

Somerset Council – Decisions taken by the Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources on Thursday, 4 January 2024

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Part A – Items considered in public

A5	Financial Budget Update Month 7	That the committee noted the information contained within the report and appendices and also to note the proposed recommendations going forward to the Executive Committee. The committee requested further training on budget areas in addition to the briefings currently taking place for Members and for clarification in relation to Fees and Charges at the next meeting.
A6	Somerset Council Reserves Amalgamation	That the committee note the reports on the Council Reserves and that further information to be provided on ringfenced funds and deleted lines shown on analysis report.
A7	Business System for Finance Implementation Review	To note the progress made, for which the committee congratulated the officers and to request an update report later in the year to monitor and record progress. It was also suggested that there was a need to track liabilities as well as reserves.
A8	Property Maintenance and Compliance Report	The committee noted the update from the Strategic Asset Management service.
A9	Surplus Assets Review	The committee noted the progress on surplus assets, including: The estimated range of values of capital receipts potentially deliverable before 31 March 202 Further work planned to review assets and agreeing further surplus assets To note the target for the sales for the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 which will feed into the Medium Term Financial Plan.
A10	Commercial Asset and Realisation	The committee recommended to the Executive Committee:

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	Task and Finish Group Report	That the Scrutiny – Corporate and Resources Committee support the acquisition of specialised external advisors to progress sales (within the Strategy), they also recommended a comprehensive Disposal Strategy to clarify the specific aims and leeway for deferring certain disposals.
A11	Scrutiny Corporate and Resources Forward Plan	<p>To note the Forward Plan and that all Scrutiny Committee Members be invited to participate in the meeting to be held on 1 February 2024 to discuss the 2024/25 budget proposals.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Terms of Reference for Scrutiny-Corporate and Resources be reviewed – possibly for a Task and Finish Group be set up.</p>