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Part A – Items considered in public

A5	Allocation of Hinkley Point C s106 Tourist Information Centre Funds	RESOLVED to agree the allocation of £72,000 of Hinkley Point C (HPC) Section 106 funding over three years to the three West Somerset based Tourist Information Centres (TIC) in Minehead, Watchet and Porlock that are identified to receive allocations under the Development Consent Order (DCO) Agreement.
A6	Local Plan Issues Document - Approval for Public Consultation	RESOLVED that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive on 9 th July to allow for the Scrutiny comments/amendments to be properly circulated and considered.
A7	District wide Local Plan: Local Development Scheme	RESOLVED that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive on 9 th July to allow for the Scrutiny comments/amendments to be properly circulated and considered
A8	District wide Local Plan: New Member Steering Group - Nominations	RESOLVED that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive on 9 th July to allow for the Scrutiny comments/amendments to be properly circulated and considered.
A9	Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): Draft for Consultation	RESOLVED that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive on 9 th July to allow for the Scrutiny comments/amendments to be properly circulated and considered.
A10	Regeneration of Firepool	RESOLVED that the Executive supported the following recommendations and recommended them to the Full Council to consider: (i) That the broad principle of the conceptual block plan design is progressed to Framework Masterplan and that indicative designs for all of the blocks are developed. In-particular Blocks 1, 2, and 5 be progressed to detailed business case and to provide authority to appoint a design team following

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		due process. (ii) To endorse the approach that the Council further considers the business case to act as the lead commercial and masterplan developer and to delegate authority to the Head of Commercial Investment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to enter into relevant transactions. This will include hard market testing of Blocks 1,2 and 5 to inform completion of business cases. (iii) To endorse the principle that the Council may also be the developer of some of the plots each being considered on a case by case basis and subject to a detailed business case and further Council approval. (iv) To note the review of the Hotel development project, to cease the current Council investment plans and cancel the existing budget approval and instead to seek a development partner/investor to deliver this scheme as an alternative to the previously approved Council development, and on a different part of the site. A specialist property adviser will be appointed to undertake a thorough hard marketing exercise. (v) To commission a suitable performance venue expert to establish the business case and conduct soft market testing with suitable operators for such a facility on site. (vi) To report back with progress as and when required and set up a project governance Board to oversee the direction of the project. (vii) Approval of a total budget of £275,000 to progress these work streams and this to be funded from New Homes Bonus funds.
A11	Confidential Report - Commercial Asset Management	RESOLVED that the Executive supported the following recommendations and recommended them to the Full Council to consider:
		(i) Purchase the property as a commercial investment on the basis of the costs and

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		returns identified in Section 6. (ii) Delegate authority to the Head of Commercial Investment together with the S151 Officer to complete the transaction subject to satisfactory due diligence. (iii) Approve a Supplementary Budget within the Capital Programme in line with total investment costs summarised within Section 6, to be funded by capital borrowing.
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