

SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TRACKER 2020/21

Date of Cttee	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker /Directorate Responsible	Final Decision/ Response to recommendation/	Date of response	Implemented?	Officer Comments/Update
03/06/20	Resolved:- The Committee resolved to establish a task and finish group to examine the current provision in relation to public transport in the district and what is required to increase provision and improved modal links including consideration of carbon neutrality	Scrutiny Cttee	N/A	N/A	YES	Task and Finish Group has been established and expects to conclude its work with a final report before the end of the municipal year.
01/07/20	Resolved: - The Scrutiny Committee recommend that the Council does not sign the Charter of compassion at Full Council.	Cllr Chris Booth – PFH Community	Report withdrawn from consideration by Council.	07/07/20	YES	N/A

02/09/20	<p>Requested that the Director of Development and Place and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, in consultation with Taunton Councillors, consider including Visit Taunton in addition to the Taunton Chamber of Commerce as the grant distributing bodies for Taunton.</p>	<p>Council / Cllr Marcus Kravis – PFH Asset Mgt and Economic Development</p>	<p>Agreed that the Director of Development and Place and Economic Development Portfolio Holder consult with councillors from the Taunton Charter Trustees alongside the Taunton Chamber of Commerce as part of the Working Group for Taunton.</p>	29/09/20 at Council	YES	N/A
30/09/20	<p>In the light of the recent adoption by Council of policy on an Affordable Employment Land Local Development Order, the Scrutiny Committee recommend to the Executive a new fund of £575,000 is allocated towards Employment Site enabling schemes to support that policy.</p>	<p>Executive/ Cllr Ross Henley – PFH Corporate Resources</p>	<p>SMT and the Executive will explore this proposal as part of the budget and medium term financial plan preparation.</p>	28/10/20 18/02/21	YES	<p>A proposed capital bid for 21/22 and 22/23 was included in the budget for Employment Land Schemes totalling £575,000.</p>

07/10/20	Firepool - 2.9 The committee request that a risk assessment be put in place recognising the recent Natural England advice around phosphates and potential impacts on the projects.	Exec and Council/ Cllr M Kravis – PFH Asset Mgt and Economic Development	The (Scrutiny) committee request that a risk assessment be put in place recognising the recent Natural England advice around phosphates and potential impacts on the projects.	04/11/20 - Council	YES	N/A
14/10/20	Climate Strategy - 2.5 The Committee request that the report to full council gives more details for proposals on the groups to take forward the strategy and action plan, including on member involvement, or that these details are brought back to a future Scrutiny meeting before they are finalised.	Executive / Cllr P Pilkington – PFH Climate Change	N/A	20/10/20 and 26/10/20 Exec and Council	AGREED PART IN	Although not specifically adopted as a recommendation and the further detail was not provided in the report to Full Council as requested, further reports on the Climate Delivery Partnership and the mechanisms for Member involvement are committed to return to the Scrutiny Committee for further discussion in due course.

14/10/20	Climate Strategy - 2.6 £50k of £500k Climate Change fund (referred to in 2.4) to be allocated for tree planting.	Executive / Cllr P Pilkington – PFH Climate Change	5) A report on allocations for the £500k “Climate Change Fund” budget be taken at an early stage to Scrutiny Committee for comment.	26/10/20 – Council 09/02/21 & 17/02/21	AGREED PART	IN	At the Budget meetings of the Executive and Council it was agreed to add into the budget proposals:- £100,000 towards further tree planting across the district.
14/10/20	Coastal Works B3191 - The committee wished to support moves to protect the coastline and coastal communities, there were significant concerns expressed in relation to the potential for responsibility and long term liability and recommend Executive and Full Council fully understand and request details on the long term liabilities going forward to ensure a full understanding of the longevity of the scheme and mitigate long term liability and risk.	Executive & Full Council – Cllr S Wakefield PFH Environmental Services	Scrutiny committee’s concerns were discussed by the Executive Members and it was considered that whilst there may be risks in the longer term for asset maintenance the offer presented to Council by SCC and the Environment Agency is more favourable than we could achieve from other sources and requires no financial investment from SWT at this stage or for many years to come. Executive Committee supported the recommendations as presented by the portfolio holder.	20/10/20 & 01/12/20 Exec and Full Council	AGREED PART	IN	N/A
04/11/20	Rough Sleeper Accommodation: The Scrutiny Committee expected the Executive to take full regard of the comments and concerns raised at Scrutiny and to take these into	Executive / Cllr F Smith – PFH Housing	Resolved that the Executive noted the proposed steps and timeline outlined in 4.16 including the resource requirements to undertake the options appraisal	18/11/20 Executive	AGREED PART	IN	Officers in the Housing Directorate to update on the mechanics of the appraisal and how Scrutiny’s recommendation was taken on board.

	<p>account when making a full decision on this matter. In particular, any options appraisal must be open, transparent and a forward looking review of all potential sites. Any appraisals involving Canonsgrove should be communicated with both Trull and Comeytrove Parish Councils as well as local residents.</p>		<p>proposed to bring back a recommended solution.</p>			
04/11/20	<p>EV Charging Strategy: 2. Requested that the Report to Full Council contains more detail on how the Strategy will be delivered in the SWT area.</p>	<p>Executive & Full Council / Cllr P Pilkington PFH Climate Change</p>	N/A	<p>18/11/20 Exec & 15/12/20 Full Council</p>	AGREED	<p>Officers did provide further detail in the Full Council report</p>

02/12/20	<p>VCS Grants Review: As part of the review of the Voluntary and Community Sector Grants, the increased workload for the two Citizens Advice Bureaus that cover the SWT area must be recognised accordingly with a grant increase in line with their objectives to meet increased demands due to Covid, and that this support is equalized across population areas that they cover, but not to the detriment of other organisations being funded by SWT.</p>	Executive / Cllr C Booth PFH Community	<p>An appendix was included with the report to Executive which explained that; It can be seen that Taunton CAB receives £125,610 for a population of 120,000, of which £42,000 is debt and benefit advice for tenants of SWT Council, giving a net figure of £83,610. West Somerset Advice Bureau gets £30,600 for a population of 35,000. The conclusion that can be drawn is that there is no inequality in funding between the two bureaux. However, Taunton CAB gains a specific funding input for advice to tenants who exclusively live within Taunton CAB catchment and which comes from their rental payments, there being no SWT tenants in the former West Somerset area.</p>	16/12/20 Executive	AGREED PART	IN	N/A
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02/12/20	<p>Extension of Public Space Belvedere Road: The Committee consider that the historic importance of the building to Taunton in the long term requires that its future needs to be secured and the decision of its future needs to be taken at Full Council.</p>	Executive / Cllr M Kravis PFH Asset Management and Economic Development	<p>1) The creation of a cross party working group to consider the options available for Flook House and the surrounding area. With a recommendation from this group being presented to Executive committee on the 21 April 2021; and</p> <p>2) That delegated authority be granted to the Portfolio Holder for Asset Management, along with the Director for External Operations and Climate Change to appoint Members to the working group and to agree the terms of reference for that group.</p>	16/12/20	UNCLEAR/TBC	The Executive commissioned a cross-party Working Group, it is unclear if this will report to Council as requested by Scrutiny.
27/01/21	<p>HRA Revenue and Capital budget setting 21/22, including Dwelling Rent setting 21/22 and 30 year Business Plan Review 6. A Task and Finish Group on funding sources and approaches for a zero carbon retrofit programme for SWT's council housing is further investigated with a further report brought back to the Scrutiny Committee to decide</p>	Scrutiny Committee	<p>Scrutiny Committee – That the Scrutiny Committee resolved to establish; a) A cross party Task and Finish Group for Council Housing Zero Carbon Retrofit to investigate this topic in further depth and to report back to the Scrutiny Committee within four months (if possible). b) The Terms of Reference for the</p>	03/03/21	Yes	Task and Finish Group to be established.

	on establishment, with Terms of Reference		Council Housing Zero Carbon Retrofit Group (Appendix A) are approved.			
03/03/21	<p>Options appraisal for delivering future single rough sleeper and homelessness accommodation in SWT</p> <p>The Scrutiny Committee, therefore recommend that, the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only consider option 1, with clear wind down and end date of March 2023, but ideally 6 months before March 2023, having alternative location/s identified, therefore take out item 3.3 from the recommendation. • Take into account the recent survey's report by the Trull Parish Council, which provides the needed evidence of the adverse impact of current use of 	Executive / Cllr F Smith (PFH Housing)	Executive -	17/03/21	Part Agreed	<p>Resolved that the Executive:-</p> <p>2.1 Noted and supported the draft Single Homeless Accommodation Strategy including its vision and objectives as a working document to articulate SWT ambition to end rough sleeping in the district by 2027 (Appendix 1).</p> <p>2.2 Approved recommended option one as set out in paragraph 4.38 as the preferred Council option for the future contribution of the Canonsgrove site to support the provision of single homeless accommodation in the District.</p>

	<p>Canonsgrove to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide better management, community safety measures by communicating with the residents to allay current and future concerns by:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Looking at alternative accommodations within the district close to all the amenities now. 2) Work out a wider appraisal to deliver other accommodation options that are tested against the draft strategy with homelessness providers and support agencies, and inform Trull Residents Group, local Parish Councils about future plans, whereby other alternatives are identified and report back to the 					<p>2.3 Should option two be preferred by the Executive the service requested a supplementary budget of £130k, as identified in the report to the Executive in November 2020. This budget was to prepare for the purchase and conversion of Canonsgrove. Officers would return to the Council to request permission and the budget for the purchase and works for the site.</p> <p>2.4 Officers to improve engagement and two-way communication with Trull residents and stakeholders. This would be through direct engagement with the community as well as attendance at an appropriate forum to engage with the Parish Council and community representatives.</p>
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	<p>Scrutiny/SWT council within the next 6 months on plan to exit Canonsgrove.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a joint liaison Committee to improve two way communication between the Council and relevant local stakeholders. 					
28/04/21	<p>The Scrutiny Committee <u>recommended</u>:</p> <p><i>A request was made of the relevant Portfolio Holders on SWT's Executive to commence a line of communication with the Post Office Ltd, in order to consider a mutually agreeable solution to the re-siting of the Main Post Office in Taunton."</i></p>	<p>Development and Place & External Ops & Climate Change / Cllr M Kravis & Cllr C Booth</p>	Executive	28/04/21	TBC	TBC

Total Recommendations for 20/21:

Agreed: 7

Agreed in Part: 6

Not Agreed: 0

TBD: 2