

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

Cabinet Member: Cllr David Fothergill – Leader of the Council

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 10 July 2018 and 19 November 2018, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 12 September 2018, 17 October 2018, 5 November 2018 and 19 November 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 12 September 2018, 17 October 2018, 5 November 2018 and 19 November 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>RESOURCES (Deputy Leader of the Council) – Cllr Mandy Chilcott</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>2018/19 Revenue Budget Monitoring</b>	19 November 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report presented the projected revenue outturn for 2018/19 based upon actual spending to the end of September 2018 having applied the budget adjustments for the proposals for change agreed by the Cabinet in September 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>
<b>Capital Investment Programme 2018/19 – Quarter 2 Report</b>	19 November 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report outlined the progress against the County Council’s Capital Investment Programme position for the second quarter of the 2018/19 financial year and showed some scheme slippage into future 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>
<b>Treasury Management Mid-Year report 2018/19</b>	19 November 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report gave a summarised account of Treasury Management activity and outturn for the first half of the year and ensured Somerset County Council (SCC) is embracing Best Practice in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy’s (CIPFA) recommendation.</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>Revenue Budget 2018/19 Monitoring Update</b>	17 October 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report presented the projected revenue outturn for 2018/19 based upon actual spending to the end of August 2018 as adjusted for the proposals for change agreed by the Cabinet in September 2018 and assessed as to be delivered within this 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>Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20+ - Initial Assessment and Proposed Approach</b>	17 October 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report set out the initial assessment of the likely gap between budget requirement and funding sources for the years 2019/20 to 2021/22.</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>Capital Investment Programme 2018/19 – Quarter 1 Report</b>	12 September 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report outlined progress against the County Council Capital Investment Programme position for the first quarter of the 2018/19 financial year and showed significant slippage into future 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>
<b>Month 4 2018/19 Revenue Budget report and Proposals for Change</b>	12 September 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report described the likely financial outcome for 2018/19 financial year if action were not to be taken, alongside actions to address that outcome. Many of the savings proposals will be difficult and painstaking to implement.</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>Disposal of Surplus Land at Castle Cary</b>	17 July 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Resources	<p>This decision authorised officers to take all necessary action to dispose of the surplus land within the terms of the sale indicated.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

		REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
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<b>2018/19 Revenue Budget Month 2 Highlight Report</b>	9 July 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report provided the first indication of the year regarding the potential Revenue Budget outturn position for the 2018/19 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>
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<b>LEADER OF COUNCIL (Customers and Communities) – Cllr David Fothergill</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Corporate Performance Report – End of September (Q2 2018/19)</b>	19 November 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report provided members with high-level information they need to lead and manage the performance of the outcomes set out in the Council’s Vision and reflects the council’s ongoing progress towards the outcomes laid out in the council’s Business Plan.</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>Heart of the South West – Joint Committee Update</b>	19 November 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report summarised the progress made by the Committee over recent months in key areas of activity and sets out actions proposed in the coming months.</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>2017/18 Annual Customer Feedback Report</b>	17 October 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report recommended that the 2017/18 Annual Customer Feedback report is accepted, signed-off and published in accordance with the Council’s statutory obligations.</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>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE – Cllr David Hall</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Somerset Pollinator Action Plan</b>	7 November 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure	<p>Following significant and evidence based declines in pollinators across Somerset and throughout the UK the a Somerset Pollinator Action Plan includes measures to benefit pollinators on Somerset County Council owned land, such as highway verges, RoWs, School grounds, farms and council property grounds</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>Library Service Redesign: Changes to the way library services are delivered</b>	5 November 2018 by Cabinet	<p>The changes agreed will result in new services being delivered in some areas, and in withdrawing funding to library buildings in other areas. The County Council has been discussing the potential for communities to support library buildings, and will work in partnership with community groups wherever possible to try to keep library buildings open. Where it is not possible to do this, library buildings would close, and library services would be provided in different ways to ensure the County Council provides reasonable access to library services which meet local needs.</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>Somerset Accelerator</b>	29 October by the Economic and	This decision approved: the allocation of part of SCC’s existing Economic Development Fund approval to provide match funding of £70,000 for the ERDF grant

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<b>Programme and Bruton Enterprise Centre approvals to secure European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant funding</b>	Community Infrastructure Commissioning Director in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development Planning and Community Infrastructure	<p>on a contingency basis. If businesses do not choose to take up grants which will become available under the Somerset Accelerator Programme then there will be unavoidable project costs for which SCC will need to provide funding to match the ERDF grant; and the allocation of £860,000 from the existing Business Growth Fund approval within current capital programme as a contribution to leverage ERDF funding for the design and build of a new Bruton Enterprise Centre (BEC) to expand the Somerset Enterprise Centre network in an area of need.</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>The Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Scrutiny for Policies and Place committee agreed to the use of Special Urgency regarding this decision.</p>
<b>Connecting Devon and Somerset: Decision to accept Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding and sign up to the RDPE grant funding agreement</b>	22 October 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure and the Interim Director of Finance	<p>As part of CDS's continued push to extend superfast broadband in to its most rural areas, an application was made to the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) March 2018 for £5 million funding to connect businesses across the CDS geography.</p> <p>In August 2018 the RDPE confirmed that the application had been successful which necessitated this decision to accept the funding made available and sign up to the RDPE grant funding agreement.</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>Approve the decision to proceed with the delivery of the iAero (Yeovil) Centre</b>	10 October 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure	<p>Somerset County Council (SCC) is developing a high value research, design and innovation centre in Yeovil to support aerospace and associated high value design and engineering technologies.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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	Infrastructure	REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
<b>Proposed closure of Cresta Swimming Pool in Chard</b>	29 August 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure	<p>The Cresta swimming pool at Zembard Lane in Chard opened in 1985 and has served the community of Chard and surrounding villages well for over 30 years. A commissioned condition survey of the swimming pool in late 2015 highlighted many defective elements in need of urgent repair at the site, with each of the major mechanical and electrical components beyond their expected useful economic life.</p> <p>The cost of the identified essential repair and maintenance and other works needed to provide a safe, hygienic, modern and pleasant environment is so significant that the Council must now take the unfortunate decision to close the pool.</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>Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) Superfast Extension Programme (SEP) Phase 2: decision to accept further grant funding and introduce additional funding into the contract for Lot 4</b>	7 August 2018 by the Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure and the Director of Finance, Legal and Governance	<p>In 2017 a contract was awarded to Airband Community Internet to build broadband infrastructure for Lot 4 of CDS's Superfast Extension Programme.</p> <p>The bid for the 2017 contract for Lot 4 did not use the entire available public subsidy for the lot. BDUK has agreed that it will provide the remainder of the public subsidy for the lot and the CDS programme wishes to introduce this remaining funding into the contract to secure further broadband coverage in the lot.</p> <p>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 allows for additional ERDF funding to be introduced into the contract for Lot 4 and for amendments to the contract to reflect this.</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>Somerset Waste Partnership Draft Business Plan 2019 - 2024</b>	19 November 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report sought a decision from the Cabinet on the Somerset Waste Partnership's Draft Business Plan 2019-2024. The plan provides a framework within which the Somerset Waste Board can make decisions and steer the delivery of waste partnership services.</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>ADULT SOCIAL CARE – Cllr David Huxtable</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Award contracts for the provision of care and support in Learning Disability supported accommodation and outreach support service in Mendip Somerset</b>	12 July 2018 by Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<p>This report gave information regarding the recommendation to award a contract for the provision of care and support in Learning Disability supported accommodation and outreach support service in Mendip area of Somerset. The report requested approval to award a contract for the new provider this provision of care and support in Learning Disability supported accommodation and outreach support service in Mendip Somerset from 3rd September 2018, following the notice given by the current provider of services in February 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>
<b>Award Contracts for Tennyson Court ECH Scheme and Eliot Court Supported Living Scheme</b>	12 July by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<p>This report gave information regarding the recommendation to award a contract for an integrated care and support service within Tennyson Court Extra Care and a Learning Disability Supported Housing scheme. Livery, a Registered Provider (RP) established in Somerset has developed the scheme on the edge of Taunton town centre. They are a housing association specialising in the provision of Extra Care Housing and other specialist housing and already manage other schemes within the county.</p> <p>The report requested approval to award two contracts for the new integrated care and support service from 23rd July for Eliot Court and 1st August for Tennyson Court.</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>PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING – Cllr Christine Lawrence</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Fit for my Future</b>	17 October 2018 by Cabinet	This document presented an update on the latest Case for Change of the Health and Care Strategy 'Fit for my Future' which comes under the Sustainability and

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		<p>Transformation Plan (STP) for 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>
<b>Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2018: Emotional Health and Wellbeing – looking through the lens of self-harm</b>	19 November 2018 by Cabinet	<p>The report aimed to support a greater understanding of self-harm and should be viewed as the first chapter of a story and the beginning of a conversation about mental health and emotional resilience 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>
<b>Somerset Improving Lives Strategy</b>	19 November 2018 by Cabinet	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will define the contribution of the Health and Wellbeing Board to delivery of the multi-agency vision for Somerset which is all about 'Improving Lives'. The strategy will take a broad view and consider all of the many factors which impact on health and wellbeing, including growth, education, housing and lifestyle.</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>CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – Cllr Frances Nicholson</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee – Review of Cabinet Decision – CAF14a	17 October 2018 by Cabinet	<p>This report contained recommendations from the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee from its call-in meeting on 8 October where it reviewed the decision taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 12 September regarding the proposal for change CAF 14a – “Proposals for the alteration and/or reduction of early help services provided to children and their families – ‘getset’.”</p>

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		<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>EDUCATION AND COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION – Cllr Faye Purbrick</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Creation of New Academies in Somerset	14 November 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation and the Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure	<p>The Secretary of State for Education directed via an Academy Order, the conversion to Academy Status of six schools: Blackbrook Primary Schools; Ruishton Church of England Primary School; Selworthy Special School; West Monkton Church of England Primary School; King Arthur's Community School; Countess Gytha Primary School; Winsham Primary School.</p> <p>This was technical decisions 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>
<b>Proposed new primary school at Somerton - approval to award contract</b>	17 October 2018	<p>This paper sought approval for the Authority to appoint a contractor at a gross maximum expenditure to deliver the 14-class primary school at Northfields, Somerton, for September 2020. This paper will also gave approval to cover the purchase of furniture and IT as required for the new school.</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>Creation of New Academies in Somerset</b>	31 August 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Education	The Secretary of State for Education directed via an Academy Order, the conversion to Academy Status of two schools: The King Alfred School, and Leigh-Upon-Mendip First School.

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
	Transformation	<p>This was technical decisions 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>

**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – Cllr John Woodman**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Adoption of the 'Well-managed highway infrastructure' Code of Practice by Somerset County Council</b>	12 September 2018 by Cabinet	<p>A new Code of Practice (CoP) for 'Well-managed Highway Infrastructure' was published by the UK Roads Liaison Group in October 2016. The UK Roads Liaison Group set October 2018 as the recommended date to have adopted the new Code by. The new Code is designed to "promote the adoption of an integrated asset management approach to highway infrastructure based on the establishment of local levels of service through risk-based assessment". In order to demonstrate compliance with this recommendation Somerset County Council has updated a number of key documents and policies to be included within this 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>

**CROSS CUTTING – All**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
<b>Consultation on draft Somerset Air Quality Statement</b>	16 July 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Well-Being and the Cabinet Member for	<p>The Somerset Air Quality Steering Group has produced a draft Somerset Air Quality Strategy and this decision gave approval to go out to public consultation.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

<b>CROSS CUTTING – All</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
	Highway's and Transport	REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
<b>Revision of Section 106/CIL Pupil Yields in respect of contributions towards additional School Places</b>	16 November 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation and the Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development	<p>This decision paper proposed that the formula used for calculating education contributions for school places under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and for Community Infrastructure Levy for school places should be revised to ensure that adequate contributions are sought in order to fund the necessary requirements for school places across Somerset as a result of development.</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>