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## FULL COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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**Thursday, 26 September 2024**

Item No.	Title
6	Council Restructure Update
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Councillor Bill Revans proposed the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor Liz Leyshon.</p> <p>Having been duly proposed and seconded, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Note the new structure for the Council's senior leadership team as set out in Appendix A.</li> <li>2.2 Approve the dismissal by reason of redundancy of the Service Director Legal, Governance and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) as per the recommendation of the Special Members Panel and delegate authority to the Chief Executive to agree the final date of dismissal and the final redundancy payment (in line with contractual entitlements).</li> <li>2.3 With effect from the date of dismissal by reason of redundancy of the Service Director Legal, Governance and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer), Council appointed and designated Alyn Jones, Executive Director – Resources, Strategy and Transformation as the Council's Monitoring Officer on an interim basis until the appointment of a permanent Monitoring Officer.</li> <li>2.4 Approve the redundancy costs for the posts as set out in Appendix B, as Full Council approval was required for costs that exceeded £100,000 and delegated authority to the Chief Executive to agree the final date of dismissal and the final redundancy packages, noting that such settlements would not exceed contractual redundancy pay or the payment required under statute to the Local Government Pension Scheme.</li> </ul>
7	Council Size Submission to Local Government Boundary Commission for England
	DECISION

	<p>Councillor Bill Revans proposed the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor David Fothergill.</p> <p>Having been duly proposed and seconded, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree the proposed Council Size submission to the LGBCE, as endorsed and recommended by the Constitution and Governance Committee.</p>
8a	Revisions to I6 - Contract Procedure Rules
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Councillor Ross Henley proposed the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor Tim Kerley.</p> <p>Having been duly proposed and seconded, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve that the Contract Procedure Rules and Standing Orders were adopted into the Council's Constitution as replacement for the current Section I6 with effect from the date that the Procurement Act 2023 was live – currently 24th February 2025.</p>
8b	Revisions to I1 - Senior Management Structure, I2 - Scheme of Delegations and I3 - Statutory and Proper Officers
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Councillor Ross Henley proposed the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor Tim Kerley.</p> <p>Having been duly proposed and seconded, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve the proposed changes to Part I1-Senior Management Structure (see Appendix A).</li> <li>2) Approve the proposed changes to Part I2 – Officer Scheme of Delegation set out in Appendix B2.</li> <li>3) Approve the proposed changes to Part I3-Statutory and Proper Officers; and</li> <li>4) Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary changes to the Constitution.</li> </ol>
9	Proposed changes to Committee Appointments
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Councillor Bill Revans proposed the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor David Fothergill.</p> <p>Having been duly proposed and seconded, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approve the following appointments as co-opted members on</li> </ol>

	<p>the Harbour Management Advisory Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neil Adams</li> <li>• Nick Dunsby</li> <li>• Stuart Scorgie</li> <li>• Richard Parsons</li> </ul> <p>ii. Approve the appointment of Councillor Claire Sully as the Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Committee – Adults and Health.</p> <p>iii. Approve the appointment of Alison Wyatt as an employer’s representative on the Pension Fund Board.</p>
10	Motion
	<p><b>DECISION</b></p> <p>Councillor David Fothergill proposed the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor John Hunt.</p> <p>Having been duly proposed and seconded, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send a letter from Councillor Bill Revans, Council Leader, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, calling on the Government to postpone cutting the Winter Fuel Allowance and for an impact assessment to be undertaken.</li> <li>• Commit the Council to signing the ‘Save the Winter Fuel Payment for Struggling Pensioners’ petition being run by Age UK and write to all members offering them the opportunity to sign the petition themselves.</li> <li>• Encourage local efforts to promote Pension Credit uptake through council services and partnerships with local charities and community organisations to ensure that all eligible pensioners in Somerset were supported in claiming their entitlement.</li> <li>• Work with our Voluntary Charity Faith and Social Enterprise (VCSFE) partners to ensure that a substantial proportion of the Household Support Fund available from 1st October 2024 until 31st March 2025 was spent, awarded and utilised to help people in Somerset who were struggling with fuel poverty.</li> </ul>
11	Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board
	<p><b>DECISION</b></p> <p>Councillor Heather Shearer proposed the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor Andy Hadley.</p> <p>Having been duly proposed and seconded, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue focus on an expanded corporate parenting responsibility following the recommendations of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) in May 2024 – see Background Papers.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="459 136 1406 241">2. Support and promote a whole council approach to create practical and specific offers following the decision to view Care Experience as a Protected Characteristic</li><li data-bbox="459 244 1406 315">3. Extend its thanks to the Somerset Care Council's young people for all the hard work that they had undertaken.</li></ol>
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