
COUNTY COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

19 February 2020

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3	Minutes from the Meeting held on 22 January 2020
	The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2020 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
	<p><i>The Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 - 2022/23 (including the Revenue Budget and Capital Strategy etc)</i></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Take account of the Section 151 Officer's assessment of the robustness of budget and adequacy of reserves on the budget proposals as set out in Appendix L.2. Agree the net revenue budget in 2020/21 of £338,370,800.3. Agree to increase the level of the general Council Tax by 1.99%, which will provide a further £4.924m to support the Councils expenditure on services.4. Agree to increase Council Tax by a further 2% for the adult social care precept, which will provide a further £4.949m to support the growth in demand for services.5. 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 £2,562,543.6. Agree the precept requirement of £257,292,090 for 2020/21 and set the County Council precept for Band D council tax charge at £1,289.20 for 2020/21. This is a rise of £0.95 per week for a Band D property.7. Note that the amount of council tax payable for dwellings listed by valuation band, calculated in accordance with the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the

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Local Government Act 1992, shall be as follows:

Valuation Band	Amount£
A	859.47
B	1,002.71
C	1,145.96
D	1,289.20
E	1,575.69
F	1,862.18
G	2,148.67
H	2,578.40

8. Approve the use of earmarked reserves as follows:

- a. Contribution to Social Care Transformation Reserve £4.472m
- b. Contribution to Insurance Fund Reserve £2.067m
- c. Contribution to Budget Equalisation Reserve £4.562m
- d. Contribution to Social Care Volatility Reserve £2.343m
- e. Draw from Corporate Priorities Reserve £5m (£4.831m in 2020/21, and £0.169m in 2021/22)
- f. Draw from various service Earmarked Reserves £2.047m
- g. Contribution to Climate Emergency Reserve of £1m
- h. Contribution to Funding Volatility Reserve of £1.345m.

9. Agree the proposals for transformation (as set out in Appendices A to G), and delegate the implementation to the relevant Director(s) following due process.

10. 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.

11. Agree to keep the current Members' Allowances Scheme unchanged for 2020/21, noting the work being undertaken ahead of the County Council elections in 2021.

12. 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 transformation and report on progress as part of the budget monitoring reports.

13. Delegate authority for the development of any additional alternative proposals for transformation that may be necessary to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and relevant Director(s).

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	<p>14. Delegate powers to the Section 151 Officer following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise budget proposals following analysis of the final Local Government Financial Settlement and confirmation of the Business Rates income.</p> <p>15. Approve the allocation of the Schools' Block element of the dedicated schools grant (DSG) as set out in section 6 of the report.</p> <p>16. Delegate approval of the final formula factors for individual schools 2020/21 to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, the Cabinet Member for Education and Transformation and the Cabinet Member for Resources.</p> <p>17. To note the Capital Strategy and adopt the Prudential Code Indicators set within the document.</p> <p>18. Approve the proposed additions to capital programme for the period 2020/21 to 2023/24 of £123.961m, as set out in section 9 of the report.</p> <p>19. Approve that the Chief Executive and the Senior Leadership Team, 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 capital projects to be delivered within block allocations.</p> <p>20. Approve 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> <p>21. Approve the continuation of the current MRP Policy for 2020/21.</p>
	<p><i>Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020 - 21</i></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the Treasury Management Strategy (as shown in section 2 of the report) 2. Approve the Treasury Investment Strategy (as shown in Section 3 of the report) and proposed Lending Counterparty Criteria (attached at Appendix B to Paper B) 3. Adopt the Prudential Indicators in section 4 of the report.

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7	Report of the HR Policy Committee - Pay Policy Statement 2020/21
	The Council RESOLVED to approve the Pay Policy Statement (PPS) for the Council for 2020-21 (attached as Appendix A).
8	Report of the Monitoring Officer
	The Council RESOLVED to appoint the post and postholder of Strategic Manager Finance Business Partnering, currently held by Sian Kenny, as a Deputy Section 151 Officer with effect from 1 March 2020.
9	Requisitioned Item (Cllr Liz Leyshon) - Climate Emergency - 'A Tree for Every Baby'
	<p>The Council RESOLVED as follows:</p> <p><i>'As this Council works towards completion of its Action Plan to accompany the Climate Change strategy, leading from the declaration of a Climate Emergency a year ago, we call upon Council to acknowledge the further pressures of Ash die-back and loss of mature trees in recent storms.</i></p> <p><i>Planting trees is beneficial to the environment in the face of accelerating climate change. As we plant trees they help support our wildlife, improve our natural environment as well as reduce the concentration of harmful gases contributing to climate change.</i></p> <p><i>In order to ensure a significant increase in tree planting within the boundary of Somerset, this Council will commit to working with partners, including District and Parish Councils, to support tree planting schemes with local communities and landowners to enable new trees to be planted across Somerset equal to or in excess of the number of babies born in the County this coming year and for the following two years. 'A TREE FOR EVERY BABY IN SOMERSET'</i></p>
10	Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing 2018/19 and 2019/20
	The Council received and noted this report.
11	Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources
	The Council received and noted this report.

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12	Report of the Leader and Cabinet - Items for Information
	The Council received and noted this report.
13	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee
	The Council received and noted this report.
14	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee
	The Council received and noted this report.
15	Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee
	The Council received and noted this report.
1	Apologies for Absence