
COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

20 February 2018
(Published on 21 February 2018)

Item No.	Title
3	Minutes from the meetings held on 28 November
	The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2018 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28 November were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.
6	Report of the Leader and Cabinet – For Decision
	Capital Strategy 2019/20 – 2021/22 The Council RESOLVED to agree: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the Capital Strategy 2019/20-2021/22, and the prudential indicators contained within Paper A (as set out in Appendix 1);2. to delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader, Opposition Spokesperson for Resources, Monitoring Officer and County Solicitor, to design the governance arrangements and remit of the non-treasury investments for recommendation to, and approval by, the Cabinet and the Council before the end of July 2019. Capital Programme 2019/20-2021/22 The Council RESOLVED to agree: <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

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	<p data-bbox="411 174 1394 282">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> <p data-bbox="268 322 1342 353">Revenue Budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20-2021/22</p> <p data-bbox="268 394 762 425">The Council RESOLVED to agree:</p> <ol data-bbox="268 465 1414 1984" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="268 465 1366 537">1. Agree a gross revenue budget of £780.181m and a net revenue budget in 2019/20 of £327.967m <li data-bbox="268 577 1398 685">2. Agree the application of up to £2.791m in 2019/20 of capital receipts to fund the revenue costs associated with reforming services, subject to further development and review of business cases. <li data-bbox="268 725 1414 869">3. Delegate authority to the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Director for Customers & Communities – Corporate Affairs to review all business cases before agreeing to the use of capital receipts or the Invest to Save reserve. <li data-bbox="268 909 1398 1348">4. Agree the replenishment of depleted reserves as follows: <ol data-bbox="363 981 1398 1348" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 981 1318 1052">a. Create Invest to Save earmarked reserve of £2.852m to ensure resources are available to support further service reform; <li data-bbox="363 1057 1350 1160">b. Addition of £2.000m to the General Fund, from the base budget provision, to bring the balance up towards a reasonable level for a Council of this size, and; <li data-bbox="363 1164 1398 1267">c. Contribute an additional £3.389m to repay the Buildings Maintenance Insurance Scheme (BMIS) deficit reserve as the scheme has now ended; <li data-bbox="363 1272 1366 1348">d. Addition of £0.540m to the Insurance Fund to partially replenish the fund to enable it to support likely claims against the Council. <li data-bbox="268 1388 1398 1984">5. Agree the actions required to manage the gap to be reduced to £15.112m in 2019/20: <ul data-bbox="363 1500 1414 1984" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 1500 1414 1572">• the reversal of previously identified savings and technical adjustments totalling £18.154m as set out in paragraph 4.5 and Appendix A <li data-bbox="363 1576 1366 1680">• approve the revised Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) statement and policy (Appendix B), which delivers a saving in 2019/20 of £3.714m; <li data-bbox="363 1684 1414 1756">• the reduction of the corporate contingency by £0.575m to £7.226m for 2019/20; <li data-bbox="363 1760 1414 1832">• the use of the additional one-off Adult Social Care grant of £2.498m to meet the requirements set out by Government for this grant; <li data-bbox="363 1836 1334 1908">• the use of the additional one-off Social Care grant of £4.267m for social care pressures, and; <li data-bbox="363 1912 1334 1984">• approve the removal of the staff unpaid leave saving of £0.454m following rejection of the proposal by the Unions.

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	<p>6. Agree the proposals for change (as set out in Appendices D and E1-E5) necessary to set a balanced budget for 2019/20, totalling £8.162m, and delegate the implementation to the relevant director(s) following due process.</p> <p>7. Agree that due regards have been taken to any equalities implications identified and risk implications prior to any decision being taken in relation to the recommendations in this report, noting the initial equalities impacts as set out in Appendix C.</p> <p>8. Agree that the savings target relating to Waste Disposal costs (£225k) is endorsed to the Somerset Waste Board to consider agreeing to make savings to this value as part of setting its 2019/20 budget.</p> <p>9. Agree the Strategy for the Flexible use of Capital Receipts (CRF) as set out in this report, in section 4.38.</p> <p>10. Agree to keep the Scheme of Members' Allowances unchanged for 2019/20.</p> <p>11. Note that the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Resources, Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer will oversee and monitor the delivery of the proposals for change and report on progress as part of the budget monitoring reports.</p> <p>12. Delegate authority for the development of any additional alternative proposals for change that may be necessary to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and relevant Director(s).</p> <p>13. Agree that the Cabinet and the Council have reviewed and confirmed that account has been taken of the Section 151 Officer's assessment of the robustness of estimates and adequacy of reserves as set out in section 6 of this report.</p> <p>14. Agree the Reserves and Balances Policy Statement in Appendix K</p> <p>15. Agree to increase the level of the general Council Tax by 2.99%, which will provide a further £7.073m to support the Councils expenditure.</p> <p>16. Agree to increase Council Tax by a further 1% for the adult social care precept, which will provide a further £2.365m to support the growth in demand for services.</p> <p>17. Agree to continue the Council Tax precept of £12.84 within the base budget for the shadow Somerset Rivers Authority (representing no increase). This results in a Council Tax Requirement of £2.547m</p> <p>18. Agree to set the County Council precept for band D Council Tax at £1,239.73 which represents a 3.99% uplift. This is a rise of £0.91 per week for a Band D property, as set out in Appendix H.</p>

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7	Report of the HR Policy Committee																		
	The Council RESOLVED to approve the Pay Policy Statement (PPS) for the Council for 2019-20 (attached as Appendix A to this report).																		
8	Report of the Monitoring Officer																		
	<p data-bbox="268 1585 639 1626"><u>Appointments Schedule</u></p> <p data-bbox="268 1659 1358 1738">The Council RESOLVED to approve the changes to Committee and Outside Bodies appointments – see section 3.1 and Appendix 1 to this report.</p> <p data-bbox="268 1771 1190 1812"><u>Appointment of a Section 151 Officer (Chief Finance Officer)</u></p> <p data-bbox="268 1845 1398 1957">The Council RESOLVED to appoint Sheila Collins, Interim Director of Finance, as the Council’s Section 151 Officer with effect from 1 March 2019, pending the recruitment of a permanent appointment to the Section 151 Officer role.</p> <p data-bbox="268 1957 871 1998"><u>Appointment of Data Protection Officer</u></p>																		

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	The Council RESOLVED to appoint the post of Service Manager-Customer Experience & Information Governance, held by Rebecca Martin, as the Council's Data Protection Officer.
9	Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board
	<p>The Council RESOLVED to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend Corporate Parenting Board training to be mandatory for all Councillors who are members of the Board. • Recommend that councillors appointed to the Corporate Parenting Board who do not attend Board meetings for three consecutive meetings are reported to Group Leads. • Invite District Councillor representation on the Corporate Parenting Board to provide support on housing and leisure issues. • Acknowledge and thank the young people for the work that they undertake.
10	Requisitioned Items
	<p><u>Climate Change Emergency</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) affirm the Council's recognition of the scale and urgency of the global challenge from climate change, as documented by the latest Special Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and declares a climate emergency; and b) mandate the Policy and Place Scrutiny Committee to review and recommend what further corporate approaches can be taken through a SCC Climate Change Strategy and to facilitate stronger Somerset-wide action through collaboration at a strategic, community and individual level; and c) pledge to work with partners, including the Heart of the South West LEP, individuals and community action groups across the county to identify ways to make Somerset carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3); and d) write to the Secretaries of State for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy, Transport, Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Housing, Communities & Local Government calling for the creation, provision or devolution of powers and resources to make achievement of the 2030 target possible here in Somerset; and e) report to Full Council before the end of 2019 with the actions the Council has and will take to address this emergency; and

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	f) allocate £25,000 from the Council's 2018/19 contingency budget and authorise the Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure to utilise this funding to resource the work necessary to support Scrutiny Committee for Policies and Place and to assess any specific recommendations and financial implications. Any unspent allocation will be carried forward into 2019/20 to continue the work.
11	Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for information
	The Council received and noted this report.
12	Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies and Place
	The Council received and noted this report.
13	Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies, Adults and Health
	The Council received and noted this report.
14	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee
	The Council received and noted this report.
15	Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Families
	The Council received and noted this report.
16	Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Education and Transformation
	The Council received and noted this report.