

## **Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for Information**

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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 11 January 2020 and 10 February 2020, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 22 January 2020 and 10 February 2020. 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 held on 22 January 2020 and 10 February 2020 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**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Revision of Corporate Complaints Policy	4 <sup>th</sup> February by the Leader of the Council	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed a revised policy which was written following extensive consideration of feedback from customers, experience of staff in managing complaints and comparisons with the published policies of other local authorities.</p> <p>Key changes include: changing the title from Customer Feedback Handling Guidance to Complaints Policy; the extension of the target for resolution at Stage 1 from 10 working days to 20 working days; and the introduction of a quality assurance element at Stage 1 of the process.</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>
Definition of Anti-Semitism	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Central Government is guiding Local Authorities to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of Anti-Semitism. This paper asks Cabinet to agree Somerset County Councils (SCC) adoption of the definition and inclusion in codes of practice and guidance.</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>
Q3 2019/20 Performance Report	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report provided members with the high-level information (in the period up until 31st December 2019) required to lead and manage the performance of the outcomes set out in the Council's Vision and reflects the Council's ongoing progress towards the outcomes laid out in the Council's Business Plan.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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

**RESOURCES – Cllr Mandy Chilcott**

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Revenue Budget Monitoring Month 8	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report sets out the month 8 forecast outturn position for 2019/20 for the net Revenue Budget of £327.967m. The report highlights an overall projected balanced position for the Council, with an adverse movement from month 7 being within Adults Services partly offset by favourable movements within all other services. The report further highlighted £6.231m of the Corporate Contingency budget currently unallocated and therefore potentially available to further improve the Council's financial resilience in the medium term.</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>
Q3 2019/20 Revenue Budget Update	10 <sup>th</sup> February by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report sets out the month 9, forecast outturn position for 2019/20 for the net Revenue Budget of £327.967m.</p> <p>The report shows an overall projected small favourable variance of £0.062m for the Council, with adverse movements from month 8 being reported within Adults Services and Children's Services partly offset by favourable movements within Economic &amp; Community Infrastructure Services and Corporate &amp; Support Services. The report further highlighted £6.550m of the Corporate Contingency budget currently unallocated and therefore potentially available to further improve the Council's financial resilience in the medium-term. Given that the Council is now three-quarters of the way through the year, this report makes recommendations regarding the allocation of some of the corporate contingency that will build future financial resilience whilst</p>

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		<p>retaining a sensible level of unallocated contingency available to mitigate any unexpected events that may occur in the final quarter of the year.</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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Q3 2019/20 Capital Investment Programme Update	10 <sup>th</sup> February by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report set out the Quarter 3 (Month 9) forecast outturn position for 2019/20 for the Capital Budget of £793.915m. It highlighted variances to service budgets, as well as emerging issues, risks, areas of concern and proposed actions to resolve them. At three quarters of the way through the year, the report is currently forecasting an overall favourable variance of £1.313m.</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>
Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 – 2022/23 Revenue Budget	10 <sup>th</sup> February by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report set out the proposals to deliver a balanced budget for 2020/21. It also set out indicative budgets for 2021/22 and 2022/23 that develop the Council’s financial resilience over the long-term while also supporting the delivery of the Council’s key priorities</p> <p>The report detailed projections for a balanced budget for 2020/21 and a modest short-fall of £9.4m for 2021/22 and 2022/23 combined.</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>
Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21	10 <sup>th</sup> February by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report requested that the Cabinet endorse and recommend for approval by full Council the Treasury Borrowing Strategy, the Treasury Investment Strategy and adopt the Prudential Treasury indicators. In addition the Cabinet noted the Treasury Management Practices attached as an appendix to the report.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE – Cllr David Hall</b>		
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Somerset Waste Partnership Draft Business Plan 2020-2025, Draft 2020-2021 Budget and Changes to the Inter-Authority Agreement	22 January 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report sought a decision from the Cabinet on the Somerset Waste Partnership's Draft Business Plan 2020-2025, along with the approval of the draft budget for 2020/21 (£29,988,500) and approval of the proposed revisions to the Waste Partnership's Inter-Authority Agreement necessary to align it with the new collection contract and the approach to the roll-out of Recycle More.</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>

<b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE – Cllr David Huxtable</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
No individual decisions	n/a	n/a

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING** – Cllr Christine Lawrence

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Approval to award the contract for the Provision of a Public Health Nursing Case Management and Information Management System	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 by the Director of Public Health	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed the award of the contract for a replacement Public Health Nursing Case Management and Information Management System following a competitive tendering process.</p> <p>The decision further agreed an early termination notice for the current arrangement with the Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.</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>
Changes to sexual health targeted prevention services	13 <sup>th</sup> January 202 by the Director of Public Health	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report sets out the proposed changes to sexual health targeted prevention services, including adapting the current model if service.</p> <p>The decision includes changes to: HIV prevention and health and wellbeing; the C-Card distribution scheme; and the incorporation of certain targeted prevention 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>
Annual Report of the Director of Public Health	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The production of an annual report is a statutory obligation for Directors of Public Health (DsPH). It is an opportunity for the DPH to give an independent view of health and wellbeing priorities in the county.</p> <p>This report takes a broad overview of 'prevention'. Prevention is about Improving Lives, it's about getting on the front foot and preventing or delaying negative circumstances from happening. The report argues that prevention at the 'high' (and expensive) end of need, is the most effective way to rapidly improve the lives of those that experience the worst outcomes and free up resources, enabling investment in prevention at lower</p>

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**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** – Cllr Frances Nicholson

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
No decisions	n/a	n/a

**EDUCATION AND COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION** – Cllr Faye Purbrick

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Summary of Decision</b>
Admission Arrangements for Voluntary Controlled Schools	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2002 by Cabinet	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision sought the Cabinets approval of the Local Authority admission arrangements for all Voluntary Controlled and Community schools for 2021/22 as required by the School Admissions Code and associated legislation.  ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.  REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.

**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT** – Cllr John Woodman

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Appointment of suppliers for the Highways Structures Majors Framework Contract	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 by the Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This paper sought agreement to appoint four suppliers to a new framework agreement for the provision of works to highways structures – major works. The framework agreement will run for a period of four years.</p> <p>The agreement covers approximately 2,500 highway bridges, walls and other highway structures maintained by Somerset County Council. These structures span or support the highway over or are adjacent to natural and man-made watercourses (of all sizes), railways, other highways and public rights of way, the sea, and private / commercial properties, roads, tracks and paths. The structures are spread all over the County in urban and rural locations and can be on, next to or remote from the highway.</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>
Decision to conclude the award of a contract for the provision of highway improvements at Toneway Creech Castle Junction	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Toneway Creech Castle scheme has been in development for about 3 years. The scheme provides additional capacity to accommodate growth across Taunton and specifically for the allocated development sites at Monkton Heathfield immediately to the North of the junction.</p> <p>The procurement process has now been completed and this decision is sought to award the contract.</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>

**CROSS CUTTING – All**

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