

Summary of recommendations being presented to Council

26 February 2020 (Minutes in full have been circulated and are available on line.)

Cabinet – 8 January 2020	
116 Council Tax Reduction Scheme for Working Age - Income Banded Discount Scheme from 2020/21	
RECOMMENDED	that Council is; <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To consider fully the equality impact assessment in relation the scheme.2. to adopt the new Council Tax Income banded discount as set out in the report under section 6 from 1 April 2020.3. to adopt the Council Tax Discretionary & Exceptional Hardship Fund Policy.
119 Climate Change - EDDC Local Climate Change Action Plan and carbon footprint	
RECOMMENDED	to Council that; <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Both the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account establish climate change emergency budgets in the sums detailed in the report.

Cabinet – 5 February 2020	
135 Revenue and Capital Budget 2020/21	
RECOMMENDED	that Council to approve; <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the Net Revenue General Fund Budget of £14.777m,2. a Council Tax increase of £5 a year giving a Band D council tax of £146.78 a year for 2020/21,3. the Housing Revenue Account Estimates with a net surplus of £0.927m and,4. the Net Capital Budget totalling £8.069m for 2020/21.
136 Capital strategy 2020/21 - 2023/24	
RECOMMENDED	that Council adopt of the Capital Strategy 2020/21 – 2023/24.

137 Treasury Management including the Strategy 2020/21 - Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy

RECOMMENDED

that Council approve and adopt:
The Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21 – Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy, including;
a. the Prudential Indicators for 2020/21,
b. the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and
c. the creditworthiness criteria and updated list of counterparties.

138 Climate Change Strategy

RECOMMENDED

that Council adopt:
the Climate Change Strategy 2020 – 2025 incorporating the Climate Change Action Plan.

142 Heart of the South West Joint Committee Governance Arrangements

RECOMMENDED

that Council agree:

1. the amendments to the Heart of the South West Joint Committee's list of functions in the Arrangements document and note the updated budget position for 2019/20,
2. the recommendation from the Joint Committee on 27 September 2019, to re-appoint Somerset County Council as the Administering Authority for the Joint Committee, and
3. that provision be made of £2,800 as a contribution to the administration and work programme of the Joint Committee in the 2020/21 financial year, subject to all other Constituent Members making a financial contribution based on the methodology agreed in previous years.

Scrutiny Committee – [6 February 2020](#)

58 Process for assessing Commercial Investment opportunities

RECOMMENDED

that Council consider the following;

- a. that there be further engagement with Councillors through Commercialisation Workshops.

	<p>b. that following the Commercialisation Workshops, an officer report be discussed at Council in April regarding an ethical investment policy.</p> <p>c. that the Commercial Investment Flow chart be updated to reflect the changes in SMT structure.</p> <p>d. that the Ward Members for the ward in which the investment proposition is located be notified prior to the exchange of contracts and before the press are notified.</p>
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<p>Standards Committee – 21 January 2020</p>	
<p>16 Members Declaration of interest Audit Report</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>To Council that the findings of the Audit Report be noted, highlighting the fact that 56% of members did not complete their declarations of interest within the required 28 days following the election, with the potential consequence of committing a criminal offence. All members would be provided with a copy of the Declaration of Interest Audit Report and reminded of the importance of updating their Register of Interests within 28 days of any changes.</p>