

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.

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 Julia Jones in the Community Governance Team by telephoning (01823) 359027 or 357628.

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
FP/16/12/06 First published: 3 January 2017	Not before 13th Feb 2017 Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	Issue: Specialist mental health carers services Decision: To award a contract for the provision of specialist mental health carers services		Part exempt The item is likely to contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	Rhian Bennett, Senior Commissioning Officer Tel: 01823 359793
FP/16/12/05 First published: 3 January 2017	Not before 13th Feb 2017 Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	Issue: Specialist mental health day services Decision: To award a contract for the provision of specialist mental health day services		Part exempt The item is likely to contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	Rhian Bennett, Senior Commissioning Officer Tel: 01823 359793
FP/16/10/04 First published: 3 October 2016	Not before 13th Feb 2017 Director of Commissioning for Economic and Community Infrastructure	Issue: Award and enter a contract for the delivery of broadband services for Lot 1 of the CDS SEP procurement Decision:			Katriona Lovelock, Economic Development Officer Tel: 01823 359873
FP/16/10/04 First published: 3 October 2016	Not before 13th Feb 2017 Director of Commissioning for Economic and Community Infrastructure	Issue: Award and enter contract for the delivery of broadband services for Lot 4 of the CDS SEP procurement Decision:			Katriona Lovelock, Economic Development Officer Tel: 01823 359873

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<p>FP/17/01/03 First published: 16 January 2016</p>	<p>15 Feb 2017 Cabinet Member for Business Investment & Policy</p>	<p>Issue: Contract for the provision of SME Business Support for Hinkley Point C Supply Chain and Nuclear South West Inward Investment Expertise Decision: Contract for the provision of SME Business Support for Hinkley Point C Supply Chain and Nuclear South West Inward Investment Expertise</p>	<p>Hinkley Point C supply chain business support contract</p>		<p>Paul Chadwick, Senior Economic Development Officer Tel: 07977413850</p>
<p>FP/17/01/06 First published: 23 January 2017</p>	<p>Not before 20th Feb 2017 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: Capital Investment Programme 2017: Early Years Sufficiency Decision: Approves the allocations for capital funding to enable early years build projects to be commissioned</p>	<p>Early Years Commissioning Capital Project allocation Early Years and School Place Planning Infrastructure Growth Plan 2016 Key Decision taken by the cabinet member for children and families 'Capital bid to the EFA: Early Years projects to support delivery of 30 hours funded childcare' 19th December 2016</p>		<p>Charlotte Wilson, Service Manager Early Years Commissioning Tel: 01823 357386</p>

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<p>FP/17/01/04 First published: 23 January 2017</p>	<p>20 Feb 2017 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: Early Years Single Funding Formula 2017/18 Decision: To amend the Early Years Single Funding Formula to reflect revised rates per hour for early years providers offering the early years entitlement from 1st April 2017</p>	<p>Summary of responses to consultation with Somerset's funded early years providers Dec – Jan 2017 Analysis of responses to DfE call for evidence on the cost of providing childcare Early Years National Funding Formula allocations and guidance Early Years Single Funding Formula 2017/18</p>		<p>Charlotte Wilson, Service Manager Early Years Commissioning Tel: 01823 357386</p>
<p>FP/16/12/11 First published: 3 January 2017</p>	<p>23 Feb 2017 HR & OD Director</p>	<p>Issue: Procurement of the South West Regional Partnership 2 'Step Up to Social Work' Higher Education Institute (programme provider) Decision:</p>	<p>Step Up To Social Work</p>		<p>Anna Elliott, Principal Social Worker and Service manager Tel: 01823 355225</p>
<p>FP/17/02/03 First published: 7 February 2017</p>	<p>Not before 7th Mar 2017 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: Creation of three New Academies in Somerset Decision: The Secretary of State for Education has directed via an Academy Order, the conversion to Academy Status for the following three schools Chilton Trinity, Westover Green Community School, Puriton Primary</p>	<p>Academies Act 2010</p>		<p>Elizabeth Smith, Service Manager – Schools Commissioning Tel: 01823 356260</p>

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<p>FP/17/02/05 First published: 8 February 2017</p>	<p>Not before 8th Mar 2017 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: Capital Investment Programme: Schools Basic Need, Schools Condition & Schools Access Initiative - 2017/18 Decision: That the Cabinet Member for Children and Families approves the capital allocations for 2017/18</p>			<p>Elizabeth Smith, Service Manager – Schools Commissioning Tel: 01823 356260</p>
<p>FP/17/02/04 First published: 7 February 2017</p>	<p>Not before 13th Mar 2017 Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport</p>	<p>Issue: Use of National Productivity Investment Fund Grant Decision: To agree how the National Productivity Investment Fund Grant Allocation for highways and transport networks for 2017/18 will be used</p>			<p>Mike O'Dowd-Jones, Strategic Commissioning Manager – Highways and Transport Tel: 01823 356238</p>
<p>FP/17/01/07 First published: 30 January 2017</p>	<p>Not before 13th Mar 2017 Cabinet Member for HR Health and Transformation</p>	<p>Issue: Public Health Savings Plan 2017 - 18 Decision: This paper sets out the plan to achieve the savings for the national grant cut for 2017/18.</p>			<p>Christina Gray, Consultant in Public Health Tel: 01823 359436</p>
<p>FP/17/01/05 First published: 23 January 2017</p>	<p>Not before 13th Mar 2017 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: Implementation of Prescribed Alterations - Special Schools Decision: To agree to implement the recently consulted on proposals relating to 7 of Somerset's maintained special schools.</p>	<p>Prescribed Alterations at Special Schools – Consultation Report</p>		<p>Phil Curd, Service Manager: Specialist Provision and School Transport Tel: 01823 355165</p>

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FP/16/11/10 First published: 27 September 2016	15 Mar 2017 Cabinet	Issue: Children's Services Improvement - Somerset's Children and Young People's Plan 2016-19 progress Decision: To consider the report and agree necessary actions.	Report to Cabinet 29 April	Open	Philippa Granthier, Assistant Director Childrens Services Tel: 01823 359054
FP/16/12/01 First published: 8 December 2016	15 Mar 2017 Cabinet	Issue: Award contract for a carers support service Decision: Agree the decision to award for a carers support service following conclusion of a competitive tender process.		Part exempt confidential tender information anticipated.	Vicky Chipchase, Senior Commissioning Officer Tel: 07775 406590
FP/17/02/06 First published: 14 February 2017	15 Mar 2017 Cabinet	Issue: Award of Family Based Care (fostering) Peninsula Framework Decision: The five peninsula authorities have jointly tendered for a framework of fostering agencies, assessed for quality and value for money. Cabinet is asked to approve the results of this tender.	Report on Somerset's proposed award Peninsula report on the process and results of tender	Part exempt	Louise Palmer, Strategic Commissioner
FP/16/05/02 First published: 9 January 2017	Not before 3rd Apr 2017 Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	Issue: Road Safety Strategy Update Decision: To agree to adopt the updated Road Safety Strategy			Sunita Mills, Service Commissioning Manager Tel: 01823 359763

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FP/17/01/08 First published: 30 January 2017	12 Apr 2017 Cabinet	Issue: Decision to award the contract for the Yeovil Western Corridor Improvement Scheme Decision: To consider the report	Tender evaluation report	Part exempt	Nisha Devani
FP/17/02/01 First published: 14 February 2017	Not before 22nd May 2017 Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Issue: Award of Contract for the provision of a 3 Classroom Block at Court Fields School, Wellington Decision: To approve the awarding of the contract to the successful contractor	Confidential Financial Report Capital Programme Paper	Part exempt	Carol Bond, Project Manager, Property Programme Team Tel: 01823 355962
FP/16/08/05 First published: 15 August 2016	Not before 29th May 2017 Cabinet Member for Business Investment & Policy	Issue: Enterprise and Incubation Hub at SEIC - approval to accept ERDF Funding Decision: Enterprise and Incubation Hub at SEIC - approval to accept funding	ONKD Paper signed by P Hewitt – 'Approval to submit expressions of interest for European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF for CDS and SEIC)' dated: 27th April 2015		Lynda Madge Tel: 01823 356766