

## **Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for Information**

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Division and Local Member: All

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### **1. Summary**

- 1.1. This report covers key decisions taken by the Leader, Cabinet Members and officers between 4 February 2017 and 13 April 2017, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 20 February 2017, 15 March 2017 and 12 April 2017 (attached as Appendix A to this report). The Leader and Cabinet Members may also wish to raise other issues at the County Council meeting.

### **2. Details of decisions**

- 2.1. Agenda and papers for the Cabinet meetings on 20 February 2017, 15 March 2017 and 12 April 2017 are published within the Cabinet webpages on the Council's website. Individual Leader, Cabinet Member and Officer key decision records and related reports are also published within the Cabinet webpages on the Council's website.

<b>LEADER OF COUNCIL (Customers and Communities) – John Osman</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Demand Management and Predictive Analytics	Cabinet Meeting on 20 February 2017	<p><b>SUMMARY OF DECISION:</b> The Cabinet welcomed the update from the Avon and Somerset Police on their use of new technology systems to assist demand management and predictive analytics to support the prevention and prosecution of crime. The Cabinet also thanked the Chief Constable and the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner for their update on policing priorities and partnership working.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> Information item</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> To outline the work being done by the Avon and Somerset Police for the prevention and prosecution of crime.</p>
Potential new 'Somerset Board' Joint Committee	Cabinet Meeting on 15 March 2017	<p><b>SUMMARY OF DECISION:</b> This paper was aimed at prompting a discussion in order to gauge interest across key partners for a 'Somerset Board', a formal joint committee that could take more of a strategic co-ordinated approach for our local population.</p> <p>The Cabinet endorsed the Leader of the Council to take forward discussions with wider partners to gauge the degree of support for the approach in the county.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> As set out in the officer report.</p> <p><b>REASONS FOR DECISION:</b> As set out in the officer report.</p>
Wells City of Culture bid	Cabinet Meeting on 15 March 2017	<p><b>SUMMARY OF DECISION:</b> The Cabinet supported Visit Somerset's proposed submission of a Wells City of Culture bid and undertook to provide a letter of support along with a supportive press release.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> The only other alternative was not to support the bid and this was discounted.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> To support the submission of a City of Culture bid by the deadline</p>

**LEADER OF COUNCIL (Customers and Communities) – John Osman**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Enhanced Programme of Flood Risk Management Works and the SRA Memorandum of Understanding and Constitution	Leader of the County Council decision on 27 March 2017	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The report provided an overview of the funding committed in 2017/18 for the purposes of the SRA’s Enhanced Programme of Works, sets out the 2017/18 budget proposals and the revised Memorandum of Agreement and Constitution, all of which were endorsed by the SRA Board at its meeting on 13th March 2017.</p> <p>The Leader of the County Council agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To approve the SRA Budget for 2017/18, (Appendix A) in accordance with the recommendations of the SRA Board from its meeting on the 13th March 2017</li><li>2. To the release of funding committed from all sources in 2017/18n for the purposes of the SRA, subject to receipt of funds, in accordance with the budget for 2017/18 approved at 1 above;</li><li>3. The case (set out in paragraph 1.2) for exempt information for Appendix C to be treated in confidence, as the case for the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing that information.</li><li>4. To provide forward funding in advance of receiving Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Growth Deal funding to support the delivery of the Enhanced Programme (Appendix B and C (confidential)).</li><li>5. That the detailed management of the 2017/18 Budget and Enhanced Programme within the control total allocated to the SRA is undertaken in accordance with the constitutional, financial regulations and decision making arrangements of SCC as accountable body;</li><li>6. To approve the revised Local Memorandum of Understanding (including the Constitution of the SRA) attached as Appendix D; 7. To note the outstanding issue regarding risk sharing across the partnership and that a report will be going to the SRA Board in July to resolve this.</li></ol> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>

**BUSINESS, INWARD INVESTMENT AND POLICY – David Hall**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Somerset Growth Plan 2017-2030	Cabinet Member for Business Inward Investment and Policy on 17 March 2017	<p><b>SUMMARY OF DECISION:</b> It is a refresh of the initial plan that was published in February 2014 and takes into account various influencers such as the Somerset County Plan and the vision projects; the Heart of the South West Productivity Plan consultation and the Government Industrial Strategy consultation.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Business, Inward Investment and Policy endorsed the Somerset Growth Plan for 2017 – 2030 (see Appendices A and B) and delegated authority to the Director of Commissioning (the Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure) to approve the final changes needed, prior to publication, following Growth Board comments.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> As set out in the officer report.</p> <p><b>REASONS FOR DECISION:</b> As set out in the officer report.</p>
Growth Deal 3	Cabinet Meeting on 12 April 2017	<p><b>SUMMARY OF DECISION:</b> The Cabinet was given a presentation about Growth Deal 3 within the context of the £76m of funding that the Council had secured for Somerset priorities through the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership under Growth Deals 1, 2 and 3. The Cabinet noted the presentation.</p>

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – Frances Nicholson**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Children's Services update	Cabinet meeting on 20 February 2017	<p><b>SUMMARY OF DECISION:</b> The Cabinet welcomed the update regarding Children's Services from the Director of Children's Services and noted the improvements that had been achieved.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> Information item</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> To outline the latest position and the progress that has been achieved</p>

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Capital Investment Programme: Schools Basic Need, Schools Condition & Schools Access Initiative – 2017/18	Cabinet Member for Children and Families decision on 15 March 2017	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Approval was sought for the necessary delegation to appropriate officers to deliver the capital projects for schools basic need, schools condition and schools access initiative within the allocation of capital funds for 2017/18 as approved by Full Council on the 30th November 2016.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children and Families approved the capital allocations for 2017/18.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Prescribed Alterations to Special Schools - Implementation	Cabinet Member for Children and Families decision on 20 March 2017	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following a 4-week period of statutory consultation and consideration of the responses, Officers required a decision to implement a number of proposed 'Prescribed Alterations' at seven of Somerset's special schools.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children &amp; Families authorised officers to implement the proposed Prescribed Alterations (listed below) at the following special schools:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Avalon School, Street – As stated in the Proposal Document</li><li>2. Critchill School, Frome – As stated in the Proposal Document</li><li>3. Elmwood School, Bridgwater – As stated in the Proposal Document</li><li>4. Fairmead School, Yeovil – As stated in the Proposal Document</li><li>5. Fiveways School, Yeovil – As stated in the Proposal Document</li><li>6. Penrose School, Bridgwater – As stated in the Proposal Document</li><li>7. Sky College, Taunton – As stated in Proposal Document, with a single</li></ol>

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
		<p>modification; Sky College will retain its designation for Boarding Provision</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>

**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – David Fothergill**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Use of National Productivity Investment Fund Grant	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport decision on 16 March 2017	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Government has provided a new capital grant to local authorities for 17/18 financial year to spend on local highway and transport networks with a view to improving productivity and local economic growth. This is called the productivity investment fund and a condition of the grant is to publish its intended use by 31 March 2017. This report considers options for use of the fund and proposes an allocation of grant funds to specific projects.</p> <p>Following consideration of the officer report and impact assessment the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport:</p> <p>Agreed that the £3.859m productivity investment fund grant for 17/18 financial year is allocated towards providing additional spend on highway structural maintenance, additional spend on the major transport schemes programme, and spend on a public transport smart ticketing project, with the precise value of the allocation to each programme or project determined by the Director and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure.</p> <p>Agreed that traffic signals replacement is a reserve programme which grant funding may be spent on if appropriate in the event that other funding bids are unsuccessful.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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Approval to accept DfT C-ITS Challenge Fund Award and implement the Energy Efficient Intersections project	Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure and Director of Finance & Performance on 21 March 2017	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: In September 2016, a Non Key Decision was taken by the Strategic manager – Highways &amp; Transport to approve two submissions to the Department for Transport (DfT) CoOperative ITS Challenge Fund. Out of two bids, the Energy Efficient Intersections (EEI) project was successful and a total capital grant of £289,275 has been awarded. In addition to this a local contribution of £15,000 has been allocated by the Service Manager, Traffic Management. Project implementation will be carried out by traffic technology experts at WSP PB. This Key Decision now needs to be taken to accept the award and implement the project. This will be signed off by the Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and 2 Community Infrastructure. The agreement letter between Somerset County Council and Department for Transport will need to be signed off by the Director of Finance &amp; Performance.</p> <p>The Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure and Director of Finance &amp; Performance agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To accept the DfT C-ITS Challenge Fund Award by signing the agreement with DfT.</li><li>2. To continue to implement the project.</li></ol> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Contract award for the provision of highway improvements at Yeovil Western Corridor	Cabinet meeting on 12 April 2017	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Yeovil Western Corridor transport scheme has been developed over a number of years to accommodate planned growth in the surrounding area of Yeovil. It was selected to be funded as part of the Heart of the South West Local Transport Board Scheme Prioritisation Process subject to the submission of a successful business case. In October 2014, a Non Key Decision was taken by the Lead Commissioner: Economic and Community Infrastructure to enable the procurement process to commence. This has now been completed and this Key Decision needed to be taken to award the contract.</p>

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		<p>Following consideration of the officer report, presentation and discussion, the Cabinet agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="824 252 1951 355">1. To award a contract for highway junction improvements and associated works at Yeovil Western Corridor to the supplier identified in Appendix A, following a competitive process.</li><li data-bbox="824 363 1995 507">2. The case for exempt information for Appendix A to be treated in confidence, as public disclosure of the commercially sensitive data contained within would prejudice the Council's position in ensuring competitiveness of future tender processes.</li></ol> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE – William Wallace**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health and People Committee – Learning Disability Provider Service	Cabinet Meeting on 15 March 2017	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report contained recommendations from the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee on the implementation of the proposed transfer of the Council's Learning Disability Provider Service following its meeting on 1 March 2017.</p> <p>Following consideration of the officer report, presentation and discussion, the Cabinet agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="801 1072 1989 1176">1. That it did not accept the Scrutiny Committee for Policies for Adults and Health recommendations and that officers would continue to implement the decision agreed by Cabinet in July 2016.</li><li data-bbox="801 1184 1989 1248">2. Subject to confirmation from the Section 151 Officer, to increase the Equal Pay Buy-Out fund through appropriate discussions</li></ol> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer's presentation, taking into account the debate at the meeting and the amendment proposed by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.</p>



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Award contract for Carers Support Service	Cabinet Meeting on 15 March 2017	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The report requested approval to award a contract for the new Carers Support Service from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 which had been tendered in accordance with contract standing orders and the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The contract award was recommended for 3 years with the option for the Council to agree two further periods of up to 12 months</p> <p>Following consideration of the officer's report, the Equalities Impact Assessment, Appendix A and the debate, the Cabinet RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse the procurement process and approve the selection of the service provider (Bidder A in Appendix A) to deliver the Carers Support Service from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 for three years with the option for the Council to agree two further periods of up to 12 months</li> <li>2. Agree that Appendix A be treated as exempt information, and treated in confidence, as the case for the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing that information.</li> </ol> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Adult Social Care Fees and Charges 2017/18	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care decision on 27 March 2017	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Adult Social Care fees and charges are updated annually and adjusted to take account of cost of living and annual benefit increases, market factors, legislation, national guidance, demand and local policy requirements. This paper proposed the annual update to rates. The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care agreed the charges, fees and allowances as set out in Appendix A for Care services.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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		REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

<b>HR, HEALTH AND TRANSFORMATION – Anna Groskop</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
No decisions		

<b>RESOURCES – Harvey Siggs</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Disposal of Surplus Property to support the delivery of the Council's Capital Strategy	Commercial and Business Services Director decision on 17 March 2017	<p><b>SUMMARY OF DECISION:</b> The Head of Property recommended to the Commercial and Business Services Director that approval is given to dispose of the properties and land listed in Appendix A under the terms of sale indicated. All of the properties and land are surplus to the County Council's requirements and comply with the Asset Management Plan.</p> <p>The Commercial and Business Services Director agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To authorise the Head of Property and the County Solicitor to negotiate and finalise the sale terms to enable the disposal of the surplus assets listed in Appendix A in accordance with the terms specified and within the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sale to tenants/private sale – not less than 85% of the value in Appendix A;</li> <li>• auction – not less than the reserve price</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. that Appendix B be treated as exempt information, and treated in confidence, as the case for the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing that information.</li> </ol> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> As set out in the officer report.</p> <p><b>REASONS FOR DECISION:</b> As set out in the officer report.</p>

<b>RESOURCES – Harvey Siggs</b>		
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Capital Investment Programme 2017/18: Corporate Property Planned Capital Maintenance Programme	Cabinet Member for Resources decision on 27 March 2017	<p><b>SUMMARY OF DECISION:</b> To delegate authority to appropriate officers to procure and deliver capital projects under the corporate planned capital maintenance programme.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources delegated authority to appropriate officers to deliver the corporate planned capital maintenance programme, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prioritise projects for delivery within the available budget according to the highest level of need (based on current condition and/or risk to service delivery);</li> <li>• To decide upon the most appropriate procurement route for each project;</li> <li>• To engage consultants and/or frameworks where applicable and;</li> <li>• To seek tenders/quotations</li> </ul> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> As set out in the officer report.</p> <p><b>REASONS FOR DECISION:</b> As set out in the officer report.</p>

<b>CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT – Christopher Le-Hardy</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
No decisions		

<b>CROSS CUTTING – As specified</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Creation of two New Academies in Somerset	Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the Commercial and Business Services Director decision on 15 March 2017.	<p><b>SUMMARY OF DECISION:</b> The Secretary of State for Education has directed via an Academy Order, the conversion to Academy Status for the following two schools Westover Green Community School and Puriton Primary.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the Commercial and Business Services Director:</p> <p>a) Subject to the Secretary of State approving an Academy Order, approved the asset transfer for Westover Green Community School Puriton Primary School</p> <p>b) Approved the transfer of the leasehold interest in the land at Westover Green</p>

**CROSS CUTTING** – *As specified*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
		<p>Community School and Puriton Primary School via a 125 year lease with Clevedon Learning Trust (as set out in the attached officer report)</p> <p>c) Indemnified the Academy Trust established to operate these academies in respect of all costs and liabilities which transfer to the Academy Trust under TUPE and which relate to the period prior to the date when the academies are open.</p> <p>d) Authorised the appropriate officers under delegation to undertake all necessary actions to give effect to the above.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>