

CABINET SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

5 November 2018

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NOTE:

In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution, all decisions listed below (unless stated otherwise) are subject to call-in for consideration within 5 working days of the publication of this Summary of Decisions.

A request for call-in in respect of any of the decisions listed below must therefore be received **NO LATER THAN 5.00 P.M. on the WEDNESDAY following the meeting**. Each call-in must specify what is being called-in, why it is being called-in, if the implementation of the decision should be delayed until the scrutiny process is complete, and the preferred outcome.

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4	Library Service Redesign: Changes to the way library services are delivered								
	<p>DECISION DECISION</p> <p>The Cabinet agreed:</p> <p>1. To adopt the Library Service Delivery Plan set out in Appendix 1 to the officer report as the basis for the delivery of the statutory 'comprehensive and efficient' library service in Somerset from April 2019. Consideration will have taken into account the Needs Assessment set out in Appendix 2, feedback from the public consultation exercise set out in Appendix 3, and the Equalities Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 4. A summary of the recommendations that will be implemented as a result of adopting the Library Service Delivery Plan is set out in section 2 of the officer report.</p> <p>2. To authorise the Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning to implement, subject to further consultation where appropriate, the further savings proposals for the library service set out in section 5 of the officer report.</p> <p>3. To amend the proposed direct financial contributions to Community Library Partnerships to include (in addition to those detailed in the officer report) the following libraries: Bishops Lydeard; Bruton; Highbridge; Milbourne Port; Nether Stowey; North Petherton; South Petherton; Sunningdale, and to increase / include funding for other Community Library Partnerships to the following levels:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Community</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Basic Contribution funding (£)</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Match-funding for staff</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Total funding recommended (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Community	Basic Contribution funding (£)	Match-funding for staff	Total funding recommended (£)				
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	Bishops Lydeard	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Bruton	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Castle Cary	5,000	3,000	8,000
	Highbridge	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Milborne Port	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Nether Stowey	5,000	1,000	6,000
	North Petherton	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Porlock	5,000	1,000	6,000
	Priorswood	6,000	3,000	9,000
	Somerton	5,000	3,000	8,000
	South Petherton	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Street	8,000	7,000	15,000
	Sunningdale	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Watchet	5,000	3,000	8,000
	Wiveliscombe	6,000	3,000	9,000

And to commit to on-going funding at this level for a period of 7 years (2019/20 – 2026/2027 financial years), where Community Library Partnerships are agreed for this timeframe.

4. To reduce the library service budget for 2019/20 as set out in section 6 of the officer report and as amended at the meeting, delivering an ongoing saving of approximately £323,000 per annum to be factored into the Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20+.

5. To authorise the Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning to take the actions set out in section 3 and Appendix 5 of the officer report (as amended at the meeting) to provide support to Community Library Partnerships, where such partnerships are established. Support will include the agreement of the headline terms of potential property transfers or leasing arrangements as set out in section 4 of Appendix 5 to this report, and the amended direct financial contributions set out under outcome 3 above.

6. To note the process for taking forward Community Library Partnership discussions (summarised in Appendix 5), determined through an earlier decision by the Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Community Infrastructure. To also delegate authority for negotiating and agreeing arrangements for the delivery of Community Library Partnerships to the Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning, within the framework set out in Appendix 5 (as amended at the meeting).

7. To endorse the development of an approach and a policy on donations and philanthropic giving for the library service, delegating the approval of the policy to the Cabinet Member for Economic

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	<p data-bbox="316 174 997 212">Development and Community Infrastructure.</p> <p data-bbox="268 246 1305 284">ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report</p> <p data-bbox="268 320 1085 358">REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report</p> <p data-bbox="268 394 874 432">ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</p> <p data-bbox="268 468 657 506">REASON FOR DECISION:</p>