A. d. notes the transfers made to date to and from reserves outlined in Table Four. e. delegates the formal decision to remain in the Somerset Business Rates Pool to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Finance & Legal Services Executive Portfolio Holder (see paragraphs 48 to 49). <p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommend Council to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. approve Revised Estimates for the 2021/22 revenue budget as shown in Table One and as described in paragraphs 11 to 35 in this report. g. approve the deletion and the consequential movement of reserve balances as set out in Table Five.

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		<p align="right">h. note the forecast year end reserves position shown in Appendix B and described in paragraphs 58 and 59.</p> <p>Reason: To seek Council’s approval for Revised Estimates for the 2021/22 revenue budget based on quarter two actuals and forecasts of the year end position.</p>
10.	2021/22 Capital Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending 30 September 2021	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommends that Full Council agree to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the revised Capital Estimates for the financial year 2021/22 of £41.703m (as described in paragraphs 13 to 18 and as shown in detail in Appendix A). b. ask officers to review the projects proposed to be removed from the capital programme as listed in Table Two prior to Full Council. c. the removal of the unspent Commercial Investment budget from the capital programme (of £8.643m) and the cessation of investment purely for yield capital expenditure from December 2021 (as described in paragraphs 32 to 41). d. increase the capital programme by £482k to fund capital

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		<p>works on the Council's Commercial Property Portfolio as described in paragraph 16.</p> <p>e. revised capital funding plans as described in paragraphs 24 to 30 including the approval to use £20.2m of corporate Council earmarked reserves to fund expenditure in this financial year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The allocation of £2m of the Useable Capital Receipts earmarked reserve to the Octagon Theatre Project to fund estimated expenditure for this and next financial year. ii. The use of the remaining amount currently in the Useable Capital Receipts earmarked reserve, of £16m, to fund the revised 2021/22 capital programme. iii. The use of the Capital Fund earmarked reserve of £1.167m to fund the revised 2021/22 capital programme. iv. The use of the Commercial Investment Risk Reserve of £482k to fund capital works required on the Council's commercial property portfolio in 2021/22.

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		<p align="right">v. The use of the Cremator Replacement Capital Reserve of £549k to part fund the Yeovil Crematorium Project in 2021/22.</p> <p>Reason: To inform Members of the forecast capital spend for the year 2021/22 and to seek approval from Council for Revised Capital Estimates for 2021/22 along with revised capital funding plans including the approval to use Council earmarked reserves to fund expenditure in this financial year.</p>
11.	Yeovil Refresh - Implementation	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive recommends that the Chief Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approves engagement with the owners' of the property identified in the confidential appendix to this report with the aim of agreeing terms for purchase by the council. b. approves allocation of the amount of capital identified in the confidential appendix to this report which may be applied to property purchase as identified, subject to a Full Council decision to approve the revised estimates to the Capital budget for 2021/22. c. authorises the Director, Place and Recovery, in consultation with Yeovil Refresh Portfolio Holder, Portfolio Holder -

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		<p>Economic Development including Commercial Strategy, S151 Officer, and Monitoring Officer, to conclude contracts for purchase of property identified in the confidential appendix to this report.</p> <p>Reason: To delegate to officers authority to proceed with the purchase of property interests in the town centre for regeneration purposes and to approve capital to be used for that.</p>
12.	District Executive Forward Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive:-</p> <p>1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A.</p> <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
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