

Somerset County Council

County Council

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Report of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet – Items for Decision

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1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out the Leader of the Council's and the Cabinet's recommendations to Council. The Leader of Council is recommending the approval of 'Our Plan' – the Somerset Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2019 – 2022, subject to its consideration and endorsement by Cabinet on 13 May 2019 (see Appendix A).

1.2 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.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 **The Council is recommended to approve 'Our Plan' – Somerset's Plan for Children, Young People & Families 2019 – 2022**

3. Options considered and consultation undertaken

3.1 Options considered and details of consultation undertaken in respect of the recommendations set out above are set out in Appendix A (appended).

4. Implications

4.1 Financial, legal, Human Resources, equalities, human rights and risk implications in respect of the recommendations set out in this report are detailed within Appendix A.

It is essential that consideration is given to the legal obligations and in particular to the need to exercise the equality duty under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the impacts based on sufficient evidence appropriately analysed.

The duties placed on public bodies do not prevent difficult decisions being made such as, reorganisations and service reductions, nor does it stop decisions which may affect one group more than another. What the duties do is require consideration of all of the information, including the potential impacts and

mitigations, to ensure a fully informed decision is made.

5. Background Papers

5.1 These are set out within Appendix A.