
CABINET SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

23 January 2019

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NOTE:

In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution, all decisions listed below (unless stated otherwise) are subject to call-in for consideration within 5 working days of the publication of this Summary of Decisions.

A request for call-in in respect of any of the decisions listed below must therefore be received **NO LATER THAN 5.00 P.M. on the WEDNESDAY following the meeting**. Each call-in must specify what is being called-in, why it is being called-in, if the implementation of the decision should be delayed until the scrutiny process is complete, and the preferred outcome.

Item No.	Title
5	Proposed Capital Investment Programme 2019/20
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Cabinet agreed and recommended to County Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of the proposed capital programme for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23 of £224.121m, shown in Appendix A. Full details of individual schemes are available online as background papers. It is to be noted there is an existing programme approved in 2018/19 that overlaps with this one;2. That the Chief Executive and the relevant Senior Leadership Team Officer, following appropriate consultation and after giving due regard to the information contained within any associated impact assessments, are given delegated authority to decide on the individual projects to be delivered within block allocations;3. That the Section 151 Officer is given delegated authority to accept any additional grants or funding that is made available to the County Council together with authority to consequently expand the approved capital programme, providing there are no negative revenue budget implications as a result of that action. <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report</p>
6	Revenue Budget Monitoring Update

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	<p>DECISION The Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. commented on the contents of this report and particularly noted the progress being made with controlling the budget for 2018/19, including the intention to partially replenish earmarked and General Fund reserves to improve the resilience of the Council for future years; 2. supported the use for urgency and agrees the expansion of the Capital Investment Programme to incorporate the recently announced additional funds from the Department for Transport for Local Highways Maintenance. 3. Delegated to the Council's Chief Finance (£151) Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, the authority to sign a new Building Schools for the Future Public Finance Initiative (PFI) contract on behalf of the Council if the evidence shows that it will be a long-term benefit to the Council. See paragraph 2.9 <p>Note – the Chair of Scrutiny Committee for Policies and Place has agreed the case for urgency for the decision relating to recommendation 2 to enable that decision to be taken by Cabinet and reported to the next meeting of Full Council.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report</p>
7	National Funding Formula for Schools and High Needs 2019/20
	<p>DECISION The Cabinet:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant for delegation to Somerset Schools and High Needs provision, including Academies and Free Schools. 2. Devolved approval of the final formula allocations at individual school level for 2019/20 (total allocation received 17 December 2018) to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, the Cabinet Member for Education and Transformation and the Cabinet Member for Resources. 3. Requested the Cabinet Member for Education and Transformation and the Cabinet Member for Children and Families write to the relevant Secretary(s) of State to set out a request for additional DSG funding to be allocated to Somerset Schools and taken into account as part of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review in 2019/20

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	<p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report</p>
8	<p>Admission Arrangements for Voluntary Controlled and Community Schools for 2020/21</p>
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Cabinet agreed the determination of the Admission Arrangements for all Voluntary Controlled and Community Schools for 2020/21 as set out in this report, noting that there are no proposed amendments as the current arrangements are fit for purpose.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report</p>