

County Council
Wednesday 15 May 2019
10.00 am Council Chamber - Shire Hall,
Taunton



SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA

To: The Members of the County Council

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Item 7	Annual Report of the Constitution and Standards Committee (Pages 3 - 6) To consider the addendum to the report of the Constitution and Standards Committee.
Item 8	Report of the Monitoring Officer (Pages 7 - 14) To consider proposed appointments to committees shown at Appendix 1.
Item 9	Report of the Leader and Cabinet - for decision (Pages 15 - 20) To consider the recommendations relate to the Children and Young People's Plan shown at Appendix A.
Item 12	Report of the Leader and Cabinet - Items for Information (Pages 21 - 22) To note Appendix B regarding decisions made at the Cabinet meeting on Monday May 13.

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Addendum to review of the Constitution

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1. Summary

- 1.1. The Constitution and Standards Committee met on 10 May to consider the proposed changes in relation to the council's meetings. Specific recommendations, which are included in the Monitoring Officer report to Full Council, related to the recommended deletion of audio recordings after minutes of meeting have been agreed and where a member of the public is not able to attend a meeting that the committee will be referred to their submitted statement rather than having it read out by an officer.
- 1.2. The Committee understood the reasons for the proposed changes and through debate the Committee agreed the following amendments to propose to Full Council to consider. The amendments are as follows:
 - Following agreement to the minutes of a meeting, audio recording to remain on the council's website for two years, then after that period the recording to be deleted from the website and council's records
 - The retention of the current arrangements for an officer to read out a question or statement that has been submitted by the deadline for a meeting but where a member of the public or their substitute cannot attend
 - For the deadline for submission of public questions, statements or petitions to be changed from 3 clear days before a meeting to 2 clear days before a meeting

The main reason underpinning all of these proposed amendments is to improve transparency and accessibility for the public.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. **The Constitution & Standards Committee recommends that the Council approve the proposals set out in sections 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 of this report.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Constitution & Standards Committee met on 10 May to consider proposed changes to the Council's Constitution in relation to meeting procedures and audio recordings.
- 3.2 Following debate the majority of the Committee agreed three amendments and requested that Full Council consider these at its meeting on 15 May. The three amendments are set out below.

3.3 Audio recordings of meetings

Audio recordings of Council meetings (8.6.8 of Part 1): In May 2018, the Council revised its policy to clarify its procedures and reasons for making the recordings and which meetings it would record. The intention of the council's audio recordings has always been to assist with the production of the minutes of a meeting which are the legal record. This is consistent with what other councils do.

The policy is not explicit for how long the audio recordings are retained on the council's servers. Some councils retain the audio recordings for up to six months after a meeting has been held and some councils delete the audio recording immediately when the minutes have been agreed.

The Constitution & Standards Committee considered the proposal from the Monitoring Officer that in order to protect the status of the minutes as the legal record it is recommended that the audio recording is deleted when the minutes have been agreed.

Whilst the Committee understood the reasons for this, the Committee felt that audio recordings provided an opportunity to improve the public's access to what had transpired at a meeting which they had not been able to attend. The Committee agreed an amendment which seeks to ensure that audio recordings for main decision meetings are published on the website for two years after a meeting has been held. After the two years the Committee agreed that audio recording should then be deleted from the Council's website and systems.

The Committee therefore recommended that 8.6.8 of the Constitution is amended as follows:

8.6.38 The Council makes audio recordings of its main decision making meetings – Full Council, Cabinet and Regulation Committee – available to access on the website immediately following meetings. These recordings will be available on the website for two years and then deleted from the website and the council's electronic filing systems. Audio recordings are also made separately available to members via private access arrangements for the same period. Other formal meetings may be recorded on an ad-hoc basis depending on the circumstances and those attending will be informed where this is the case in advance of the start of the meeting.

3.4 Part 1, Section 4 - Public question time rules

One of the amendments made to the public question time rules in 2018 was a new provision which allowed for statements or questions to be read out by the Chair of the meeting or the Monitoring Officer if someone was unable to attend a meeting (see 4.10.5 of the Constitution).

There have been a number of occasions when this provision has been used and in some cases there have been several instances at the some meetings when people have submitted and not attended. The intention of the provision was for the rare occasions when people cannot attend rather than as a mechanism for remote submission of questions.

The Committee considered the proposal that since the Council publishes details of questions and statements received then it is proposed to amend this provision so that the Chair, Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services Manager present refer

instead to what has been published and issued to the committee members and not to read these out to the meeting. The relevant Cabinet Member or Officer will still provide a response to the committee.

Whilst the Committee understood the reasons for this, the Committee felt that the current provision was satisfactory and did not support the proposed amendment. The Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council to retain the current provision 4.10.5 as follows :

4.10.5 Members of the public have up to 3 minutes to introduce and present their representations. If a member of the public is unable to attend a meeting in person, then they will be allowed to arrange for someone to ask the question on their behalf. If no person is able to put the question to the meeting then either the Chair or the Monitoring Officer shall present their question to the meeting.

3.5 Deadline for submission of public questions, petitions or statements

Following debate, the Committee considered a proposal from a member of the Committee for the deadline for public questions, statements or petitions to be revised from the current 3 clear working days before a meeting to 2 clear working days before a meeting.

The Committee understood the reasons for the current deadline but felt that more time should be given to the public to submit their questions following the publication of the agenda and papers. The Committee therefore agreed to revise 4.10.1 as follows:

4.10.1 - Public representations (questions, statements or a petition) must be received in writing by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on the Friday prior to the meeting (for Wednesday Council meetings) to be considered at that meeting. Any questions, statements or petitions received after the deadline will only be considered with the discretion of the Chair of the relevant meeting. The questioner will need to set out reasons for their late submission to be considered at the meeting. If the Chair rejects the late question or statement then a written reply will be provided by the council within 20 working days of the meeting.

Notwithstanding the above, where a question relates to a matter which is included on the agenda for a meeting at which the question is to be put but that agenda or any Officers Report has not been made available before the normal deadline for submission of questions by 5pm two clear working days before the meeting then provided written notice of a question is received within 24 hours of that Agenda or Report having been so published then the question shall be allowed.

4 Implications

4.1 Legal & Risk:

The Council's Constitution sets out the legal framework within which the Council takes decisions and fulfils its functions and responsibilities. It needs to be kept up to date and legally compliant. All of the proposed amendments to the Constitution above are in accord with the legislative requirements which give considerable scope for the Council to agree its own constitutional arrangements.

4.2 Impact Assessment:

There are no direct equalities implications arising from any of the proposals in this

report. There are also no sustainability or community safety implications.

4.3 Financial: The retention of audio recordings on the council's network drives for two years rather than deleting them after a meeting will have a marginal cost for storage.

4.4 HR: Not applicable.

5. Background papers

5.1. Council's Constitution

Reports to Constitution and Standards Committee in June 2018 regarding Public Question Time procedures

Report to Constitution and Standards Committee on 10 May 2019

Note: For sight of individual background papers please view these on the Council's website or alternatively contact the report author.

APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

	Group / Seats
REGULATION COMMITTEE (8 members)	
Chair: John Parham	
Vice-Chair: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper	
Membership: <i>(no Cabinet members. Members must receive training in planning, rights of way and village green issues before taking part in a committee meeting)</i>	
John Parham Nigel Hewitt-Cooper Mike Caswell Nigel Taylor Mark Keating	Con (5)
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Simon Coles Andy Kendall	Lib Dem (2)
John Clarke	Labour allocating their place to Green Party (1)
<u>Named substitutes</u>	
Ann Bown, Terry Napper Alan Wedderkopp Dave Loveridge	Con (2) Lib Dem Labour
SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE	
(8 members)	
Chair: Anna Groskop	
Vice-Chair: Ann Bown Mike-Lewis	
Membership: <i>(no Cabinet members to be appointed)</i>	
Anna Groskop Ann Bown Mike-Lewis Philip Ham Mark Keating Bob Filmer	Con (5)
Tessa Munt Liz Leyshon	Lib Dem (2)
John Hunt	Labour allocating their place to Independent Group (1)

**SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, ADULTS AND HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

(8 members)

Chair: Hazel Prior-Sankey

Vice-Chair: Mark Healey

Group / Seats

Membership: *(no Cabinet members to be appointed)*

Mike Caswell
Peter Clayton
Gemma Verdon
Ann Bown
Mark Healey

Con (5)

Hazel Prior-Sankey
Bill Revans

Lib Dem (2)

Andrew Govier

Labour (1)

**SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, CHILDREN & FAMILIES
(8 members)**

Chair: Leigh Redman

Vice-Chair: Rod Williams

Membership: *(no Cabinet members to be appointed)*

Rod Williams
Nigel Hewitt-Cooper
William Wallace
James Hunt
Josh Williams

Con (5)

Jane Lock
Martin Dimery

Lib Dem (2) – Lib
Dem allocating a
place to Green
Party

Leigh Redman

Lab (1)

Voting non-elected representatives for the consideration of
education matters only:

Ruth Hobbs
Vacancy

Parent Gov Reps
(2)

Mrs E Tipper

Schools Education
Partnership Board
(1)

Mr P Elliot

Schools Forum (1)

Ms H Fenn – Roman Catholic Diocesan Rep
2 vacancies

Church Rep (3)

AUDIT COMMITTEE (8 members)

Group / Seats

Chair: Clare Aparicio-Paul

Vice-Chair: [Mike Lewis](#) ~~Gemma Verdon~~

Membership: *(CIPFA advice is no Cabinet members and preferably no high profile scrutiny members to be appointed)*

Clare Aparicio-Paul

~~[Mike Lewis](#) [Gemma Verdon](#)~~

Graham Noel

Mike Caswell

Bob Filmer

Mike Rigby

Liz Leyshon

Hugh Davies

Con (5)

Lib Dem (2)

Labour allocating
their place to
Independent Group
(1)

OFFICER APPEALS COMMITTEE (6 members)

Chair: (appointment delegated to the Committee)

Membership: *(Committee of 3 members chosen from the 6 to hear each appeal – members **must** receive appropriate training in HR issues to be allowed to participate)*

Clare Aparicio Paul

~~[Josh Williams](#)~~

Rod Williams

John Parham

Jane Lock

Mike Rigby

[Dean Ruddle](#)

Con (3)

Lib Dem (2)

[\(allocated place by
Conservative Group\)](#)

PENSIONS COMMITTEE (4 elected members)

Chair: Graham Noel

Membership:

Graham Noel

James Hunt

John Parham

Simon Coles

Con (3)

Lib Dem (1)

Non-elected Membership: (4 voting non-elected representatives)

Mr R Parrish – representing the district councils

Mr M Simmonds – representing the Avon & Somerset Police & Crime

Commissioner
Mr G Bryant – representing other employers
Sarah Payne – representative of pension scheme members

SOMERSET PENSIONS BOARD (6 – 3 Employer reps, 3 Member reps) Group / Seats
Chair: (appointment delegated to the Board)

Membership: *(one elected member to be included as an ‘employer’ rep)*

3 ‘Employer’ reps:

Mark Healey
Mr P Deal
Vacancy

Con (1)

3 ‘Member’ reps

Mr N Behan
Vacancy
Vacancy

Group / Seats

HR POLICY COMMITTEE (6 elected members)

Chair: Mandy Chilcott *(This Committee is chaired by the Cabinet member with responsibility for HR issues)*

Membership:

Mandy Chilcott
William Wallace
Anna Groskop
Philip Ham

Con (4)

Liz Leyshon

Lib Dem (1)

Leigh Redman

Lab (1)

CONSTITUTION AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5 elected members and 5 co-opted members)

Chair: William Wallace

Membership – elected members: *(political proportionality requirements waved by the Council – all political groups represented – 1 member each)*

William Wallace
Tessa Munt
Dave Loveridge
Hugh Davies
Martin Dimery

Con (1)
Lib Dem (1)
Lab (1)
Ind (1)
Green (1)

Membership – co-opted non-voting members:

Robin Horton
Jan Middleton
Wesley Wooding
Dr Tim Ward
Vicky Chapman

**DEVON AND SOMERSET COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
(8 members)**

Chair's appointment is made by the Fire Authority itself

SCC's Membership:

Ann Bown	Con (5)
Mark Healey	
Linda Vijeh	
Terry Napper	
Peter Clayton	
Simon Coles	Lib Dem (2)
Mike Best	
Leigh Redman	Lab (1)

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (4 members)

Chair's appointment is made by the Park Authority itself

SCC's Membership:

Frances Nicholson	Con (3)
Christine Lawrence	
James Hunt	
Bill Revans	Lib Dem (1)

SOMERSET HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Membership *(overall membership agreed by the Council):*

Proposed County Council membership – subject to the approval of the Leader *(5 members appointed by the Leader – currently includes relevant Cabinet Members for Children's Services, HR and Adult Social Care)*

Christine Lawrence (Chair)	
Frances Nicholson (Vice-Chair)	
David Huxtable	Con (4)
Linda Vijeh	
Amanda Broom	Lib Dem (1)

District Council Elected Representatives (1 elected member per Council)

- ? – West Somerset and Taunton Deane Borough Council
- ? – Mendip District Council
- ? – South Somerset District Council
- ? – Sedgemoor District Council

Officers and Independent Members

Ms T Grant (SCC)

Mr S Chandler (SCC)

Mr J Wooster (SCC)

Ms Maria Heard (CCG)

Mr David Freeman (CCG)

Dr Ed Ford (CCG)

Mark Cooke (NHS England)

Judith Goodchild (HealthWatch)

Co-opted Member

Superintendent Mike Prior, Avon and Somerset Police

FOR INFORMATION

CABINET

The Leader has appointed the following members to his Cabinet by way of a Leader’s decision.

- Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Customers & Communities – David Fothergill
- Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources – Mandy Chilcott
- Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure – David Hall
- Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care – David Huxtable
- Cabinet Member for Children and Families – Frances Nicholson
- Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation – Faye Purbrick
- Highways and Transport – John Woodman
- Public Health and Wellbeing – Christine Lawrence

Junior Cabinet Member Appointments

- Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure – Mike Pullin
- Adult Social Care – Giuseppe Fraschini

OPPOSITION APPOINTMENTS – FOR INFORMATION

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

Leader: Jane Lock
Deputy Leader: Liz Leyshon

Cabinet Member	Opposition Group Spokesperson
David Fothergill	Jane Lock (Leader) & Liz Leyshon (Customers and Communities)
Mandy Chilcott	Liz Leyshon
David Hall	Simon Coles
Christine Lawrence	Amanda Broom
John Woodman	Mike Rigby
David Huxtable	Bill Revans
Frances Nicholson	Jane Lock
Faye Purbrick	Jane Lock (Education) and Tessa Munt (Transformation)

LABOUR GROUP

Leader: Leigh Redman

INDEPENDENT GROUP

Leader: John Hunt

GREEN GROUP

Leader: Martin Dimery

‘Our Plan’ – the Somerset Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2019 – 2022 Cabinet Member(s): Frances Nicholson, Lead Member for Children and Families

Division and Local Member(s): All

Lead Officer: Julian Wooster Director of Children’s Services

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	Seen by:	Name	Date
Report Sign off	County Solicitor	Honor Clarke	29.4.19
	Monitoring Officer	Scott Wooldridge	29.4.19
	Corporate Finance	Sheila Collins	Sent on 24.4.19
	Human Resources	Chris Squire	24.4.19
	Procurement / ICT	Simon Clifford	29.4.19
	Senior Manager	Julian Wooster – Director of Children’s Services	29.4.19
	Local Member(s)	N/A	
	Opposition Spokesperson	Cllr Jane Lock – Opposition Spokesperson for Children and Families	Sent on 24.4.19
	Relevant Scrutiny Chairman	Cllr Leigh Redman – Chair of Scrutiny Children and Families	Sent on 24.4.19
	Cabinet Member	Cllr Frances Nicholson – Lead Member for Children and Families	Sent on 24.4.19
Forward Plan Reference:	FP/18/12/05		
Summary:	<p>‘Our Plan’ – the Somerset Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2019 – 2022 (see link in background papers) sets out the ambition of the County Council along with its partners to improve outcomes for ALL children and young people (in relation to Care Leavers and young people with Special Educational Needs duties extend to 25)</p> <p>This is the second plan and builds on the achievements of the first plan which has taken children’s services from an ‘inadequate’ judgement to areas which following an Ofsted Inspection (Focused Visit) this year confirmed that aspects of the service are now rated ‘good’. However, it is recognised across the partnership that further substantial improvements in relation to children in care and children with special educational needs and disabilities is required. These are addressed through the</p>		

	<p>Plan priorities. The priorities of 'Our Plan' are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Families – strengthening families and building resilient families • Healthy Lives – families making the right choices to support happy healthy lifestyles • Great Education - high aspirations and achievement for all • Positive Activities – getting the most out of life through play, leisure, cultural and sporting opportunities.
<p>Recommendations:</p>	<p>That the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves 'Our Plan' – Somerset's Plan for Children, Young People & Families 2019 – 2022 • Recommends Full Council to endorse 'Our Plan' – Somerset's Plan for Children, Young People & Families 2019 – 2022 • Requests that relevant partner agencies (as set out in S11 Children Act 2004) formerly endorse the plan through their executive arrangements.
<p>Reasons for Recommendations:</p>	<p>The Somerset Plan for Children, Young People & Families 2019 – 2022 is the strategic plan for the statutory children's partnership arrangements, providing the focus for partners' actions and investment and the means by which Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will judge the Council's and its partners capacity to improve. The Plan is now completed, following engagement with key boards and stakeholders, including children, young people and their families and practitioners across many organisations. The involvement of children and young people in setting the priorities distinguishes this plan from the previous plan which was a response to the then ministerial direction by government.</p>
<p>Links to Priorities and Impact on Service Plans:</p>	<p>'Our Plan' picks up the themes for children and young people identified in 'Improving Lives' - Somerset's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its four priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A county infrastructure that drives productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services 2. Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment 3. Fairer life chances and opportunity for all 4. Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer <p>The Plan will be reported annually to the Health & Wellbeing Board though Priority 3: Fairer life chances and opportunity for all.</p>

	<p>The plan recognises the importance of partnership working, providing the tools for families to help themselves and intervening early when we need to.</p>
<p>Consultations undertaken:</p>	<p>In drawing up “Our Plan” - the new Plan for Children, Young People & Families - all those covered by the duty to co-operate under the Children Act 2004 must be consulted - as well as children, young people and their parents and carers and other key partners. This has been achieved through workshops and multi-agency meetings.</p> <p>Consultation undertaken with over 200 children, young people and parents throughout 2018 includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerset UK Youth Parliament Advisory Group • The Unstoppables (SEND) • CAMHS Participation Group • Somerset In Care and Leaving Care Councils • Somerset Parent Carer Forum • Voluntary sector children and young people’s organisations • The Voluntary and Community Sector Forum <p>In addition, a steering group made up of representatives of the above groups was established to oversee the writing of the plan. Staff consultation took place via multi-agency roadshows in 2018 and monthly updates have been discussed at the Children’s Services Management Team meetings.</p> <p>The Draft plan has also been taken to the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board and Scrutiny Committee.</p>
<p>Financial Implications:</p>	<p>‘Our Plan’ has been prepared in a context of rising need in the population and reducing funding for public services. The four priorities outlined in the plan are intended to be met within the agreed budgets and staffing resources of SCC and its partners, taking into account anticipated spending reductions over the next three years.</p> <p>The Council’s commitment to provide good or better services to improve outcomes for ALL children is reflected by the rebasing of the Children’s Services Budget in 2019/2020 based on Need and the effectiveness of services.</p> <p>Generally, well performing local authorities spend less on children’s services conversely there is likely to be a negative impact on the budget should performance not improve in the context of declining resources and rising demand.</p>
<p>Legal Implications:</p>	<p>The children’s partnership arrangements are underpinned by the “duty to cooperate” (Section 10, Children Act 2004). The arrangements are to be made with a view to improving the wellbeing of children in the authority’s area so far as relating to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Physical and mental health emotional wellbeing

	<p>b) Protection from harm and neglect c) Education, training and recreation d) The contribution made by them to society; and e) Social and economic wellbeing</p> <p>The safeguarding aspects of the partnership are further strengthened by the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and arrangement currently being consulted on to hold its individual members to account for delivering their agreed contributions to the shared plan. The partners have agreed to review progress against the Plan on a quarterly basis.</p>						
HR Implications:	There are no specific workforce issues arising from this report						
Risk Implications:	<p>The principal risk lies in the failure to secure improvement across the partnership. This would impact on the delivery the Council's ambitions in relation to improved outcomes for children and young people in Somerset and could result in poor inspection results from regulatory bodies.</p> <p>There is a Corporate Risk for Safeguarding Children (ORG0009) and its current score is 15. There are a number of management actions and mitigations for managing this risk. The Directorate Management Team and the Cabinet Member regularly monitor the management of this risk.</p>						
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Other Implications (including due regard implications):	<p>In addition, the plan requires agencies across the partnership to tackle inequalities and narrow gaps, paying suitable regard to the 2010 Equality's Act general duty.</p> <p>As with the previous plan there will be annually reviewed detailed plans to deliver on the four priorities. These will have additional metrics.</p> <p>As part of the review of the safeguarding aspects of the partnership approved by a previous Cabinet, the multi-agency delivery groups are under review.</p> <p>One of the areas to be strengthened by the new plan under the 'Supported Families' priority is support to parents and carers who are facing difficulties with their parenting through domestic abuse, mental health or substance misuse issues, or a combination of the three.</p>						
Scrutiny comments / recommendation (if any):	The Scrutiny Committee for Children and Families has been regularly updated on the Plan during its design in 2018/2019; their recommendations are incorporated into the Plan. The Committee will receive quarterly updates on progress and are looking forward to working with partners on its successful implementation.						

1. Background

- 1.1. 'Our Plan' – the Somerset Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2019 – 2022 (the Plan) is a three-year Plan which will influence commissioning decisions and is likely to be effective in furthering and sustaining improvement of children's services in Somerset. The partnership holds its individual members to account for delivering their agreed contributions to the shared plan and has agreed to review progress against the Plan on a quarterly basis.
- 1.2. The Plan aligns with 'Improving Lives in Somerset 2019 - 2028' – the health and wellbeing strategy for the local area which sets out a 10-year vision for all organisations to work together to meet the needs identified in the JSNA and improve the lives of all Somerset's residents.
- 1.3. During 2018 and 2019 4 focus events were held to facilitate children, young people and key decision makers and practitioners in the Partnership to work together on the priorities identified by the young people that they felt would have the most impact on Somerset's 116,000 children and young people. Between each event, surveys and workshops were held with the wider network of organisations who work with children and young people. This resulted in over 200 young people contributing in the production of the new Plan.
- 1.4. The draft Plan was considered by the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee in three meetings in 2018/19 and members comments have been taken into account of in the attached Plan. The Plan was approved by the Partnership on 13th March 2019.

2. Options considered and reasons for rejecting them

- 2.1. A variety of designs of Children and Young People's Plans were researched before this style was selected as being most likely to be effective in furthering and sustaining improvement of children's services over the next 3 years.
- 2.2. No other options have been considered

3. Background Papers

- 3.1. 'Our Plan' – the Somerset Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2019 – 2022
<http://online.pubhtml5.com/fuxz/rvcf/>
- 3.2. For further information please contact the report author.

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Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for Information

Appendix B – items considered at the Cabinet Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019

Leader of the Council (Customers and Communities) – Cllr David Fothergill		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
County Council Business Plan 2019-20	Monday 13 th May 2019	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Somerset County Council’s Business Plan for 2019-20 states what the County Council will aim to achieve with partners and communities over the coming year to deliver the County Council Vision.</p> <p>This decision authorised the Business Plan as the 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> <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		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Future Support Arrangements for Young Carers	Monday 13 th May 2019	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report addressed proposals as to how young carers can best be identified, engaged and supported within Somerset to meet outcomes that are important to them.</p> <p>The report further detailed proposals for how the £248k budget would be utilised, and further authorised the Director of Children’s Services to take forward all necessary actions to support delivery of the recommendations.</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>
‘Our Plan’ – the Somerset Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2019 – 2022	Monday 13 th May 2019	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: ‘Our Plan’ – the Somerset Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2019 – 2022 sets out the ambition of the County Council along with its partners to improve outcomes for all children and young people.</p> <p>The report requested the Cabinet approved ‘Our Plan’, recommended full Council endorse ‘Our Plan’ and requested that partner agencies formally endorse the plan through their executive arrangements.</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>