

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 February 2018. The decisions are set out in the attached Appendix.

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

Background Papers

All Published

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Appendix

Portfolio	Subject	Decision	Taken By	Date
Leisure, Culture and Wellbeing	District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants 2018/2019	District Executive approved the proposed funding allocation of £26,500 to be funded from the District Wide Grants budget and Young People & Play budget proposed for 2018/19 to the following district wide organisations:- a) Somerset Rural Youth Project - £8,000 b) Actiontrack Performance Company - £2,500 c) Take Art – £10,500 d) Somerset Arts Week - £3,500 e) Somerset Film - £2,000	District Executive	01/03/18
Property, Climate Change & Income Regeneration	SSDC Review of Operational Office Accommodation – Progress Report	District Executive:- a. endorsed the principles for Area presence as set out in the report. This included disposal of and/or redevelopment of its current Area Offices over the next 2 years in accordance with relevant governance and policies; b. noted that Officers will keep Members up to date on progress as specific proposals emerge for each Area.	District Executive	01/03/18
Finance & Legal Services	Business Rates Relief – Local Discretionary Relief, Year 2	District Executive agreed to:- a. approve an increase in the percentage of relief awarded for 2017/18 under the “Non Domestic Rates Revaluation Support Relief” Scheme from 43% to 55%; b. approve the continuation of the “Non Domestic Rates Revaluation Support Relief” Scheme for 2018/19 (Year 2) with revised award levels shown in para 16; c. approve the use of the Councils local discretionary powers to extend the Business Rate Relief Scheme for Pubs for the 2018/19 financial year; d. approve the use of the Councils local discretionary powers to extend the doubling of the Rural Rate Relief for the 2018/19 financial year; e. note that where the Council uses its local discount powers to award the Revaluation Support Scheme, up to the maximum funding amounts given above, and to extend the Pub Relief for 2018/19 and the doubling of Rural Rate relief, the cost will be reimbursed in full by Government.	District Executive	01/03/18
Property, Climate Change &	South Somerset District Council Car Park Charging Policy Paper	District Executive agreed to:- a. apply an increase in July 2019 based on the CPI inflation rate for the previous 4 years;	District Executive	01/03/18

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Income Regeneration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. thereafter, apply an increase every 4 years based on the CPI inflation rate for the previous 4 years; c. recommendation 1 and 2 above shall take effect where the cost of implementing the increase (for example new signage, adaptations to the machines etc.) does not outweigh the expected additional revenue to be generated; and d. recommend a full cost review of bench-marked market charges and car park operations as part of the car park strategy update to ensure alignment in the wider market area. This is to be carried out by officers in the financial year 2018/2019 for implementation in July 2019; subject to being approved at District Executive. 		
Strategic Planning (Place Making)	The 'Making' of the Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan	District Executive agreed to the making of the Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan.	District Executive	01/03/18
Environmental Health, Health & Safety, Equalities & Diversity	Key4Life – At Risk Preventative Programme in Somerset	District Executive agreed to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. note the work undertaken to date; b. approve the proposal to investigate further similar opportunities with Key4Life, relevant Officers to progress them, implement where appropriate and report back at the end of this programme. 	District Executive	01/03/18
Property, Climate Change & Income Regeneration	SSDC Review of Operational Office Accommodation - Feasibility Study Comparison of SSDC's Future Head Office options (Confidential)	District Executive agreed the recommendations of the report	District Executive	01/03/18
Strategy and Policy	Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel - Revised Operating Arrangements	The Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Policy has agreed that, should there be a future shortfall in funding for the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel, then SSDC will contribute a pro-rata share towards the funding shortfall.	Portfolio Holder	02/03/18