Somerset County Council

County Council

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Requisitioned Item

Cabinet Member: Cllr Faye Purbrick, Cabinet Member for Education and

Transformation

Division and Local Member: All

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1. Electronic committee agendas and papers

1.1 This item will be proposed by Cllr Faye Purbrick and seconded.

1.2 All elected members have benefited from being issued with new technology during 2017-2018 to help them with their official roles, committee membership and their work with their communities. The new devices have a number of features which enable members to undertake their role in a variety of locations across the county, access emails, reduce travel costs and time by using skype to take part in briefings or conference meetings and also access agendas and reports for committee meetings.

We have excellent support from our officers who can help us make best use of our new technology and there are a number of members who can act as technology champions to help members.

Members will be fully aware of the financial challenges facing the Council and, with that in mind, I would request that Full Council agree that with effect from 1 September 2018 all agendas and papers for the Council's committee meetings are issued electronically and that no further printing or postage of papers is undertaken for members by officers.

1.3 The recommendation is:

The Council is asked to agree with effect from 1 September 2018 that all agendas and papers for the Council's committee meetings are issued electronically and that no further printing or postage of papers is undertaken for members by officers.