

Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for Information

Cabinet Member: Cllr David Fothergill – Leader of the Council

Division and Local Member: All

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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report covers key decisions taken by the Leader, Cabinet Members and officers between 13 February 2018 and 4 May 2018, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 21 March 2018 and 2 May 2018. The Leader and Cabinet Members may also wish to raise other issues at the County Council meeting.

2. Details of decisions

- 2.1. Agenda and papers for the Cabinet meetings on 21 March 2018 and 2 May 2018 are published within the Cabinet webpages on the Council's website. Individual Leader, Cabinet Member and Officer key decision records and related reports are also published within the Cabinet webpages on the Council's website.

LEADER OF COUNCIL (Customers and Communities) – Cllr David Fothergill		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
No decisions		

RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Cllr David Hall		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Somerset Rivers Authority Budget for 2018/19 and Programme of Works 2018/19	21 March 2018 by the Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report provided an overview of the funding committed in 2018/19 for the purposes of the Somerset Rivers Authority’s Enhanced Programme of Works and sets out the 2018/19 budget proposals.</p> <p>The decision enabled the Somerset Rivers Authority to continue to work with partners to deliver the actions within the agreed Somerset Flood Action Plan, leading to an enhanced level of flood management in the county.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
2018/19 Capital Investment Programme – Schools Programme	2 May 2018 by the Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report provided an update on the Capital Investment Programme 2018/19 and future years to ensure the full extent of the Schools and Early Years building programme was understood and to ensure Lead Commissioners can enter contracts to deliver school places in advance of the approval of the future years full Capital Investment Programmes.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Disposal of County Farms	3 May 2017 by the Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision sought approval for the disposal of seven farm properties. The seven farms are surplus to the County Council’s requirements and the disposals comply with the Asset Management Plan.</p>

RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Cllr David Hall

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	Development	ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report. REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Cllr Anna Groskop

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Software Licence Reseller and Support Services	5 March 2018 by the Commercial and Business Services Director	SUMMARY OF DECISION: The contract was awarded to continue to use Bytes to provide Software Reseller and support services in order to provide SCC with Microsoft, Adobe and other licences. The reseller will also provide advice and guidance as to how to obtain the best available prices for the licences. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report. REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
Hardware Reseller and Support Services funding for 2018-19	5 March 2018 by the Commercial and Business Services Director	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision was required to enable the acceleration of the user device refresh across the organisation. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report. REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE – Cllr David Huxtable

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Extension of Supported Accommodation and Floating Support for Adults with Mental Health	26 March 2018 by Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the extension of the contract for Supported Accommodation and Floating Support for Adults with Mental Health Needs until 31 March 2019. Changes were also made to the ways in which the service delivers support to clients which will achieve a saving of £282,000. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.

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Needs		REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING – Cllr Christine Lawrence		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
No decisions		

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – Cllr Frances Nicholson		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Schools Basic Need, Schools Condition & Schools Access Initiative – 2018/19	8 March 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision approved the necessary delegation to appropriate officers to deliver the capital projects for schools basic need, schools condition and schools access initiative within the allocation of capital funds for 2018/19 as approved by Full Council on the 21st February 2018.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Early Years Funding Block – Early Years Single Funding Formula for 2018/19	8 March 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision was required to agree the base rate for the Early Years Single Funded formula for 2018/19 for 3 and 4 year olds and the hourly rate for funded 2 year olds for 2018/19.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Creation of four New Academies in Somerset	8 March 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Secretary of State for Education directed via an Academy Order, the conversion to Academy Status of four schools: West Buckland Community Primary School; North Curry CofE VC Primary School; St Vigor and St John CofE Primary School; Hatch Beauchamp CofE Primary School. This was a</p>

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	Families	<p>technical decision to facilitate decisions taken by the Secretary of State for Education.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Youth Justice Plan 2017/18	8 March 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Youth Justice Plan 2017/18 continues SCC funding at 2016/17 level, enabling continuation of services across the whole county at the pre-existing level. The plan sets out how Somerset County Council, as lead partner, will deliver its statutory responsibilities in respect of Youth Justice Services.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Adopt SW, Regional Adoption Agency (RAA)	21 March 2018 by the Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision gave approval to enable the transition from 4 separate local authority adoption services to a single Regional service hosted by Devon with effect from October 2018.</p> <p>Somerset County Council, Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council addressed the Government's requirement for adoption services to be consolidated into a single Regional Adoption Agency by forming the Adopt South West Regional Adoption Agency.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Policy Update – Schools Access Initiative	28 March 2018 by Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following a period of consultation and consideration of the responses, Officers requested a decision to publish an updated Policy for the Schools Access Initiative. This update sought to clarify the purpose of the Schools Access Initiative (SAI), the limits of its remit and how its limited funding can be deployed. It will also clarify the process for referrals and the rationale for decision making.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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Changes to the Education Travel Policy	28 March 2018 by Cabinet Member for Children and Families	SUMMARY OF DECISION: Somerset County Council currently has a comprehensive School Travel Policy which is reviewed every 2 years to ensure compliance with legislation and DfE guidance. This decision included the removal for the final few discretionary elements of the policy. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report. REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
Capital Investment Programme 2018/19: Early Years Building Conditions	26 April 2018 by Cabinet Member for Children and Families	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision paper contained details of the capital requirements relating to the asset management plan to address buildings condition of a de-designated Children’s Centre building that will be used for an early years’ service held by the local Authority estate. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report. REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
Capital Investment Programme 2018/19: Early Years Sufficiency Basic Need	26 April 2018 by Cabinet Member for Children and Families	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision paper contained details of the capital requirements relating to the asset management plan of children’s property to address basic need/sufficiency of early years places. Numerous projects, identified through analysis of robust data projections, will be required to ensure the Local Authority continues to be able to meet its statutory duties in relation to early years places. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report. REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
New Bridgwater Special School – Bower Lane Site	2 May 2018 by Cabinet Member for Children and	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision sought approval to appoint Perfect Circle to undertake the design, cost management, contract management and Principal Designer role only in regard to the proposed provision of the new Bower Lane special school.

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HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – Cllr John Woodman

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Decision to accept the Highways England Growth & Housing Fund award towards M5 J25 Improvement Scheme	27 March 2018 by the Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure and the Director of Finance and Performance	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: In March 2016, a submission was made to Highway England’s Growth & Housing Fund (GHF) for funding towards Somerset County Council’s M5 J25 improvement Scheme.</p> <p>The bid was successful and a total of £4m has been awarded. This Key Decision was to accept the award.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 2018/19 – 2019/20	2 May 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Local Transport Plan (LTP) Implementation Plan 2018/19 is a statutory requirement of the LTP process, the current plan that covered the period up to the end of 2017. The LTP is scheduled for review and it is therefore proposed to adopt an Implementation Plan that covers 2018/19 and 2019/20 to allow a review of the LTP and the next longer term Implementation Plan to be developed. The recommendation to Cabinet was to adopt the proposed plan and to allocate capital funding in the financial year 2018/19 for small improvement schemes, traffic signals recovery programme and the rights of way programme.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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To agree to the purchase of the land for the construction of the M5 Junction 25 Highways Improvement Scheme	26 March 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The highways improvement scheme at M5 junction 25 has been under development for a number of years. The scheme will be externally funded with a combination of funds secured from the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (HotSW LEP), Highways England, Taunton Deane Borough Council and the developer.</p> <p>The construction of the scheme will require land from Highways England and a local landowner. SCC has been working with both parties over many months to agree the terms for the acquisition of the land.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Approval of the final formula allocations at individual school level for 2018/19	28 March 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision provided confirmation of the Dedicated Schools Grant final formula allocations at individual school level for 2018/19 as agreed in the Cabinet paper presented on 17 January 2018. This follows final publication by the DfE, including the delegated schools budget and the High Needs provision for 2018/19, following the approach recommended by Somerset Schools Forum on 21 November 2017 and approved at Cabinet on 13 December 2017</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Award of contract for provision of Temporary Labour	2 May 2018 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: To award the temporary labour contract to the identified preferred supplier under the Managed Services for Temporary Agency Resource 2 (MSTAR2) framework will ensure a cost effective supply of temporary workers to the authority.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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