

## **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 February 2019 and 3 May 2019, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 11 March 2019. 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 meeting held on 11 March 2019 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.

Please note that an addendum to this report will be published giving a summary of the matters considered at the 13<sup>th</sup> May Cabinet following the meeting.

<b>LEADER OF COUNCIL (Customers and Communities) – Cllr David Fothergill</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Social Value Policy Statement Refresh	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision sought approval for the refreshed Social Value Policy Statement. The statement outlines how the Council will embed social value and demonstrates Somerset County Council's commitment to delivering social value benefits through our commissioning and procurement arrangement.</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>RESOURCES – Cllr Mandy Chilcott</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Disposal of the Six Acres Day Centre, Taunton	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Resources	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised officers dispose of part of the site at the Six Acres Training Centre in Taunton to generate receipts to meet council priorities. This decision followed the declaration of the Six Acres Day Centre site being surplus to Adult Social Care operational requirements.</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>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE – Cllr David Hall</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Acceptance of European Regional Development Funding for the Heart of the South West	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 by the Interim Finance Director	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the acceptance of £1,181,310 of European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) for the Heart of the South West Inward Investment Support Project. This project seeks to increase foreign direct investment into the Heart of the South West LEP area of Somerset, Devon, Plymouth and Torbay through delivery of an enhanced three-year programme of activity both to</p>

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Inward Investment Project		<p>facilitate the landing of new foreign direct investment into the area and to support the growth of the area's existing foreign-owned companies.</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>
Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) 2019/20 Enhanced Programme of Flood Risk Management Works, the SRA Memorandum of Understanding and Constitution	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: As Somerset County Council is the accountable body for the Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) the Cabinet was asked to approve the allocation of funds, raised through an alternative notional amount on Council Tax and contributions from Somerset Internal Drainage Boards, for use by the SRA in 2019/20.</p> <p>The Cabinet was also asked to agree to forward funding of SRA projects in advance of recouping costs from a Heart of the SW Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal allocation, and the to review the 2019-20 SRA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and approve the signing of the MoU by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure.</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>ADULT SOCIAL CARE – Cllr David Huxtable</i></b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Adult Social Care Fees and Charges 2019-20	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 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 set out the proposed annual update to fees paid to providers of ASC services in Somerset as well as updating SCC charges for its customers and service users.</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>PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING – Cllr Christine Lawrence</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Agreement of Equality Objectives 2019 - 2023	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Somerset County Council is required by statute to review and establish organisational equality objectives. This decision proposed a set of objectives for approval and endorsement.</p> <p>The objectives aim to improve the lives for the residents of Somerset and support the Council's legal requirements identified through the Equality Act 2010.</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>
Early Years Block – Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) 2019/20	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision ensured the Council has set a locally determined formula to fund all types of early years provision (the Early Years Single Funding Formula) and ensured all providers were supplied with an indicative budget at the beginning of the 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>
Proposals to implement the new	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by Cabinet	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed the use of measures within the new Children and Social Work Act 2017 and the existing flexibility of the Children's Trust

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Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership arrangements		<p>requirements to integrate the Somerset Children’s Trust with the new Safeguarding Partnership arrangements.</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>
Decision to extend contracts contract for Pathway to independence P2i service for young people in Somerset	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Pathways to Independence Service (P2i) allows young people with housing related support needs to access person centred support, until they are able to sustain independent living without the need for support. This decision authorised the extension of current contracts until 31 August 2021.</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>EDUCATION AND COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION – Cllr Faye Purbrick</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Use of the DfE Special Provision Capital Fund Allocation	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision confirmed how Somerset will utilise the remainder of its revised DfE Special Provision Capital Fund Allocation to make capital investments in provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.</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 a New Academy in Somerset – Chilton Trinity	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation, Director of	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This was a technical decision to facilitate a decision taken by the Secretary of State for Education. Conversion date 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019.</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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	Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic Community Infrastructure	
Creation of a New Academy in Somerset - Critchill	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation, Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic Community Infrastructure	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This was a technical decision to facilitate a decision taken by the Secretary of State for Education. Conversion date 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019.</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>
Proposed Expansion of Willowdown Primary Academy, Bridgwater from 201 to 420 places	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the expansion of the current school to ensure that the Council can fulfil its statutory duty to supply sufficient good quality places within statutory walking distance of a pupils home address. This is necessary due to development in the local 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>
A change to the protocol for schools converting to a sponsored academy retaining any surplus revenue balances, and charging for academy conversions by the	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision sought approval to charge full cost recovery for officer time and legal costs in respect of academy conversions, and to amend the local authority protocol to allow for retention of a proportion of surplus balances in respect of sponsored academy conversions.</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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Creation of New Academies – Brent Knoll, Charlton Horethorne, North Cadbury and Pawlett Primary Schools	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation, Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic Community Infrastructure	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This was a technical decision to facilitate a decision taken by the Secretary of State for Education. All conversion dates 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.</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>
No individual decisions		

**CROSS CUTTING – All**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
The School Building Condition Programme	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision confirmed the delivery of the capital investment programme for school building condition to ensure the delivery of sufficient school places in safe and well-maintained buildings for children in Somerset to meet the Local Authority's statutory duty.</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>CROSS CUTTING – All</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Appointment of Main Contractor – Bridgwater Special School	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Local Authority has a legal duty to provide children with good quality school places in their local area. As there are not enough special school places in the Sedgemoor area, the aim is to replace and expand the two current schools with a new school building for up to 160 children aged 4-16.</p> <p>This paper sought authority to appoint a contractor at a gross maximum expenditure to deliver the new school building on Bower Lane, Bridgwater and 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>

Month 10 Revenue Budget Monitoring	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report outlined a projected revenue outturn underspend for 2018/19; of £1.385m. This projection is based upon actual spending to the end of January 2019 (month 10) and compares to the available budget of £317.882m. The last reported projection, based on spend to the end of December 2018, was an underspend of £1.067m. The contingency has a residual sum of £1.788m uncommitted at this stage and is very likely to contribute to further underspending at the year end.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>
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