

Vision for Somerset

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1. Summary

- 1.1. This is an updated report on the Council's new Vision for Somerset following wide consultation with key stakeholders. A paper endorsed by Cabinet in November 2017 and reported to the County Council meeting in November 2017 is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2. The draft Vision document was shared with staff and following suggestions from individuals, a slight change to the wording of the Vision has been made and included as Appendix 2.

A further Appendix 3 is also included which demonstrates the wider Vision for the county of Somerset. This was presented to stakeholders from the public, private and voluntary sector and well-received. It has been agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board that this wider Vision should be adopted and promoted alongside its "Improving Lives" strategy.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1.
 1. That the Council endorses and notes the newly drafted Vision:
 - (i) Can only be delivered along with partners across the public, private and voluntary sector.
 - (ii) Is a long term aspiration with a timescale for delivery over more than one Administration term.
 - (iii) Will form the basis for all decisions and impact assessments across the Council.
 2. Council are further recommended to endorse the approach that a wider Vision for Somerset be pursued with key partners and stakeholders through the Health and Wellbeing Board and its "Improving Lives" strategy.

3. Background

- 3.1. Council is asked to refer to the previous Cabinet and Full Council report for detail on background (see Appendix 1). The only significant addition is positive feedback from the key stakeholder event held in Taunton on 8th March 2018. Attendance ranged across sectors and included public sector with district councils, Clinical Commissioning Group, health service trusts, Police, private sector with the Local Enterprise Partnership and voluntary and community groups such as the Somerset Community Foundation and Somerset Wildlife Trust.
- 3.2. There was general agreement that the Vision was a worthwhile ambition and a framework that organisations present felt was worth taking back to their own boards or management for further discussion.

4. Options Considered and Consultations undertaken

- 4.1. No alternative options have been considered.

5. Implications

- 5.1. There are no further implications other than those highlighted in the appendices.

6. Background papers

- 6.1. Appendix 1: Cabinet report 15th November 2017 – New Vision for Somerset
- 6.2. Appendix 2: Somerset County Vision
- 6.3. Appendix 3: Joint Somerset Vision

Note For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author