

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 15 November 2018 and 12 February 2018, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 13 December 2017, 17 January 2018 and 12 February 2018. 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 13 December 2017, 17 January 2018 and 12 February 2018 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) – Cllr David Fothergill</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
No decisions		

<b>RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Cllr David Hall</b>		
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<b>Quarter 3 2017/18 Capital Budget Monitoring Report</b>	12 February 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report outlined the Council’s Capital Investment Programme position for the third quarter of the 2017/18 financial year.</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>
<b>Quarter 3 2017/18 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report</b>	12 February 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The purpose of this report was to update members on the current Revenue Budget forecast outturn position for the 2017/18 financial year based on the end of November (Month 8).</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>
<b>Retendering for insurance cover for all external policies</b>	12 February 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Cabinet was asked to approve the appointment of the successful tenderers following an OJEU procurement process for a wide range of insurance covers. Somerset County Council’s external insurance covers (premium) are due for renewal from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.</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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<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Proposed disposal of land and buildings at Sandy's Moor, Wiveliscombe</b>	15 January 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: A decision to sell parts of the County Council's (SCC) land and buildings at the Sandys Moor site in Wiveliscombe.</p> <p>The site is to be sold for a) residential development and b) local business development. Proceeds of sale to be reinvested into meeting the Council's priorities.</p> <p>Two areas of the site were proposed to be retained to provide the location for the Wiveliscombe Enterprise Centre (WEC) and for future strategic or development potential</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>
<b>Low Carbon Hub – Somerset Energy Innovation Centre – Building 2 (2,000 sq m)</b>	21 December 2017 by Director of Commissioning for Economic and Community Infrastructure	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Phase 2 of the SEIC development ("SEIC 2") will deliver a separate building of approximately 2,000m<sup>2</sup> of flexible office, meeting, and light industrial/technology workspace funded by the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership ("HotSW LEP") Growth Deals 1 and 2 ("GD 1 &amp; 2"), European Regional Development Fund ("ERDF") and SCC funding.</p> <p>Agreement of this decision to accept ERDF funding completed the funding package to deliver SEIC 2.</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>
<b>Hinkley Point C – Variation to Construction Traffic Management Plan and New Deed of Development Consent</b>	18 December 2017 by the Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: EDF Energy requested a temporary increase to the quarterly average daily cap of HGVs in relation to the Hinkley Point C development from 500 to 750 movements per day (Monday to Saturday) until the end of September 2019 when the jetty is expected to be fully operational. This required changes to the Hinkley Point C Construction Traffic Management Plan.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report</p>

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<b>Obligations (S106 agreement)</b>		REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report
<b>Library Service Redesign – Strategy</b>	23 November 2017 by the Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report recommended a proposed vision and strategic direction of travel for the Library Service for the medium term. An analysis of potential delivery models was included as an appendix and the report recommended that an in-house service delivery model be retained for the next three years.</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 – Cllr John Woodman**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Decision to conclude the award of a contract for the provision of highway improvements at Colley Lane Southern Access Road</b>	13 December 2017 by Cabinet	The Colley Lane Southern Access Road (CLSAR) scheme has been in development for in excess of 10 years The procurement process has now been completed and this decision was taken to award the contract.
<b>Award of contract for fleet maintenance services</b>	25 January 2018 by the Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure	SUMMARY OF DECISION: To create a four-year Framework Agreement for Fleet Maintenance and Body Repair services in two additional lots. The purpose behind this was to break down the fleet of vehicles in to more manageable chunks for services to be delivered utilising supplier's existing premises within the relevant locality to ensure that the Council's approach was not being restrictive to the market by asking SMEs to deliver a prohibitive amount of work but would also allow companies to tender for multiple lots if their infrastructure allowed for this capacity.

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		<p>The incumbent contractor, Skanska, tendered the most economically advantageous offer across all Fleet Maintenance Lots (1-5) however no compliant bids were received for either of the body repair lots.</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>
<b>West Somerset Railway – Funding of Phase two of the level crossing upgrade at Seaward Way, Minehead</b>	18 January 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Seaward Way Crossing was constructed in 1992 (after the railway line was leased to West Somerset Railway (WSR) Plc on 1st May 1989 (“the Lease”)) necessitating the construction of the level crossing for the new highway. The level crossing design was appropriate for the standards and volume of traffic at that time. However, it is now at the end of its serviceable life and no longer meets the required standards, particularly given the increased traffic volumes on Seaward Way. A replacement crossing must be designed and constructed to current standards.</p> <p>The total cost of Phase Two is anticipated to be approximately £850,000.</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>
<b>Award of specialist traffic signals contract</b>	20 November 2017 by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	<p>The Traffic Control Unit have been procuring the specialist traffic signal services from multiple providers for many years on an adhoc basis with known industry providers. The decision was taken to formalise this process and to test the market conditions to ensure the authority is receiving the best value and quality.</p>

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – Cllr Frances Nicholson**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Development of a Family Support Service to Somerset – Phase 1</b>	12 February 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report and its sister paper set out the approach to developing and implementing ‘early help hubs’, now renamed Family Support Service, which will include multi-agency services operating in local communities across Somerset.</p>

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<b>Family Support Service – Phase 2 Delivery April 2019 onwards</b>	12 February 2018 by Cabinet	SUMMARY OF DECISION: The decision set out the proposal for a locality approach, providing health and wellbeing and early help for children and young people aged 0-19 and their families (up to 25 years for children with additional needs).  ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report  REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report
<b>Proposed new secondary provision for Selworthy School on the former St Augustin’s School site</b>	12 February 2018 by Cabinet	SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following the merger and relocation of the (former) St Augustine of Canterbury School with Ladymead School to the new Taunton Academy, the St Augustine’s site and buildings have been vacant. The Capital investment Programme 2017 /18 approved the provision of a new specialist secondary provision (Hazelbrook Campus) on the former St Augustine’s site as an expansion of Selworthy School, Taunton in order to meet demand for additional school places for children with SEND.  This paper sought approval for Somerset County Council to appoint Willmott Dixon through the Scape Framework and to proceed with the delivery of the secondary provision for Selworthy School for September 2019 at a gross maximum expenditure of £9m approved as part of the Authority’s Capital Investment Programme 2017/18.  ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report  REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report
<b>Admission Arrangements for Voluntary Controlled and</b>	12 February 2018 by Cabinet	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report sought authority for Cabinet to determine the Local Authority admission arrangements for all Voluntary Controlled and Community schools for 2019/20 as required by the School Admissions Code and associated legislation.

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<b>Community School for 2018/19</b>		ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report  REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report
<b>West Somerset Opportunity Area</b>	24 January 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	SUMMARY OF DECISION: The West Somerset Opportunity Area Programme is a key part of the Governments priority of tackling low social mobility and improving opportunities for young people across the country.  Twelve areas with both poor social mobility and schools that face challenges will receive a share of £72 million to boost opportunities for young people in these communities.  West Somerset is 324th out of 324 Council areas in the social mobility index.  Funding is dependent on plans agreed by the Secretary of State; the first allocation for 2017/18 is £700k.  ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report  REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report
<b>Yeovil Milford SEN Extension, Structural repairs and provision of new modular nursery building</b>	18 January 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	SUMMARY OF DECISION: Due to the concurrent timescales for delivering the above works, it was proposed to award a single contract for the delivery of the early years, SEN and structural repair works. The paper sought approval to award the contract to Kier via the Scape (Minor Works) Framework.  ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report  REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report
<b>Prescribed Alteration to Selworthy School -</b>	6 December 2017 by the Cabinet Member for	SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following a 5-week period of statutory consultation and consideration of the responses, Officers required a decision to implement a proposed 'Prescribed Alteration' at Selworthy School, Taunton.

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<b>Implementation</b>	Children and Families	<p>The expansion will deliver an additional 60-80 places and meet projected demand for the next 10-15 years. The new building will be designed in a way which allows future expansion.</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>
<b>Award of Contract for the provision of a 3 classroom block at Court Fields School, Wellington</b>	6 December 2017 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The current published forecasts suggest that pupil numbers at Court Fields School, Wellington will increase beyond its current net capacity of 860. From 2021 onwards the numbers rise from 865 to 921 so the school will need additional space. In addition these published forecasts do not include all the housing in the pipeline.</p> <p>The Local Authority secured Section 106 funding from 2 housing developments in Wellington (Westford Plastics and Cades Farm). The amounts are time limited and are required to be spent by November 2019.</p> <p>In light of the spend deadline and the published forecasts, Commissioners issued instructions to proceed with the provision of a 3 classroom block at Court Fields School, Wellington as a matter of urgency.</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>
<b>The transfer of Educational services within North Somerset to SCC's Support Services for Education</b>	6 December 2017 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: In response to recent ongoing changes to the responsibilities of councils in relation to Education and the withdrawal of the Education Services Grant, North Somerset Council (NSC) considered new options for the delivery of their traded education services and other statutory and non-statutory education provision.</p> <p>On the 25th April 2017 NSC Executive Board agreed in principle, to transfer a number</p>



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		<p>of education support services, to Somerset County Council (SCC) from April 2018 and authorised officers to proceed to a detailed negotiation phase. The Board also agreed in principle, to commission residual statutory and non-statutory education support services, from SCC (see Appendix 1).</p> <p>This report recommended that we proceed with the transfer of inscope services and staff from NSC to SCC in accordance with the recommendations detailed in the report, which are consistent with those made by NSC Executive.</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>
<b>Implementation of the National Funding Formula for Schools and High Needs</b>	13 December 2017 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This paper summarised the approach being recommended to Cabinet by Somerset Schools Forum in relation to the National Funding Formula (NFF) for Schools and High Needs for 2018/19.</p> <p>This decision was required to enable the local authority to arrive at Schools and High Needs funding allocations for 2018/19, as recommended by Somerset Schools Forum and in adherence to Schools and Early Years Financial Regulations.</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>
<b>South West Peninsula Framework Contract for Independent Fostering</b>	17 January 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Since 2006 the council has collaborated with the Peninsula to purchase fostering placements from the independent sector. The current framework expires on 31st March 2018. A competitive tender exercise has been carried out, the deadline for which was 26th October 2017, and Independent Fostering providers have submitted bids for admission to the new framework. The new framework will commence on 1st April 2018 for a period of 4 years.</p> <p>The Peninsula framework will increase the supply of high quality, locally available placements in a family setting. In order to achieve positive outcomes for vulnerable</p>

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		<p>children and young people, there is a focus on supporting placement stability and permanence for children and young people.</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>
<b>Confirmation of National Funding Formula for Schools and High Needs</b>	17 January 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This paper provided confirmation of overall Dedicated Schools Grant funding for Somerset following final publication by the DfE, including the delegated schools budget and the High Needs provision for 2018/19, following the approach recommended by Schools Forum on 21 November 2017 and approved at Cabinet on 13 December 2017 (see background papers below).</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>
<b>Prescribed Alterations to Holway Park Community Primary School - Implementation</b>	7 February 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: As a result of the findings of a Thematic Review of Special Educational Needs &amp; Disability (SEND), the Local Authority produced a number of themed workstreams to improve the SEND offer across Somerset.</p> <p>Theme 3 deals with SEND infrastructure and one workstream was to develop capacity to meet future demand.</p> <p>Taunton does not currently have a primary-phase ASD Resource Base. The introduction of this new base will deliver up to 14 places and prevent children having to be educated in ASD bases elsewhere or in special schools.</p> <p>The ASD Resource Base at Oaklands Primary School has been running for a number of years but has only recently been transferred to the management of the school. This decision was required to formally register the base with the school.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report</p>

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<b>Heathfield School, Taunton – Award of Contract for the Proposed ASD base</b>	7 February 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The expansion of ASD Resource Base provision at Heathfield School follows the strategy being implemented elsewhere around the county to deliver 14 primary and 20 secondary ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) Resource Base places in our three main towns (Bridgwater, Taunton and Yeovil).</p> <p>This paper sought approval to proceed with the remodelling of the former West Monkton Primary School site to create an enlarged 20 place secondary-phase ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) Resource Base for September 2018 at a gross maximum project cost and for the remodelling work to be undertaken as a variation of the novated contract between SCC and Halsall Construction Ltd.</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>
<b>Proposed ASD base at Holway Park Primary School, Taunton</b>	7 February 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: As there are currently no primary-phase ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) Resource Bases in the Taunton area the proposal is to provide a new base for up to 14 children at Holway Park Primary School, Taunton.</p> <p>Because of the limited time available to carry out the works it is vital that the successful contractor should begin mobilisation in the week commencing 19/2/18 (one week after the date planned for the conclusion of the procurement procedure). To avoid delay this decision was submitted for approval in advance and is conditional on the successful conclusion of the procurement.</p> <p>This paper therefore sought approval to award a contract at a gross maximum project cost.</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>

<b><i>PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING – Cllr Christine Lawrence</i></b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Public Health savings 2018 and 2019 for health visiting services</b>	20 November 2017 by the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	The public health grant was reduced from £23,201,000 in 2015/16 to £20,178,000 by 2020/2021. This paper sets out the plan to make the necessary savings from the Health Visiting budget in 2018/19 and 2019/20, to balance the public health budget

<b><i>CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Cllr Anna Groskop</i></b>		
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No decisions		

<b><i>ADULT SOCIAL CARE – Cllr David Huxtable</i></b>		
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No decisions		

<b><i>Cross cutting – all</i></b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>CDS Superfast Extension Programme (SEP) Phase 2: decision to accept further grant funding</b>	19 December 2017 by Director of Commissioning for Economic and Community Infrastructure and the Director of Finance and Performance	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision provided for the acceptance of further grant funding from the Department for Culture Media and Sports (DCMS) and the consequential amendment to the grant funding agreement with DCMS.</p> <p>This decision also allowed for additional funding to be introduced into the contracts for Lots 2, 3, 5 and 6 and for amendments to the contracts to reflect this.</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>iAero (Yeovil) Aerospace Centre (2,500 sq m) Acceptance of Growth Deal Funding</b>	13 December 2017 by Director of Commissioning for Economic and Community Infrastructure and the Director of Finance and Performance	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report sought a number of decisions to enable the Council to progress the development of the iAero (Yeovil) Centre project to support research, development and innovation in aerospace and other associated high value design technologies.</p> <p>The iAero (Yeovil) Centre will be a new, purpose built facility that will provide a total of 2,685m<sup>2</sup> of flexible office, light industrial workshop, meeting and supporting innovation and collaboration space and an ancillary building to provide storage. The project also includes research, development and innovation support services to ensure that Somerset Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are better equipped to engage in collaborative working and innovation.</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>
<b>County Hall A Block – Priority 1 repairs and maintenance</b>	20 November 2017 by the Commercial and Business Services Director	This decision enabled SCC to mitigate the significant risk of boiler failure affecting A Block, C Block and Shire Hall in time for winter 2018. It does not deliver the full repairs and maintenance needs for A Block, but provided a sustainable heating solution for the County Hall campus. This decision recommended urgent investment in A Block's infrastructure to keep buildings on the County Hall campus and the Ministry of Justice services at Shire Hall functioning.