
COUNTY COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

29 November 2017
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Item No.	Title
3	Minutes from the meeting held on 19 July 2017
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.</p>
5	Report of the Leader and Cabinet - for decision
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Heart of the South West Joint Committee</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the recommendation of the HotSW Leaders (meeting as a shadow Joint Committee) to form a Joint Committee for the Heart of the South West; 2. Approve the Arrangements and Inter-Authority Agreement (subject to 10 below) documents set out in appendices A and B of the report for the establishment of the Joint Committee with the commencement date of Monday 22nd January 2018; 3. Appoint the Council's Leader - Cllr D Fothergill - and the Deputy Leader - Cllr David Hall - as the Council's named representative and substitute named representative on the Joint Committee; 4. Appoint Somerset County Council as the Administering Authority for the Joint Committee for a 2 year period commencing 22nd January 2018; 5. Approve the transfer of the remaining joint devolution budget to meet the support costs of the Joint Committee for the remainder of 2017/18 financial year subject to approval of any expenditure by the Administering Authority; 6. Approve an initial contribution of £10,500 for 2018/19 to fund the administration and the work programme of the Joint Committee,

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	<p>noting that any expenditure will be subject to the approval of the Administering Authority;</p> <p>7. Agree that the key function of the Joint Committee is to approve the Productivity Strategy (it is intended to bring the Strategy to the Joint Committee for approval by February 2018);</p> <p>8. Authorise the initial work programme of the Joint Committee aimed at the successful delivery of the Productivity Strategy;</p> <p>9. Agree the proposed meeting arrangements for the Joint Committee including the timetable of meetings for the Joint Committee as proposed in para 2.14. of the report.</p> <p>10. Agree the following amended paragraph 11.5 of Appendix B of the report (the inter-authority agreement) as follows:</p> <p><i>11.5 All press releases and public statements to be sent out on behalf of the Joint Committee shall be the responsibility of the press office of the Administering Authority.</i></p> <p>Treasury Management mid-year report 2017-18</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <p>To endorse the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for 2017-18.</p>
6	<p>Report of the Monitoring Officer</p>
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Disclosures and Barring Service (DBS)</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED that the Council's existing policy be extended to provide from today:</p> <p>a) An extension of the current mandatory requirement to have Enhanced DBS checks without barred list checks to: all Cabinet members; Junior Cabinet Members; members of the Adult and Children & Families Scrutiny Committees; members of the Adoption and Foster Panels; members of the Corporate Parents Board; and Members appointed to Panels or working groups relating to education or adult social care services.</p> <p>b) That all other members and co-opted members are required to undergo a Basic DBS check.</p>

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	<p>c) That DBS checks required under (a) and (b) above will be carried out by the Council immediately following each Council election to ensure that such checks are renewed on a quadrennial basis.</p> <p>d) That the Monitoring Officer maintains a register of approved applications.</p>
7	Report of the HR Policy Committee
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to note that the Committee shares the concerns about the impact of the pay freeze followed by low pay rises for local authority staff. However, the Committee is clear that the national pay bargaining mechanism is still relevant for Somerset and has not made any recommendations for changes to the current pay determination arrangements.</p>
8	Requisitioned Items
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>National Joint Council Pay to Councils</p> <p>The Council agreed <u>not</u> to adopt the item on National Joint Council Pay to Councils.</p> <p>Mental Health Challenge Pledge</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Approved Mental Health Professional Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds. • To commit to appoint two elected members as 'mental health champions' across the Council; one to focus on adult mental health and one to focus on children and young people in Somerset. • To delegate authority to the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board to appoint the mental health champions referred to above.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify a member of the Public Health staff (Louise Finnis) within the council to act as a 'Lead Officer' to support the Mental Health Champions • To ensure the Health and Wellbeing Board receives updates from the Champions, at least annually <p>The Council also RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces • Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community • Work with local partners to offer effective support for people with mental health needs • Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community • Proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health
9	Report of the Leader and Cabinet - Items for Information
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Council received and noted this report.</p>
10	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Council received and noted this report.</p>
11	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Council received and noted this report.</p>

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12	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee
	DECISION The Council received and noted this report.
13	Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing
	DECISION The Council received and noted this report.
14	Annual Report of the Somerset Armed Forces Community Covenant
	DECISION The Council received and noted this report.