

South Somerset District Council

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Part A – Items considered in public

A7	SSDC Annual Action Plan 2021-2022	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed to adopt the Annual Action Plan for 2021-2022 comprising of revised Areas of Focus, Priority Projects and Area Chapters.</p> <p>Reason: To adopt the SSDC Annual Action Plan 2021-2022</p> <p><i>(Voting: 47 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstentions)</i></p>
A8	2021/22 Revenue and Capital Budgets and Medium Term Financial Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. approve the Net Revenue Budget for 2021/22 of £16,743,010 as set out in the Revenue Account Summary (paragraph 38) and in detail in Appendix A for the District Executive and four Area Committees, subject to any amendments;b. approve the 2021/22 Council Tax increase of 2.91%, increasing the annual Band D rate by £5 to £177.11. Full Council noted this new annual rate comprises £175.26 for SSDC services, raising £10,717,653; and £1.85 on behalf of the Somerset Rivers Authority, raising £113,133;c. approve the new capital programme as shown in Appendix D, which included an additional funding request of £7.787m as detailed in paragraph 59.

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A9	Council Tax Setting 2021 - 22	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <p>a. approve the formal Council Tax Resolution in Appendix A.</p> <p>b. note the total Band D Council Tax as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th align="center">2020/21 £</th> <th align="center">2021/22 £</th> <th align="center">Increase %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>South Somerset District Council</td> <td align="right">172.11</td> <td align="right">177.11</td> <td align="right">2.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset County Council</td> <td align="right">1,176.31</td> <td align="right">1,201.97</td> <td align="right">4.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somerset County Council (Adult Social Care)</td> <td align="right">112.89</td> <td align="right">151.56</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner</td> <td align="right">227.81</td> <td align="right">241.20</td> <td align="right">5.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority</td> <td align="right">88.24</td> <td align="right">90.00</td> <td align="right">1.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td align="right">1,777.36</td> <td align="right">1,861.84</td> <td align="right">4.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town and Parish Council (average)</td> <td align="right">97.09</td> <td align="right">100.16</td> <td align="right">3.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td align="right">1,874.45</td> <td align="right">1,962.00</td> <td align="right">4.67</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>c. note that the level of precept required by the Avon and Somerset</p>		2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Increase %	South Somerset District Council	172.11	177.11	2.91	Somerset County Council	1,176.31	1,201.97	4.99	Somerset County Council (Adult Social Care)	112.89	151.56		Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner	227.81	241.20	5.88	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority	88.24	90.00	1.99		1,777.36	1,861.84	4.75	Town and Parish Council (average)	97.09	100.16	3.16		1,874.45	1,962.00	4.67
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		<p align="center">Police and Crime Commissioner has finally been set by the PCC and therefore no further adjustment to the council tax bills will be required. (See paragraph 7)</p> <p>Reason: To approve the proposed council tax for 2021/22.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 49 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
A10	Capital, Investment and Treasury Strategies 2021/22 to 2023/24	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approve the Capital Strategy, Investment Strategy and the Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24; b. approve the proposed borrowing and investment limits included in the Capital Strategy; c. approve the Minimum Revenue Provision statement for 2021/22. <p>Reason: To approve the annual capital, investment and treasury strategies before the start of the financial year, in line with the CIPFA Prudential Code.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 48 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
A11	Planning Reimagined - Changes to the Scheme of Delegation to Increase Efficiency of the Planning Service	<p>RESOLVED: That Council agreed the recommended changes to the Scheme of Delegation, in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Reimagined Members working group.</p>

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		<p>Reason: To approve the proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation in relation to planning applications.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 50 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
A12	Planning and Phosphates - Adoption of a Phosphate Load Calculator	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. noted the update on the latest situation with regard to phosphates within the Somerset Levels and Moors catchment area and also note that until there is definitive guidance from Natural England a variety of methods may be legitimately be used to calculate phosphates. b. agreed that the Council adopt the position that the phosphate load budget calculator is our preferred method to assess the potential impact of development sites affected. We will accept applications using other methods to assess the impacts and potential mitigations, subject to the alternative calculations being justified and accepted by both Natural England and the Somerset County Ecologist Service. <p>Reason: To note the summary of the current situation with regard to phosphates within the Somerset Levels and Moors catchment area, and also to approve the use of a phosphate budget calculator which has been commissioned for use by all the Somerset Councils.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 51 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions)</i></p>

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A13	Proposed Changes to the Senior Management Structure	<p>RESOLVED: That Council confirmed the proposed changes to the Senior Management Structure as set out in sections 15 to 23 of the report.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the permanent revisions to the Senior Management Structure as required by the Council’s Constitution.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 49 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention)</i></p>
A14	Statutory Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers 2021 - 22	<p>RESOLVED: That Council considered and approved the proposed Statutory Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers 2021-22 for publication.</p> <p>Reason: To agree the Statutory Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers 2021-22 as required by Section 38(1) of the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 49 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstentions)</i></p>
A18	Motions	<p>RESOLVED: That Full Council agreed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. write to Philip Dunne MP to express support for his bill, and ask him to add a requirement for biological or nature-based treatments to be installed by water authorities as a matter of urgency; b. request our local MPs in writing to support the bill, and press for its urgent advance to second reading, adoption as a government bill,

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		<p align="center">and add the above treatment requirements;</p> <p align="center">c. advise the appropriate person at Defra of Somerset’s phosphates issue as an indicator of the consequences of failing to take the necessary action to tackle the Climate and Ecological Emergency.</p> <p>Reason: To express the Council’s deep concern about recent and continuing long delays in consideration of most residential planning applications as a result of Natural England’s requirement of the Council to carry out greater scrutiny of the effects of plans or projects that are likely to increase discharge of nutrients and hence phosphate loads to unacceptable levels at internationally important sites, i.e. Ramsar Convention wetland sites within the Somerset Levels and Moors.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Voting: 50 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions)</i></p>
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