

Information for Unitary Councillors

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To:	All Unitary Councillors
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Somerset Independent Living Centres

Somerset Council's Adult Social Care Independent living centres (SILC's) help people in Somerset find equipment and solutions to stay active, independent and make life easier. SILC's are a key part of our Adult Social Care Strategy prevention and early help approach, supporting people to live independently, staying well and safe.

We offer free impartial information and advice and encourage people in Somerset to attend who may need advice about living independently, this could include equipment in the bathroom, kitchen or moving around. We are also able to demonstrate technology to help support people with their caring role and to aid daily living. www.somerset.gov.uk/equipment

We want to encourage people and their carers to book an appointment to attend. To support this we will be promoting the Somerset Independent Living Service (SILCs) via Somerset Council's social media channels. This will include our new promotional video which features members of the SILC Team demonstrating some of our most popular items of equipment and details how people can access the service. <https://bit.ly/sheptonsilc>

The video will be posted along with the following text:

Are you or is someone you know struggling at home with daily living tasks?

Somerset Adult Social Care have Independent living centres in #SheptonMallet and #Wellington. Our centres help people in Somerset find equipment and solutions to stay active, independent and make life easier. We offer free practical advice, which is why you can trust us to guide you through the options to suit you.

To book your FREE appointment with our helpful team today, email adults@somerset.gov.uk or call 0300 123 2224.

Visit www.somerset.gov.uk/equipment for more details.

We hope this promotion will result in an increase in enquiries, leading to referrals for appointments – we will monitor this to gauge the impact of the video. Any members wishing to visit the service please contact Julian or Nigel who will arrange an appointment for members to visit, meet the team and learn more about this free service offered by Somerset Council.

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