

## **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 4 May 2019 and 8 July 2019, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 10 June 2019 and 8 July 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 meetings held on 10 June 2019 and 8 July 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.

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

<b>RESOURCES – Cllr Mandy Chilcott</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
2019/20 Revenue Budget Monitoring – Month 2 Highlight Report	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report provided the first indication of the year regarding the potential Revenue Budget outturn position for the 2019/20 financial year. It highlighted variances to the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) assumptions, as well as emerging issues, risks, areas of concern and proposed actions to resolve them.</p> <p>The report requested the Cabinet approve the contribution of £3.390m to the Corporate Priorities Reserve and the transfer of £0.498m of Corporate Contingency to support the pressure in Home to School Transport.</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>
Approach to updating the Medium Term Financial Plan	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report set out the approach for updating the current Medium Term Financial Plan covering the three financial years from 2020/21 until 2022/23. The report further outlined the strategic approach being taken to ensure a sustainable financial platform for the council which will enable it to deliver, support or enable ongoing services for people across Somerset.</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.

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Annual Treasury Management Outturn Report 2018-19	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Annual Treasury Management Outturn Report is a requirement of the CIPFA Treasury Management Code and covers the Treasury Management activity for 2018-19. This report requested Cabinet approve the Outturn Report and submit to full Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 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>
2018/19 Revenue Budget Outturn Report	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report detailed the dramatic turn-around in Somerset County Council's finances in 2018/19 from a significant forecast overspend of - £12.115m predicted early in the financial year, through to an actual delivery of a £5.909m underspend against a net budget of £317.882m (-1.85%) at year end. An £18.024m turnaround. The report also detailed how The General Fund Reserve is to be rebuilt to an end of year balance of £16.366m with further increases in excess of £19m now predicted during the current Medium-Term Financial Plan period (MTFP 2019-22).</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>
2018/19 Capital Budget Outturn Report	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report outlined the County Council Capital Programme outturn position for 2018/19 and updated Members on changes since the Quarter 3 report presented to Cabinet in February 2019. The report detailed that £114.412m was spent against the Capital Programme in 2018/19 compared to forecasts of £133.393m provided by services at Quarter 3.</p> <p>The report further requested the Cabinet approve: A virement of £1.224m from the underspend to fund additional Highways Small Improvement and Integrated Transport Schemes; a number of supplemental approvals; £1.463m Devolved Formula Capital</p>

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		<p>Grant for Schools; and £0.312m Healthy Pupil Capital grant applied to Taunton Nerrols Primary School build.</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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Sale of two SCC Farm Property's	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Resources	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision approved the disposal of two farm properties, Splatt Farm, Spaxton, (TA5 1DB) and White Horse Farm, Over Stowey (TA5 1HG). The two farms are surplus to the County Council's requirements and the disposals complied with the Council's Asset Management 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>

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE** – Cllr David Hall

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South West Heritage Trust Annual Report and future funding arrangements	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report summarised the performance and achievements of the South West Heritage Trust for the period of operation from 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018. The report further highlighted the end of the current five-year funding agreement and recommended a proposed approach to the funding of heritage activities for the next five year period.</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>

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE** – *Cllr David Huxtable*

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No individual decisions		

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING** – *Cllr Christine Lawrence*

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Translation and Interpretation Contract Award	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 by the Director of Public Health	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision approved the award of contracts for translation and interpretation services and the Polish Link Workers service for Somerset County Council, Early Years Settings, Schools, Mendip, South Somerset and Sedgemoor District Councils.</p> <p>It is expected the total spend for these contracts over the next 4 years will be in the region of £980,000. This will be funded through several routes including the Dedicated Schools grant, Districts Councils, Schools and SCC service areas.</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>

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** – *Cllr Frances Nicholson*

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Proposals to implement the new Somerset Safeguarding Children's Partnership Arrangements	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The three Somerset Safeguarding Partners (Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Clinical Commissioning Group and County Council) are required to publish new safeguarding children arrangements by 29 June 2019 that become operational by 30 September 2019, replacing the Somerset Safeguarding Children Board with a Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership.</p> <p>This decision approved the proposal to implement new Safeguarding Partnership arrangements alongside changes to the Children's Trust arrangements at Executive (Tier 1) and Partnership (Tier 2) level.</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	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation and the Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure & Director of Commissioning	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This was a technical decision to facilitate decisions taken by the Secretary of State for Education, and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crowcombe CofE VA Primary School</li> <li>• Stogumber CofE Primary School</li> <li>• Spaxton CofE Primary School</li> <li>• Stogursey CofE Primary School</li> <li>• Milford Junior School</li> </ul> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>

***EDUCATION AND COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION – Cllr Faye Purbrick***

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The award of a contract for the provision of replacement end of life mobile devices and connections	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by the Director of Corporate Affairs	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed the award of a contract for mobile voice and data services for three years. The decision removed the pressure of one-off handset replacement costs of £220k and will provide ongoing monthly tariff reductions.</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>
Award of Contracts for Food Produce for SCC and North Somerset Properties	7 May 2019 by Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision paper sought approval to authorise this Council to enter into the framework agreement with the preferred suppliers for the provision of food produce to Dillington House and SORLS (Somerset Outdoor Residential Learning Service) establishments. The contract award is for an initial term of 2 years with an option to extend for a further 2 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>

**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT** – *Cllr John Woodman*

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Decision to award a contract for large passenger-carrying vehicles to operate on school contracts	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report recommended the leasing and operation of a fleet of large passenger carrying vehicles within the Council's Transporting Somerset fleet operations team. The primary use for these vehicles will be to provide home to school transport in fulfilment of the Council's statutory duty under the 1985 Education Act.</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>
Supply of new passenger transport vehicles for Transporting Somerset in house Fleet for 2018/19 and 2019/20 requirements	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed a tender for the supply of nine Minibuses and five 4x4 People Carriers to replace the same number of life expired vehicles in Transporting Somerset's in-house fleet. These vehicles will provide transport services to vulnerable residents across Somerset and will be procured in line with capital spending approvals for 2018/19 and 2019/20.</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 the Contract for Parking Enforcement and Related Services	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report agreed an extension of the current arrangements for parking enforcement and related services by extending the existing contract for a period of 3 years, giving a contract expiry of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</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**

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Corporate Performance Report – End of March (Q4 2018/19)	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report provided members with the 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>This report detailed the latest information available in the period up until 31st December 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>
Approval for the Improving Lives to Prevent Demand Fund, Members’ Improving Lives Grant Scheme and Somerset Young People’s Fund.	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision enabled the creation of a £1m Prevention Fund to finance Council work and community projects that prevent issues developing or tackling them early to stop them escalating.</p> <p>The decision included: £25k for elected members of the Somerset Youth Parliament to distribute on initiatives that focus on young people; £125k to provide individual grants of £2k for each County Councillor to support local voluntary and community group initiatives in their area; and £850k for specific projects to be approved subject to successful business cases.</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>
Planning and Delivery of Early Years and School Places in Somerset	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: SCC has a statutory duty to provide a sufficient supply of good quality early years and school places. The Policies and Principles of Early Years and School Place Planning were last reviewed by Cabinet in March 2015. Since that time pressure on school and early years places has continued to grow and the impact on secondary school provision is beginning to take effect. The number of academies</p>

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		<p>has also increased with over a third of our schools now independent of the local authority.</p> <p>This decision approved: an updated set of Policies and Principles; the annual publication of the School Place Infrastructure Growth Plan and Early Years County Wide Sufficiency Report; and endorsed the recently published DfE guidance on securing developer contributions 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>
Delivery of Specialist Projects	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following the approval of the Council’s Capital Investment Programmes 2018/19 and 2019-22, this decision sought authority for officers to deliver some of the school projects associated with those programmes, this included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Expansion of Fiveways School, Yeovil</li> <li>b. Expansion of Fairmead School, Yeovil</li> <li>c. Expansion of Sky College, Taunton</li> <li>d. Remodelling of the Holway Centre, Taunton</li> <li>e. Delivery of the hydrotherapy pool at Selworthy School, Taunton</li> </ul> <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 2019+	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision approved the Business Plan 2019/20 as the County Council’s vehicle for delivering the County Council Vision, subject to activities included in the Business Plan going through the Council’s decision-making processes as required.</p>

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