

**ILMINSTER DIVISION COUNTY/DISTRICT DECEMBER MONTHLY REPORT 2018**

**SCC - FINANCES**

Mid Term Financial Plan update – there remains a continuing need to save an additional £15m. SCC is aiming to ensure that all potential financial pressures are considered in order to ensure that the budget balances, taking into account factors such as Local Government financial settlements; district-based council tax collections; winter conditions.

Children's services remains the largest spending commitment, along with adult services, especially Learning Disability services.

Somerset is one of the counties that will be part of the Business Rate Retention pilot which will mean a financial gain for both Districts and SCC.

Government grants during the last five years have been reduced significantly, by over £2m.

It is anticipated that for the 2019/20 budget there will be an increase of £5 for band D properties, with an assumed increase of 2.99% p.a. from 2020.

Budgets are due to be set in Feb.

**DSFRS**

The Corporate Safety and Planning Committee considered a number of options for changes to the current duty system, where there is over, or under, staffing at key times. Planned changes are intended to ensure the service operates on a more flexible basis to allow for greater flexibility and adaptability, to reduce risk, and respond to changes in demand. It is likely that a variety of duty solutions will be tailored to suit the specific area of risk.

The service, in addition to being the largest employer of 'on-call' firefighters in the country, is also the national industry leader for 'on-call' apprenticeships.

**SCC YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN**

It is proposed that the Youth Justice Plan 2018/19 continues, with SCC resourcing it at 2017/18 levels, enabling continuation of services across the whole county at the current level.

**PACT**

At this month's meeting concern was raised in relation to anti-social behaviour and littering in Ilminster. Wadham and Neroche schools have both expressed dismay that SCC Highways will not be gritting approach roads, which could impact on school attendance during inclement weather.

**POLICE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP**

At this month's meeting a report was received in relation to taxi enforcement and public safety. Concern has been raised about the cost of the requirement for all hire cars to be disabled friendly, especially where the car being used for hire is the driver's family vehicle.

Increased use of dash cams, and body cams, by the police has improved conviction rates for incidents relating to racism and anti-social behaviour.

**HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD**

In the annual report from the Director of Public Health rising levels of hospital admissions relating to self-harm, particularly for young girls and women aged 10-24 (peaking at age 15) has been highlighted. Although these are largely one-offs the levels are higher than regional and national averages, with 28% of girls and 19% of boys reporting that they sometimes harm themselves.

**COUNTY WIDE PARKING REVIEW**

SCC Highways have identified 6 areas that will be part of the first review, including Chard.

The remainder, including Ilminster, will follow dependent on demand, circumstances and resources:- For more info. contact 01823 358089 or [BJNorman@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:BJNorman@somerset.gov.uk)

### HIGHWAYS

#### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATIONS - GIGACLEAR

**Moor Lane, Chillington** - from jct. with Coley Lane, 116 metres. 7th Jan. 2019 for 7 days.

**Bere Mills Lane, Donyatt and Knowle St Giles** – from jct. with Old A3037, 790 metres. 7th Jan. 2019 for 5 days.

**Mill Lane, Dowlish Wake** - from jct. with Main Street to jct. with Stretford Lane, 780 metres. 7th Jan. 2019 for 14 days.

**Clay Lane, Chillington** – from jct. with Lambert Lane to jct. with Sheephouse Farm Lane, 475 metres. 14th Jan. 2019 for 10 days.

**Watery Lane, Donyatt** – from approx. 20 metres east of Stoneham Bridge to jct. with Old A3037, 450 metres. 14th Jan. 2019 for 7 days.

**Main Street to Cudworth Road, Dowlish Wake** - from jct. with Cudworth Road to jct. with Main Street, 85 metres. 28th Jan. 2019 for 5 days.

**Fisherway Lane, Chillington** – from jct. of Coley Lane to jct. of Sheephouse Farm Lane, 511 metres. 4th Feb. 2019 for 10 days.

**Chillington Down, Chillington** – from jct. with Fisherway Lane to jct. with Windwhistle, 781 metres. 15th Feb. 2019 for 10 days.

**Dowlish Road, Chillington** – from jct. of Dowlish Lane to jct. of Lambert Lane, 1081 metres. 25th Feb. 2019 for 5 days.

**Church Street, Ilminster** – from jct. with Donyatt Hill to Junction Park Lane, 177 metres. 23rd Jan. for 7 days.

**Pound Lane, Ilminster** – from jct. with Donyatt Hill to outside Little Wakefield, 75 metres. 23rd Jan. for 5 days.

**Apple Close, Dowlish Wake** – from jct. of Main Street to outside 9 Apple Close, 75 metres. 24th Jan. for 4 days.

### SSDC PLANNING

Some disquiet has been expressed by a number of parishes recently in relation to the current situation within the planning department at SSDC.

### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Donyatt Village Hall - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. (Gemini Carnival Club)

### CRESTA POOL

In response to a question raised at SCC full council the following has been received.

## Agenda No 7 (ii)

'The PE and Sport Premium grant, in existence since 2012, must be used to fund additional, sustainable improvements to PE and sport provision to benefit primary-aged pupils, to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles. Each school is to prioritise their use of this funding. In response to suggestions that SCC would not sell Cresta Pool to Chard Community, SCC were open to transferring the pool provided a robust Business Plan was in place. Unfortunately, the Community was not able to do that and therefore SCC could not in good faith transfer the asset.'

### ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

1/12	Ashill Christmas Fayre
1/12	Donyatt Christmas Fair
1/12	Horton 10th anniversary dinner
2/12	Horton Breakfast (Playing Field Project)
2/12	Donyatt candlelight service
2/12	BHMC – Advent service
2/12	Neroche Christmas Fair
3/12	DSFRS - community safety and corporate plan meeting
3/12	Winsham PC
4/12	PACT meeting – Ilminster
4/12	Broadway PC
4/12	Ilminster TC
5/12	Police Independent Advisory Group
5/12	Minster Christmas Tree Festival
5/12	Greenfylde Nativity
6/12	WI Carol Service Horton
6/12	IMEx meeting
6/12	Donyatt Carols by Candlelight
7/12	Chard Museum Christmas Tree Festival
7/12	Ashill Christmas Lights
7/12	Samaritans Christmas quiz
8/12	Horton Christmas Bazaar
8/12	Whitelackington Xmas Table Top Sale
9/12	Donyatt VH Breakfast (Gemini)
9/12	Horton Nativity Service
9/12	Winsham Christmas Lights
10/12	DSFRS – HR committee
10/12	Ilminster Lit. Fest. meeting
10/12	Donyatt PC
11/12	Greenfylde School nativity
12/12	Area West committee
13/12	Fiveways School Christmas Show
13/12	SSDC – Budget briefing
13/12	Donyatt Carol Service
14/12	DSFRS board meeting
14/12	Bell Inn Broadway opening
14/12	Broadway Christmas Quiz
15/12	Winsham School Craft Fair
15/12	Warehouse performance of David Copperfield
16/12	Horton Christingle service
16/12	Ludney carols
16/12	Ilminster Civic Service
17/12	SCC – Mid Term Financial Plan briefing
17/12	Fiveways School Staff Appeal
17/12	Neroche School governor meeting
19/12	Blue Light carol service – Exeter
20/12	Winsham Jubilee Hall coffee morning
20/12	Swanmead School Christmas Celebration – Minster
20/12	Wadham School Christmas service - Merriott

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21/12	Winsham School end of term assembly
21/12	Donyatt Christingle service
22/12	Dowlish Wake Nativity and Christingle service
23/12	BMHC combined communion service
23/12	Ashill Carol service
23/12	Cudworth Carols by Candlelight
24/12	Horton Crib service
24/12	Midnight Mass
25/12	Kingstone Christmas service