
COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

22 January 2020
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Item No.	Title
3	Minutes from the meeting held on 17 July
	The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.
6	Report of the Leader and Cabinet – For Decision
	<i>Climate Emergency Framework</i> The Council RESOLVED to note the progress and work being undertaken.
	<i>Investment Strategy</i> The Council RESOLVED to: 1. Build on its current Treasury Management investment activities to generate higher returns, protect against inflationary risks, sustaining a prudent balance of risk and reward. 2. Pro-actively consider options for further investing in existing Council owned property to optimise the value from these assets. 3. Consider other investment opportunities that may arise from time to time subject to appropriate due diligence and governance arrangements being in place.
	<i>Treasury Management 2019/20 Mid-Year Report</i> The Council RESOLVED to endorse the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for 2019/20.

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7	<p data-bbox="268 174 1007 210">Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board</p> <p data-bbox="268 257 667 293">The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol data-bbox="268 340 1425 712" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="268 340 1326 421">1. Invite District Councillor representation on the Corporate Parenting Board to provide support on housing and leisure issues <li data-bbox="268 468 1358 548">2. Extend its thanks to the young people on the Care Councils for all the hard work that they undertake. <li data-bbox="268 595 1425 712">3. Recommend that Councillors appointed to the Corporate Parenting Board who do not attend Board meetings for three consecutive meetings are reported to Group Leads.
8	<p data-bbox="268 772 767 808">Report of the Monitoring Officer</p> <p data-bbox="268 869 517 904"><i>Scrutiny Review</i></p> <p data-bbox="268 952 667 987">The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol data-bbox="316 1034 1425 2011" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="316 1034 1425 1263">1. Implement a programme of cultural transformation and improvements to its Scrutiny arrangements by March 2021, including the provision of additional resources in the Democratic Services Team and members training budgets to deliver the enhanced scrutiny arrangements; <li data-bbox="316 1310 1425 1720">2. Agree 10 of the 11 recommendations within the Centre for Public Scrutiny's 'Supporting governance, scrutiny and member support in Somerset County Council' report as detailed on pages 9 and 10 of Appendix A and for these to be implemented by March 2021, and in line with Scrutiny Committees' recommendations, endorse an alteration to Recommendation 6 within the CfPS report and recommend that the number of agenda items is limited to an absolute maximum of 4, rather than the 2 recommended in the CfPS report; <li data-bbox="316 1767 1410 1848">3. Request that it receives a progress report on the improvements to its scrutiny arrangements at its meeting in November 2020; <li data-bbox="316 1895 1374 2011">4. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to undertake any necessary technical amendments to the Council's Constitution to support the implementation of the proposed improvements to the Council's

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	<p>scrutiny arrangements; and</p> <p>5. Request that the Monitoring Officer undertakes further work regarding the proposals for co-opted members (with non-voting rights) to be potentially included within the membership of the Scrutiny Committee Policies and Place and the Scrutiny Committee for Adults and Health with the aim of reporting these proposals to the Council's Annual General Meeting.</p>
	<p><i>Changes to Committee Appointments</i></p>
	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the composition of the Officer Appeals Committee from six to nine elected members; 2. Increase the composition of the Constitution & Standards Committee from five to six elected members; and 3. Approve the revised committee appointments set out in the report and the Appointments Schedule at Appendix 1.
9	<p>Report of the Chief Executive</p>
	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint and empower Jason Vaughan (Director of Finance from 1 March 2020) to the statutory role of Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) with all the legislative and constitutional delegated powers for this role with effect from 1 March 2020; 2. Appoint and empower Mel Lock (Director of Adults & Health Services) to the statutory role of Director of Adult Social Services with all the legislative and constitutional delegated powers for this role with immediate effect; 3. Appoint and empower Scott Wooldridge (Strategic Manager-Governance & Democratic Services) to the statutory role of Monitoring Officer with all the legislative and constitutional delegated powers for this role with immediate effect.

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10	Requisitioned Item – Local Government NJC Pay
	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the phased rise in the National Living Wage to £10.50 an hour. We expect this increase to be fully funded for our directly employed staff, with a corresponding increase in core funding for our commissioned services. We support the lowering of the age at which the full National Living Wage is paid from 25 to 21. We will write to the Secretary of State on the basis that increases to the local government pay-scale and the National Living wage are funded <u>centrally</u> and on an ongoing basis; and 2. Acknowledge that the Council will continue to contribute and play an active part in working with the Local Government Association on issues of pay and other benefits and to ensure that these are appropriately funded 3. Welcome the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Resources meeting with our trade union representatives to discuss pay, other concerns and observations 4. Support the Council’s continued approach to encourage our workers to join a trade union.
11	Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for information
	The Council received and noted this report.
12	Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure
	The Council received and noted this report.
13	Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
	The Council received and noted this report.

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14	Annual Report of the Pensions Committee
	The Council received and noted this report.
15	Armed Forces Covenant Annual Report
	The Council received and noted this report.
16	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee
	The Council received and noted this report.
17	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee
	The Council received and noted this report.
18	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee
	The Council received and noted this report.