

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 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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<p>FP/18/07/04 First published: 13 July 2018</p>	<p>29 Aug 2018 Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>Issue: Proposed closure of Cresta Swimming Pool in Chard Decision: Proposed decision to authorise the closure of the pool with effect from Monday 3rd September, and to secure the site and subsequent demolition of the land</p>	<p>Cresta Pool - Cabinet Member Key Decision Cresta Pool - Cabinet Member Key Decision 290818 - appendix 1 Cresta Pool - Cabinet Member Key Decision 290818 - appendix 2 Cresta Pool - Cabinet Member Key Decision 290818 - appendix 3 Cresta Pool - Cabinet Member Key Decision 290818 - appendix 4 Cresta Pool - Cabinet Member Key Decision 290818 - appendix 5</p>		<p>Barry James, Strategic Commissioning Manager – Community Infrastructure Tel: 01823 356659</p>
<p>FP/18/04/08 First published: 30 April 2018</p>	<p>Not before 31st Aug 2018 Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation</p>	<p>Issue: Creation of two New Academies in Somerset Decision: King Alfred School and Leigh-Upon-Mendip First School</p>	<p>Cabinet Member and Officer Key Decision - King Alfred & Leigh-Upon Mendip Final Decision RecordF</p>		<p>Elizabeth Smith, Service Manager – Schools Commissioning Tel: 01823 356260</p>
<p>FP/18/07/02 First published: 3 July 2018</p>	<p>10 Sep 2018 Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning Director, Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation</p>	<p>Issue: Creation of New Academies in Somerset Decision: King Arthur's Community School, Blackbrook School, Ruishton C of E Primary School, West Monkton C of E Primary School, Selworthy Special School</p>			<p>Elizabeth Smith, Service Manager – Schools Commissioning Tel: 01823 356260</p>

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<p>FP/08/06/03 First published: 12 June 2018</p>	<p>Not before 10th Sep 2018 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: Emergency Residential Stepdown Pilot Decision: To approve an 18 month pilot programme to procure emergency children's residential provision, exploring different models of delivering the service to see what works best</p>			<p>Louise Palmer, Strategic Commissioner</p>
<p>FP/18/03/06 First published: 13 March 2018</p>	<p>Not before 10th Sep 2018 Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure, Cabinet Member for Corporate and Community Services</p>	<p>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.</p>			<p>Barry James, Strategic Commissioning Manager – Community Infrastructure Tel: 01823 356659</p>
<p>FP/18/07/03 First published: 10 July 2018</p>	<p>10 Sep 2018 Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>Issue: Somerset Pollinator Action Plan Decision: Agreement to the objectives set out in the Somerset Pollinator Action Plan and for the plan to become SCC policy</p>			<p>Simon Breeze Tel: 07832 130370</p>
<p>FP/18/01/03 First published: 5 January 2018</p>	<p>Not before 10th Sep 2018 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>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 proposed new base</p>		<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Carol Bond, Project Manager, Property Programme Team Tel: 01823 355962</p>

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<p>NON-KEY DECISION First published: 28 December 2017</p>	<p>Not before 10th Sep 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/17/09/04 First published: 11 September 2017</p>	<p>Not before 10th Sep 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/18/03/04 First published: 12 March 2018</p>	<p>Not before 10th Sep 2018 Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport</p>	<p>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</p>			<p>Sunita Mills, Service Commissioning Manager Tel: 01823 359763</p>
<p>FP/18/02/08 First published: 13 February 2018</p>	<p>Not before 10th Sep 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/18/04/06 First published: 30 April 2018</p>	<p>Not before 10th Sep 2018 Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>Issue: Procurement of the HotSW Growth Hub Service Decision: To undertake the procurement of a Business Support Service (Growth Hub) on behalf of the HotSW LEP</p>			<p>Melanie Roberts, Service Manager - Economic Policy Tel: 01823359209</p>
<p>FP/18/08/03 First published: 7 August 2018</p>	<p>10 Sep 2018 Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>Issue: Extension of the Somerset Local Education Partnership for five years Decision: An agreement is required to a five year extension to the Somerset LEP for the continuation of the services</p>			<p>Sue Taylor, Service Manager - Contracts and Performance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/04 First published: 7 August 2018</p>	<p>10 Sep 2018 ECI Commissioning Director</p>	<p>Issue: Somerset Accelerator Programme Decision: Approving the deployment of part of Somerset County Council's existing capital programme allocation for Business Growth Fund as a contribution which will leverage externally generated funds for Bruton Enterprise Centre & approving a contribution from SCC's economic development fund as a contingency</p>			<p>Katriona Lovelock, Economic Development Officer Tel: 01823 359873</p>

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<p>FP/18/08/02 First published: 7 August 2018</p>	<p>10 Sep 2018 Director of Children's Services</p>	<p>Issue: Provision of accommodation and support for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children - Framework Contract Award Decision: A competitive tending process if being carried out for providers to join a framework for contract for semi-independent accomodtion and support</p>			<p>Carrie-Ann Hiscock</p>
<p>FP/18/08/01 First published: 7 August 2018</p>	<p>Not before 10th Sep 2018 ECI Operations Director</p>	<p>Issue: Award of Concession Contract for the Provision of Cashless Parking Services Decision: To award a 5 year contract with an option for a further 2 year period to provide a "pay by phone" option for payment of car parking charges at Council locations within Somerset</p>			<p>Steve Deakin, Parking Services Manager, Parking Services, Community and Traded Services Tel: 01823355137</p>
<p>FP/18/05/01 First published: 9 May 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Adoption of the 'Well-managed highway infrastructure' Code of Practice by Somerset County Council Decision: To agree SCC adopts the new CoP and its 'risk based' approach for the management of the highway network.</p>			<p>Neil Guild, Highways Asset Improvement Officer</p>

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<p>FP/18/07/08 First published: 23 July 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Quarter 1 2018/19 Revenue Budget Report and 2019-20 MTFP - Update Decision: To consider the report</p>			<p>Elizabeth Watkin, Service Manager - Chief Accountant Tel: 01823359573</p>
<p>FP/18/07/09 First published: 23 July 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Quarter 1 2018/19 Capital Budget Report Decision: To consider the report</p>			<p>Elizabeth Watkin, Service Manager - Chief Accountant Tel: 01823359573</p>
<p>FP/18/08/10 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals for the alteration of arrangements for specialist housing and support for adults with social care needs Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/11 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals for reduction in the support given to the Citizens Advice Bureau for the administration of a benefit for individuals Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>

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<p>FP/18/08/12 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals for the alteration and/or reduction of services provided to and on behalf of children and their families Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/13 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals for the alteration and/or reduction of services to support vulnerable pupils Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/14 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals for alteration and/or reduction of support arrangements for the democratic process and for elected members Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/15 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals for the alteration of members allowances for recommendation to Council Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>

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<p>FP/18/08/16 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals to alter the arrangements for, provision of, and funding solutions for the maintenance of highways, rights of way and associated infrastructure Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/17 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals for altering the financial support and arrangements for public transport and for special educational needs (SEN) transport Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/18 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals to alter funding arrangements and service level for road safety Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/19 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals to alter the provision of park and ride services in the Taunton area Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>

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<p>FP/18/08/20 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals for altering staffing structures and levels in teams within Adult Services, Children and Family Services, Corporate Services and ECI Services Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/21 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals to alter the provision of corporate support services and / or reduce corporate and directorate overheads Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/22 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals to secure additional funding and / or recover costs within Children and Family Services, ICT, and ECI Services Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>
<p>FP/18/08/23 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>12 Sep 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Proposals for the alteration of customer access arrangements Decision: To agree the recommendations</p>			<p>Peter Lewis, Interim Director of Finance</p>

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<p>FP/18/08/07 First published: 13 August 2018</p>	<p>13 Sep 2018 Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation, Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development</p>	<p>Issue: Revision of Section 106/CIL Pupil Yields in respect of contributions towards additional School Places Decision: That the formula used for calculating education contributions under Section 106 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990, and for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for school places should be revised</p>			<p>Elizabeth Smith, Service Manager – Schools Commissioning Tel: 01823 356260</p>
<p>FP/18/08/06 First published: 13 August 2018</p>	<p>13 Sep 2018 Cabinet Member for Children and Families</p>	<p>Issue: Somerset Youth Justice Plan Decision: To approve the Somerset Youth Justice Plan. The Plan sets out how Youth Justice Services will be delivered in Somerset during 2018/19</p>			<p>Lise Bird, Strategic Manager - Prevention,</p>
<p>FP/18/06/06 First published: 19 June 2018</p>	<p>17 Sep 2018 Director of Finance, Legal and Governance, ECI Commissioning Director</p>	<p>Issue: Approve the decision to proceed with the delivery of iAero (Yeovil) Centre Decision: Approve the decision to appoint the preferred major works construction contractor and to proceed with the construction of the Centre at the Council's risk</p>			<p>Julie Wooler, Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Officer</p>

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<p>FP/18/08/08 First published: 22 August 2018</p>	<p>24 Sep 2018 Cabinet, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>Issue: Connecting Devon and Somerset: RDPE funding & RDPE grant funding agreement Decision: To accept Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding on behalf of the Connecting Devon & Somerset Programme for the deployment of additional broadband infrastructure and sign up to the RDPE grant funding agreement.</p>			<p>Nathaniel Lucas, Senior Economic Development Officer Tel: 01823359210</p>
<p>FP/18/08/24 First published: 28 August 2018</p>	<p>28 Sep 2018 Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>Issue: Connecting Devon and Somerset: Decision to accept Rural Development Programme England (RDPE) funding to sign up to the RDPE grant funding agreement Decision:</p>			<p>Nathaniel Lucas, Senior Economic Development Officer Tel: 01823359210</p>
<p>FP/18/06/08 First published: 19 June 2018</p>	<p>Not before 15th Oct 2018 Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>Issue: To approve the appointment of a supplier to deliver the Wiveliscombe Enterprise Centre and Wells Technology Enterprise Centre Decision: To approve the appointment of a supplier</p>			<p>Nathaniel Lucas, Senior Economic Development Officer Tel: 01823359210</p>
<p>FP/18/07/10 First published: 23 July 2018</p>	<p>17 Oct 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Quarter 1 2018/19 Performance Report Decision: To consider the report</p>			<p>Simon Clifford, Customers & Communities Director Tel: 01823359166</p>

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FP/18/07/07 First published: 17 July 2018	17 Oct 2018 Cabinet	Issue: Family Support Service Update Decision: Providing an update on the progress of the Family Support Service project, following the Cabinet decision on the 12th February 2018			Alison Bell, Consultant in Public Health, Public Health
FP/17/11/05 First published: 16 November 2017	17 Oct 2018 Cabinet	Issue: Customer Feedback Annual Reports 2017/18 Decision: Consider the annual customer feedback report and Ombudsman report for 2017/18			Rebecca Martin Tel: 01823 356257
FP/18/05/09 First published: 11 May 2018	17 Oct 2018 Cabinet	Issue: 2019/20 Medium Term Financial Plan - Development and Approach Decision: To consider the report			Elizabeth Watkin, Service Manager - Chief Accountant Tel: 01823359573
FP/18/07/06 First published: 17 July 2018	17 Oct 2018 Cabinet	Issue: New Primary School in Somerton Decision: Approval to appoint the contractor			Carol Bond, Project Manager, Property Programme Team Tel: 01823 355962

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<p>FP/08/07/01 First published: 3 July 2018</p>	<p>17 Oct 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Libraries Service Redesign 2018 Decision Decision: To agree the basis of library service provision to different communities around Somerset, following on from and having regard to the public consultation exercise undertaken earlier in the year</p>			<p>Oliver Woodhams, Strategic Manager, Community and Traded Services Tel: 07977400667</p>
<p>FP/18/09/01 First published: 3 September 2018</p>	<p>12 Nov 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: South West Peninsula Framework Contract for Residential Children's Homes Decision: A competitive tendering process is being carried out across the South West Peninsula for residential Children's home providers to join the framework contract commencing from 1 Feb 2019.</p>			<p>Louise Palmer, Strategic Commissioner</p>
<p>FP/18/07/05 First published: 17 July 2018</p>	<p>19 Dec 2018 Cabinet</p>	<p>Issue: Equality Objectives 2019 - 2023 and Equality Commitment Decision: Asking Cabinet to agree a new set of Equality Objectives for 2019 - 2023 and the new Equality Commitment</p>			<p>Tom Rutland Tel: 01823 359221</p>