

District Councillor Letter for November 2017

Following on from my report last month, regarding SSDC's intention to become a more commercial enterprise, I can confirm the Council's first investment decision has been to acquire the Marks & Spencer building in Yeovil. Marks & Spencer has a number of years left on their lease so presumably SSDC are expecting the returns from this acquisition to be consistent and substantial enough to start to build a revenue portfolio independent from Government grants, which will be decreasing over the next few years. The liberal-led council has also said this will help to regenerate the town centre at the same time, but has yet to specifically make known how they intend for this to happen.

Planning and development is often a contentious subject, with Curry Rivel taking more than its fair share of new builds in recent years. However, with developments come financial planning agreements, known as Section 106 obligations, which can contribute towards the creation or maintenance of recreational areas. As such, monies have now been used from the housing at Heale Lane and Westfield for new open space equipment at Westfield, which is proving very popular; if you have yet to try it, then go and check it out. The Parish Council are in the process of choosing a replacement for the slide. You will have the opportunity to vote for what equipment you would like to have in its place. Keep checking the Curry Rivel website and facebook page for details and to vote for your favourite.

Finally, congratulations to Curry Rivel in Bloom who won silver for the New for 2017 category and the City of Bath Trophy for landscaping. It was an outstanding effort by all involved, not only by the organising committee but also the residents who actively participated and helped the village look so good.



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