

South Somerset District Council
Decisions taken by the District Executive on Thursday 3 November 2022

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6.	Millers Garage Car Park Project, East Street, Crewkerne	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted the call-in request by the Scrutiny Committee to re-consider the decision taken by District Executive on 04 August 2022 with reference to value for money; b. Confirmed that Option B – agree to the proposed land swap and delivery of a car park on adjoining land at no cost to the Council, be adopted; c. Confirmed that £203,000 previously allocated from the Corporate Capital Contingency Fund towards the Project as an addition to the budget approved by Full Council in February 2022, be retained in an appropriate reserve to safeguard the project should the Option B approach fail. <p>Reason: To re-consider options for the delivery of a new car park using land owned by the council, responding to the decision of SSDC Scrutiny Committee that District Executive reconsider the matter with reference to value for money.</p>
7.	Planning to support the release of phosphate credits within the Somerset Levels and Moors Ramsar catchment to unlock stalled housing	<p>RESOLVED: That District Executive agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the structure that would be required to ensure any third-party

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	developments	<p>nutrient neutrality credit market will provide appropriate safeguards to both the Council (as the Competent Authority) and Natural England as the relevant adviser, to ensure land use projects are designed to an appropriate specification, and provide certainty of delivery of the agreed P credits and ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the co-ordination of land use management projects that result in phosphate use reduction or phosphate removal, • the methodology for agreeing the level of P credits derived from each land use project, • the mechanisms for the marketing of credits, including the retention of any buffer, and; • the mechanisms and funding arrangements to ensure ongoing project monitoring and compliance over the “in perpetuity” term and the management arrangements for selling credits to developers. <p>b. to delegate to lead officers (Director of Service Delivery and Lead Specialist Built Environment) authority to confirm to landowners who can demonstrate that they can meet the provisions set out in this report that their credit sales will be accepted as providing an appropriate solution to securing nutrient neutrality, and</p> <p>c. to advise the relevant land owners bringing forward P credits</p>

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		<p>that securing a solution to phosphate mitigation alone, where the consequences of any such credit acquisition will result in the applicant seeking to re-visit issues of viability, or otherwise seek to diverge away from the other obligations normally sought by way of S.106 (A-C) will require the Council to assess (or re-assess) whether, the application proposal remains one that delivers a sustainable form of development, when considered against the provisions of the Development Plan as a whole.</p> <p>Reason: To update members on work that has been undertaken between South Somerset District Council, Natural England and landowners and their agents within the River Parrett catchment of the Somerset Levels and Moors (SLAM) Ramsar site specifically to enable a credit market to be offered to developers of sites within this catchment to applicants seeking planning permission, reserved matters consent and certain discharge of condition applications for which nutrient neutrality is a requirement to allow development to proceed.</p>
8.	District Executive Forward Plan	

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		<p>RESOLVED: That the District Executive:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approved the updated Executive Forward Plan for publication as attached at Appendix A, with the following amendments; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Area and Youth Facilities Strategy – Jan 2023 2. noted the contents of the Consultation Database as shown at Appendix B. <p>Reason: The Forward Plan is a statutory document.</p>
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