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# COUNTY COUNCIL

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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**29 July 2020**

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<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
3	<b>Minutes from the meeting held on 19 February 2020</b>
	The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.
5	<b>Chair's announcements</b>
	Council agreed to formally thank and recognise the commitment and hard work of staff, volunteers, partners and providers during the emergency response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
6	<b>Report of the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive – Review of the Emergency Democratic and Decision-Making Arrangements for the Council</b>
	<p>The Council RESOLVED to :</p> <p><u>Democratic and decision-making arrangements</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Note the comments and recommendations from the Cabinet, Scrutiny Place and Constitution and Standards Committees as set out in this report</li><li>2) Commend the Council's achievements during the emergency response delivered with the benefit of the emergency democratic and decision-making arrangements</li><li>3) Agree that all of its committees and public meetings where it is the Administering Authority continue to meet virtually in accordance with regulations.</li><li>4) Note that a further review of the emergency powers and operation of delegated decision-making arrangements set out in this report to the Chief Executive and his authorised officers will be reviewed by the Council at its meeting in November 2020.</li></ol>

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	<p>5) Request that further guidance on the council’s website is produced to assist the public and press in participating and observing virtual committee meetings</p> <p>6) Support further development and implementation of webcasting solutions to enable live transmission of physical and virtual committee meetings, especially as part of the refurbished committee rooms in A block</p> <p>7) Agree and requests that the Leader of the Council lobby Government for changes to regulations and guidance to enable ‘hybrid’ meetings to take place where necessary during and after the emergency.</p> <p>8) Agree to revise the Council’s Audio Recordings Protocol to a Video and Audio Recording Protocol of committee proceedings (Full Council, Cabinet, Audit, Scrutiny Committees, Health &amp; Well-Being Board and Regulation Committee) and for the associated recordings to be published on the council’s website and retained for a period of six years. Furthermore, for the recording and publication on the website of partnership committees that the Council administers such as Somerset Waste Board and Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel to be recommended to those bodies to approve.</p> <p>9) Authorise the Monitoring Officer to take forward the implementation of recommendations 3-8 above.</p> <p><u>Constitution and Schemes of Delegation</u></p> <p>The Council also RESOLVED to:</p> <p>a) Return to the constitutional democratic and decision-making arrangements set in the Council’s Constitution and Schemes of Delegation (as at 1 March 2020) that preceded the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive’s decision dated 28 March 2020;</p> <p>b) Return the scrutiny call-in arrangements as set out in the Council’s Constitution.</p>
7	<p><b>Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for Decision</b></p> <p><u>Paper A One Somerset, Local Government Reform in Somerset</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to</p> <p>a) Approve the One Somerset Business Case (Appendix A);</p>

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	<p>b) Authorise the Leader of the Council to submit the Business Case to the Secretary of State, MHCLG, for a decision on the future of local government in Somerset;</p> <p>c) Authorise the Leader of the Council to submit further supporting evidence arising from ongoing engagement, and future consultation; and any requests included in the pending invitation from the Secretary of State, MHCLG, relating to the One Somerset Business Case; and</p> <p>d) Agree to support the Leader of the Council continuing to seek consensus with the district and local councils across Somerset.</p> <p><u>Paper B - Annual Treasury Management Outturn Report 2019/20.</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to receive and endorse the Treasury Management outturn report for 2019-20.</p>
8	<p><b>Report of the Monitoring Officer – Appointments to Committees and empowerment of deputy statutory officer post</b></p> <p><u>Committee appointments</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the revised committee place allocations and appointments set out in this report (see section 3.2) and the Appointments Schedule at Appendix 1</li> </ol> <p><u>Appointment of additional Deputy Section 151 Officer</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Appoint and empower the post and postholder of Strategic Manager Finance Corporate, currently held by Donna Parham, as an additional Deputy Section 151 Officer (see section 4 of this report) with immediate effect.</li> </ol> <p><u>Appointment of Deputy Directors of Adult Social Services</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Appoint and empower the post and postholder of Deputy Director Adults &amp; Health Operations, currently held by Anna Littlewood, and the Deputy Director Adults &amp; Health Commissioning, currently held by Tim Baverstock, as Deputy Directors of Adult Social Services (see section 5 of this report) with immediate effect.</li> </ol>

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9	<p><b>Somerset Corporate Parenting Board – Annual Report 2019 – 2020</b></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Focus on the inconsistency of Council Tax exemption across the county and the impact of this on Care Leavers</li> <li>2. invite District Councillor representation on the Corporate Parenting Board to provide support on housing and leisure issues</li> <li>3. support the commitment by Somerset County Council to create practical and specific offers to Care Leavers through our Local Offer</li> <li>4. extend its thanks to the young people of the Somerset Care Council for all the hard work that they undertake.</li> </ol>
10	<p><b>Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for Information</b></p> <p>The Council received and noted this report.</p>
11	<p><b>Annual Report of the Leader of the Council – 2019/20</b></p> <p>The Council received and noted this report.</p>
12	<p><b>Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies and Place</b></p> <p>The Council received and noted this report.</p>
13	<p><b>Annual Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee</b></p> <p>The Council received and noted this report.</p>
14	<p><b>Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee</b></p> <p>The Council received and noted this report.</p>
15	<p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board Annual Report</b></p> <p>The Council received and noted this report.</p>