

Somerset County Council

County Council

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Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for Decision

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1. Summary

- 1.1** This report sets out the Leader's and Cabinet's recommendations to Council arising from their consideration of reports at the Cabinet meeting on 17 October and 19 November 2018.

The attached Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 update (see Annex 1) was considered and endorsed by the Cabinet at their meeting on 17 October. This report provided information on the development of the MTFP and also included a recommendation for Council to agree to expand the Capital Investment Programme in 2019/20 to commit a sum of up to £10m to facilitate the purchase of waste vehicles and depot infrastructure for the Somerset Waste Partnership, provided that it can be proved that this offers better value for money than the vehicles being supplied by the private sector provider.

The attached Annual Treasury Management mid year report 2018-19 (see Annex 2) was considered and endorsed by the Cabinet at their meeting on 19 November. This report is presented annually to the County Council's November meeting for approval.

The attached Heart of the South West Joint Committee update (see Annex 3) was considered and endorsed by the Cabinet at their meeting on 19 November. There are specific recommendations for Council to consider and approve as set out in section 2.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Expansion of the Capital Investment Programme** - see attached report at Annex 1 that the Cabinet considered and endorsed at their meeting on 17 October 2018.

The Council is asked to approve the expansion of the Capital investment Programme in 2019/20 to commit a sum of up to £10m to facilitate the purchase of waste vehicles and depot infrastructure for the Somerset Waste Partnership, provided that it can be proved that this offers better value for money than the vehicles being supplied by the private sector provider.

- 2.2 Treasury Management mid-year report 2018-19** - see attached report and its appendices at Annex 2 that the Cabinet considered and endorsed at their meeting on 19 November 2018.

That the Council endorses the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for 2018-19.

- 2.3 Heart of the South West Joint Committee update** - see attached report at Annex 3 that the Cabinet considered and endorsed at their meeting on 19 November 2018.

The Council is asked to:

(a) Note the progress report setting out the work of the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Joint Committee since its establishment in March 2018;

(b) Agree to delegate the development and endorsement of the HotSW Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) to the HotSW Joint Committee (noting that final approval of the HotSW LIS rests with the HotSW Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Government);

(c) Note the Budget statement for 2018/19 set out in Appendix B and that in accordance with the decisions taken at the time the Committee was established, the Council is asked to make provision for a financial contribution towards the costs of the Joint Committee for 2019/20 in line with the 2018/19 contribution (£10,500). A further budget update will be provided in advance of the 2019/20 financial year and any additional contribution requested (including in-year) will be submitted as a fully costed agreed proposal within a work programme and only after all other potential sources of funding have been exhausted.

(d) Agree the Budget and Cost-sharing Agreement set out in Appendix B to this report.

3. Options considered and consultation undertaken

- 3.1 Options considered and details of consultation undertaken in respect of the recommendations set out above are set out in the attached reports at Annexes 1-3,

4. Implications

- 4.1 Financial, legal, Human Resources, equalities, human rights and risk implications in respect of the recommendations set out in this report are detailed within the attached Annexes 1-3.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 These are set out within the attached Annexes 1-3.