

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 5 May 2018 and 9 July 2018, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 11 June 2018 and 9 July 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 11 June 2018 and 9 July 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.

RESOURCES (Deputy Leader of the Council) – Cllr Mandy Chilcott		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
County Hall Priority 1 Enabling Works Approval	14 June 2018 by Commercial and Business Services Director	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision paper sought delegated authority from the decision maker to approve the cost of and instruction to implement enabling works associated with the A Block Priority 1 Improvements budget which was approved by Full Council in February 2018 in line with their decision.</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> <p>Note – the Leader of the Council and the Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee Chair have agreed to the use of urgent implementation.</p>
Award of contract for provision of Somerset County Council Cleaning Contract	19 June 2018 by the Head of Corporate Property under delegated authority from the Commercial and Business Services Director	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed to award a contract for provision of Somerset County Council (SCC) corporate cleaning. The contract will provide SCC with access to cleaning services for a variety of buildings including County Hall, Libraries, Highways Depots and Children’s Centres. The contract also provides for cleaning consumables and periodic cleans on an optional basis.</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>

LEADER OF COUNCIL (Customers and Communities) – Cllr David Fothergill		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
No individual decisions		

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE – Cllr David Hall		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
No individual decisions		

ADULT SOCIAL CARE – Cllr David Huxtable

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Fee Rates 2018/19 – Adult Social Care	21 June 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Adult Social Care (ASC) services 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 sets out the proposed annual update to fees paid to providers of ASC services in Somerset.</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> <p>Note – Special Urgency and Urgent Implementation were agreed to prevent any delay to the business needs of the Council and its arrangements with providers of Adult Social Care services.</p>
Shaping the Future Model for Support in Sheltered Housing in Somerset	25 June 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Somerset County Council's (SCC) contracts for support in sheltered housing schemes will end on the 15th October 2018 at which point SCC are proposing to not continue with the contribution of funding to the sheltered housing providers. Instead, SCC would like to recommend reinvesting some of the funding into further developing the Somerset Community Connect model of support by building the right infrastructure to enable people to be able to access support within their local community. This will help to ensure that the support is available to everyone in Somerset and not just those living within sheltered housing schemes. Somerset Community Connect is a partnership between SCC, the Health Service and local communities and voluntary organisations.</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>

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING – *Cllr Christine Lawrence*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
No individual decisions.		

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – *Cllr Frances Nicholson*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
See cross cutting decisions.		

EDUCATION AND COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION – *Cllr Faye Purbrick*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
See cross cutting decisions.		

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – Cllr John Woodman

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Somerset Road Safety Strategy Adoption	9 July 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The strategy introduces a Safe System approach which seeks to ensure that all parts of the system, the users, the roads, and the vehicles, are considered in developing measures to reduce collisions and their severity.</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>
Sub-National Transport Body for the South West Peninsula	9 July 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision sought the approval of the Cabinet to form a shadow sub-national transport body (STB) by entering an informal partnership with other authorities in the South West and key agencies responsible for infrastructure investment. The STB will be the principal mechanism for dialogue with Government regarding strategic transport investment in area.</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>

CROSS CUTTING – All		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Decision to increase the price of the County Ticket (including for FESEN provision provided by SCC) - Somerset County Council's Further Education student Bus Pass for the 2018/19 academic year	6 June 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The County Ticket is an annual ticket available for further education students to enable access to colleges across Somerset. The ticket can be used across the public transport network and on some contracted routes for FESEN students and those attending schools with a sixth form provision where there is no public transport provision in place. The price of the ticket is negotiated with the bus operator on an annual basis and is dependent on their costs in providing the service. Transport Inflation in the last year was 8.3% and continues to rise therefore the operators cannot continue to operate the County Ticket without a price increase.</p> <p>This decision increased the cost of the County Ticket (including FESEN tickets) from £695 to £795.</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>
County Council Business Plan 2018-19	11 June 2018 by the Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Somerset County Council's Business Plan for 2018-19 states what the County Council will aim to achieve with partners and communities over the coming year to deliver the County Council Vision in the most efficient way possible for Somerset's taxpayers. The Business Plan provides a 'golden thread' from the Vision to Service Planning to focus the Council's work and ensure that everything we do reflects the Vision, adds value and delivers stronger outcomes for Somerset's residents and businesses.</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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Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
People Strategy	11 June 2018 by the Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This workforce strategy has been written to support staff at Somerset County Council in achieving their own ambitions and those of the authority. It follows a series of workshops in 2017 with over 700 employees, that looked at what it's like to work here, our Culture and how to create something great. The People Strategy for Somerset County Council sets out how we will work with one another as leaders in Somerset, how we will work collaboratively with our partners and how we will ensure that we have the right skills, tools, values and behaviours to improve lives across our County.</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>
Creation of New Academies in Somerset	11 June 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation and the Commercial & Business Services Director	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Secretary of State for Education directed via an Academy Order, the conversion to Academy Status of two schools:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hemington Primary School • Otterhampton Primary School <p>This was a technical decision taken to facilitate decisions taken by the Secretary of State for Education.</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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Insourcing and re-procurement of Hard FM arrangements for Corporate Estate only	11 June 2018 by the Commercial and Business Services Director in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following a review of potential options, this decision sought approval for the internal delivery of many of the core elements of planned and reactive maintenance, reducing 3rd party contract expenditure.</p> <p>This decision further sought approval to commence a procurement process to procure specialist services that could not be efficiently delivered via an in house delivery model.</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>
Capita One Annual Support and Maintenance Contract renewal	18 June 2018 by the Head of ICT under delegated authority from the Commercial and Business Services Director	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the renewal of the annual support and maintenance contract for Capita One education software for 3 years. Annual support and maintenance is required to continue to use the system, which supports many statutory functions, and for Public Services Network (PSN) compliance.</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> <p>Note – The Deputy Leader of the Council, the Scrutiny for Polices Children & Families Committee Chair, and the Chair of Council (in the absence of the Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee Chair) approved the use of special urgency.</p>

CROSS CUTTING – All		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Somerset Specialist All Age Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service contract award	9 July 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Somerset County Council Public Health commission the drug and alcohol treatment service for all ages. The current contract for this service area is due to expire 31st March 2019. Somerset County Council receives £4,191,000 through the Public Health grant for the provision of drug and alcohol specialist treatment services for the population. In addition, the Somerset County Council revenue budget currently contributes £400,200 to the service. There has been a year on year planned reduction through the Medium Term Financial Plan to reduce the County Council contribution and in 2019/20 the final element of these planned savings will accrue to Somerset County Council as a result of efficiencies achieved through this procurement process. To safely accommodate these savings the decision was made to tender for a service against a new specification and performance framework. This opportunity has reshaped the service model to achieve maximum efficiency and best outcome. Evidence reviews and scoping have been undertaken and a period of engagement and consultation including with services users and peer mentors has taken place.</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>
2019/19 Revenue Budget Month 2 Highlight Report	9 July 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report provides the first indication of the year regarding the potential Revenue Budget outturn position for the 2018/19 financial year. The report included the recommendation that £5 be transferred from contingency to Children and Families – Operations budget</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>