

Somerset County Council Forward Plan of proposed Key Decisions

The County Council is required to set out details of planned key decisions at least 28 calendar days before they are due to be taken. This forward plan sets out key decisions to be taken at Cabinet meetings as well as individual key decisions to be taken by either the Leader, a Cabinet Member or an Officer. The very latest details can always be found on our website at:

<http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=134&RD=0&FD=1&bcr=1>

Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 defines a key decision as an executive decision which is likely:

- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority.

The Council has decided that the relevant threshold at or above which the decision is significant will be £500,000 for capital / revenue expenditure or savings. Money delegated to schools as part of the Scheme of Financial Management of Schools exercise is exempt from these thresholds once it is delegated to the school.

Cabinet meetings are held in public at County Hall unless Cabinet resolve for all or part of the meeting to be held in private in order to consider exempt information/confidential business. The Forward Plan will show where this is intended. Agendas and reports for Cabinet meetings are also published on the Council's website at least five clear working days before the meeting date.

Individual key decisions that are shown in the plan as being proposed to be taken "not before" a date will be taken within a month of that date, with the requirement that a report setting out the proposed decision will be published on the Council's website at least five working days before the date of decision. Any representations received will be considered by the decision maker at the decision meeting.

In addition to key decisions, the forward plan shown below lists other business that is scheduled to be considered at a Cabinet meeting during the period of the Plan, which will also include reports for information. The monthly printed plan is updated on an ad hoc basis during each month. *Where possible the County Council will attempt to keep to the dates shown in the Plan. It is quite likely, however, that some items will need to be rescheduled and new items added as new circumstances come to light.* Please ensure therefore that you refer to the most up to date plan.

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For general enquiries about the Forward Plan:

- You can view it on the County Council web site at <http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=134&RD=0&FD=1&bcr=1>
- You can arrange to inspect it at County Hall (in Taunton).
- Alternatively, copies can be obtained from Scott Wooldridge or Michael Bryant in the Democratic Services Team by telephoning (01823) 357628 or 359500.

To view the Forward Plan on the website you will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader available free from www.adobe.com
Please note that it could take up to 2 minutes to download this PDF document depending on your Internet connection speed.

To make representations about proposed decisions:

Please contact the officer identified against the relevant decision in the Forward Plan to find out more information or about how your representations can be made and considered by the decision maker.

The Agenda and Papers for Cabinet meetings can be found on the County Council's website at:
<http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=134&Year=0>

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FP Refs	Decision Date/Maker	Details of the proposed decision	Documents and background papers to be available to decision maker	Does the decision contain any exempt information requiring it to be considered in private?	Contact Officer for any representations to be made ahead of the proposed decision
<p>NON-KEY DECISION First published: 28 December 2017</p>	<p>Not before 16th Apr 2018 Commercial & Business Services Director</p>	<p>Issue: Strategy for the Management of the County Farms Estate Decision: To approve the publication of the strategy for the management of the County Farms Estate in accordance with existing policies, taking into account the recommendations from Scrutiny Committee Policies & Place</p>			<p>Claire Lovett, Head of Property Tel: 07977412583</p>
<p>FP/17/12/02 First published: 14 December 2017</p>	<p>Not before 23rd Apr 2018 Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport</p>	<p>Issue: Contract for Provision of Bus Lane Enforcement Infrastructure Decision: To award the contract for the enforcement of bus lane enforcement infrastructure</p>		<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Bev Norman, Service Manager - Traffic Management, Traffic & Transport Development Tel: 01823358089</p>
<p>FP/18/02/01 First published: 6 February 2018</p>	<p>Not before 23rd Apr 2018 Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic Community Infrastructure, Director of Finance, Legal and Governance</p>	<p>Issue: 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 Decision: To accept additional grant funding from DCMS to invest in broadband infrastructure in Lot 4. To introduce the additional funding into the contract for Lot 4 to deliver more broadband infrastructure in that area</p>			<p>Katrina Lovelock, Economic Development Officer Tel: 01823 359873</p>

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FP/18/02/112 First published: 1 March 2018	Not before 23rd Apr 2018 Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development	Issue: Connecting Devon and Somerset - Completion of Phase 1 Decision: To authorise the Lead Commissioner for ECI to complete the Phase 1 contract		Part exempt	Katriona Lovelock, Economic Development Officer Tel: 01823 359873
FP/18/01/03 First published: 5 January 2018	Not before 23rd Apr 2018 Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Issue: Heathfield School, Taunton - Award of Contract for the Proposed ASD Base Decision: To seek approval to award the contract for the delivery of the propose dnew base			Carol Bond, Project Manager, Property Programme Team Tel: 01823 355962
FP/18/03/06 First published: 13 March 2018	Not before 23rd Apr 2018 Cabinet Member for Corporate and Community Services, Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development	Issue: Community Leisure Services Post 2019 Decision: Agree that SCC does not extend or renew the current contract for community leisure provision. Sites will be made available for disposal to the schools were possible.			Barry James, Strategic Commissioning Manager – Community Infrastructure Tel: 01823 356659
FP/18/03/04 First published: 12 March 2018	Not before 23rd Apr 2018 Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	Issue: Procurement for the construction of traffic signals improvements at the Rowbarton junction in Taunton Decision: To commence the process to secure a contractor to deliver the scheme to improve the traffic signals at Rowbarton junction in Taunton			Sunita Mills, Service Commissioning Manager Tel: 01823 359763

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<p>FP/18/03/07 First published: 20 March 2018</p>	<p>Not before 23rd Apr 2018 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: New Bridgwater Special School - Bower Lane Site Decision: Approval to appoint consultancy services for RIBA Stages 0-7 for the delivery of the proposed new school</p>			<p>Carol Bond, Project Manager, Property Programme Team Tel: 01823 355962</p>
<p>FP/18/03/05 First published: 12 March 2018</p>	<p>Not before 23rd Apr 2018 Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development</p>	<p>Issue: Disposal of County Farms Decision: Authority to conclude negotiations for the disposal of surplus farm and lands including those disposals to be conducted via public auction as appropriate</p>			<p>Charlie Field, Estates Manager, Corporate Property Tel: 01823355325</p>
<p>FP/18/03/02 First published: 12 March 2018</p>	<p>Not before 23rd Apr 2018 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: Capital Investment Programme 2018/19: Early Years Building Conditions Decision: 1. Approves the allocations for capital funding to enable the building condition project to be commissioned and delivered at appropriate points between 2018 and 2020. 2. Authorises appropriate officers under delegation to decide on the most appropriate means of procurement in each case</p>			<p>Charlotte Wilson, Service Manager Early Years Commissioning Tel: 01823 357386</p>

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<p>FP/18/03/09 First published: 23 March 2018</p>	<p>23 Apr 2018 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: Capital Investment Programme 2018-19 : Early Years Sufficiency Basic Need Decision: That the Cabinet Member for Children and Families: 1. Approves the allocations for capital funding to enable each of the following early years build projects to be commissioned and delivered at appropriate points during the 5-year period between 2018 and 2022: Early Years – Basic Need; 2. Authorises the appropriate officers under delegation to decide on the most appropriate means of procurement in each case.</p>			<p>Charlotte Wilson, Service Manager Early Years Commissioning Tel: 01823 357386</p>
<p>FP/17/01/04 First published: 11 January 2018</p>	<p>2 May 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Award of contract for the provision of Temporary Labour Decision: To approve the award of the temporary labour contract to the preferred supplier under ESPO MSTAR2 framework, as detailed in the appended confidential report</p>		<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Paul Skuse, Service Manager, Commercial & Procurement - Business</p>
<p>Fp/17/08/12 First published: 6 November 2017</p>	<p>2 May 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: County Vision 2017-2021 Decision: to consider the proposed County Vision to recommend to February's Full Council</p>			<p>Simon Clifford, Customers & Communities Director Tel: 01823359166</p>

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<p>FP/18/02/07 First published: 13 February 2018</p>	<p>2 May 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: LTP Implementation Plan adoption and approval for publishing Decision: To agree to a 1 year LTP Implementation Plan to fulfil SCC's statutory obligations. The current one covers 2013-17.</p>			<p>Lucy Bath Tel: 01823 359465</p>
<p>FP/18/02/11 First published: 26 February 2018</p>	<p>2 May 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Capital Investment Programme 2018/19 + Decision: To report on Government grant announcements and recommend capital approvals for 2018/19 and subsequent years to deliver key capital projects</p>			<p>Elizabeth Watkin, Service Manager - Chief Accountant Tel: 01823359573</p>
<p>FP/18/04/03 First published: 9 April 2018</p>	<p>9 May 2018 Commercial & Business Services Director</p>	<p>Issue: Insourcing and re-procurement of Hard FM arrangements for Corporate Estate only Decision: The Council is required to arrange replacement planned and reactive maintenance services (Hard FM) for when the current contract comes finishes at the end of September. The Council proposes to create an in-house team to deliver the core electrical, mechanical and fabric maintenance and procure a suite of contracts to cover specialist maintenance works.</p>			<p>Claire Lovett, Head of Property Tel: 07977412583</p>

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<p>FP/17/09/04 First published: 11 September 2017</p>	<p>Not before 14th May 2018 Director of Finance, Legal and Governance, Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>Issue: iAero (Yeovil) Aerospace Centre (2,500 sq m) Acceptance of ERDF Funding Decision: The acceptance of the offer of ERDF funding (£3.5 million), for the iAero (Yeovi) Aerospace Centre</p>			<p>Lynda Madge, Commissioning Manager – Economy & Planning Tel: 01823 356766</p>
<p>FP/18/04/01 First published: 3 April 2018</p>	<p>Not before 14th May 2018 Commercial & Business Services Director</p>	<p>Issue: County Hall Priority 1 Enabling Works approval Decision: SCC Full Council approved funding for Priority 1 works at County Hall in Feb 18. This decision seeks the approval of the first tranche of this funding which ensures enabling works to unlock the full project proceed at the right time</p>			<p>Commercial & Business Services Director</p>
<p>FP/18/02/08 First published: 13 February 2018</p>	<p>Not before 14th May 2018 Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport</p>	<p>Issue: Taunton Transport Strategy Decision: To agree to adopt the joint (with TDBC) Taunton Transport Strategy</p>			<p>Lucy Bath Tel: 01823 359465</p>

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<p>FP/17/08/01 First published: 9 August 2017</p>	<p>Not before 4th Jun 2018 Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development</p>	<p>Issue: Disposal of Surplus Land at Castle Cary Decision: Authority to conclude negotiations for the disposal of surplus (former) farm land (13 acres, land only) at Castle Cary. Authority to conclude negotiations for the disposal of surplus (former) farm land (13 acres, land only) at Castle Cary.</p>	<p>Disposal of Surplus Land</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Charlie Field, Estates Manager, Corporate Property Tel: 01823355325</p>
<p>FP/18/02/09 First published: 13 February 2018</p>	<p>13 Jun 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Road Safety Strategy Decision: Adoption of the Road Safety Strategy</p>			<p>Lucy Bath Tel: 01823 359465</p>
<p>FP/18/02/06 First published: 13 February 2018</p>	<p>13 Jun 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Rail Strategy Decision: To agree to proceed to public consultation</p>			<p>Lucy Bath Tel: 01823 359465</p>
<p>FP/18/02/05 First published: 13 February 2018</p>	<p>13 Jun 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Public Transport Strategy Decision: To agree to proceed to public consultation</p>			<p>Lucy Bath Tel: 01823 359465</p>
<p>FP/17/11/05 First published: 16 November 2017</p>	<p>13 Jun 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Customer Feedback Annual Reports 2017/18 Decision: Consider the annual customer feedback report and Ombudsman report for 2017/18</p>			<p>Rebecca Martin Tel: 01823 356257</p>

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<p>FP/18/03/08 First published: 20 March 2018</p>	<p>13 Jun 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Somerset County Council Business Plan Decision: Agree the new Business Plan whihc outlines what SCC will do over the next 3 years to deliver the new County Vision</p>			<p>Alastair Higton, Executive Assistant - Policy and Research</p>
<p>FP/18/04/02 First published: 3 April 2018</p>	<p>Not before 25th Jun 2018 Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p>Issue: Shaping the future models for Support in Sheltered Housing in Somerset Decision: SCC's contract for support in sheltered housing schemes is due to end in October 2018, a consultation is taking place between 3rd April – 30th may to seek the view of a wide range of people to discuss the different way which the council could provide these services in the future. This decision is to agree the outcome of that consultation.</p>			<p>Vicky Chipchase, Senior Commissioning Officer Tel: 07775 406590</p>