

## South Somerset District Council

### Decisions taken by the South Somerset District Council on Thursday 15 April 2021

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#### Part A – Items considered in public

A7	Consultation on Local Government Reform - Response to One Somerset Proposal	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Full Council approved the response to the consultation on proposals for reform of local government in Somerset, specifically in respect of the One Somerset proposal. One Somerset is the alternative to the districts' Stronger Somerset proposal and recommends the creation of a new, single unitary to cover the administrative district of Somerset.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To endorse the SSDC formal response to the Secretary of State on the One Somerset proposal, which argues for a single unitary for the whole of the administrative county of Somerset.</p> <p><i>(Voting: 37 in favour, 11 against, 0 abstentions)</i></p>
A8	Local Referendum on the Future of Local Government in Somerset	This item was deferred to a later meeting of the Full Council.
A9	Appointed Leisure Facilities Provider	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Full Council agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The appointment of Wealden Leisure (trading as Freedom Leisure) to manage the Council's leisure facilities;</li><li>b. A total capital budget of £3.495m for 2021/22, being an</li></ul>

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		<p>increase of £2.46m on the existing budget, to be funded as detailed in Appendix B;</p> <p>c. An increase in the revenue budget for 2021/22 and 2022/23 (of £574k and £557k respectively) to be funded from the MTFP support reserve.</p> <p>d. To note the additional net income stream to the Council arising from this contract (from 2023/24), as described in Appendix B, and the review that will be undertaken on how this income will be utilised.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To agree the leisure provider for the operation of Council leisure facilities from 1st April 2021, and to request approval of the increased capital and revenue budgets needed to achieved the desired returns associated with the appointment.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: unanimous in favour)</i></p>
<b>A10</b>	Remote Meetings after 7 May 2021 and the Delegation of Decision Making. Also Change of Date of Annual Council Meeting	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Full Council agreed to make the following changes to the Constitution:-</p> <p>a. To continue to enable members to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology;</p>

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		<p>b. To amend Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council’s Constitution to allow those remote meetings to function as consultative bodies and delegate decisions, including Executive and Quasi-Judicial decisions, that would have been taken by those meetings if the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 had continued in force to the Chief Executive (or the relevant Director in the Chief Executive’s absence) in consultation with those meetings and those members to whom the decision would otherwise have been delegated under Part 3 of the Constitution;</p> <p>c. The delegated authority given under (b) will expire on 31 July 2021 unless continued by a future decision of this Council;</p> <p>d. To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer and Chief Executive to amend the Constitution to reflect these changes.</p> <p>That Council further agreed that its Annual meeting for 2021 would take place on 05 May 2021.</p>

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		<p><b>Reason:</b> To agree changes to the Constitution to allow SSDC meetings to continue to be held remotely with the appropriate use of delegated powers, to be reviewed on or before 31 July 2021 as circumstances evolve. Also to agree that the date of the 2021 Annual Meeting be changed to 05 May 2021 to enable it to be held remotely.</p> <p align="right"><i>(Voting: 45 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
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