

Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for Information

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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report covers key decisions taken by the Leader, Cabinet Members and officers between 11 February 2020 and 17 July 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 13 May 2020 and 17 June 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 – *Cllr David Fothergill*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Member Appointment to the Somerset Local Nature Partnership	19 February 2020 by the Leader of the Council	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Somerset Local Nature Partnership has been effectively dormant since 2016 but following a concerted effort by the Somerset Wildlife Trust, has now been reinvigorated and re-established.</p> <p>Cllr David Hall, in his role of the Somerset County Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure has been invited to serve on the Board of the newly re-established Somerset Local Nature Partnership and this decision endorsed his appointment.</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>
Somerset Local Outbreak Management Plan	30 June 2020 by the Chief Executive	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision endorsed the Somerset Local Outbreak Management Plan and agreed the establishment of the Somerset COVID-19 Health Protection Board & the Somerset COVID-19 Engagement Board.</p> <p>The decision further delegated authority to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Somerset Covid-19 Engagement Board to further amend the Somerset Local Outbreak Management Plan to reflect future science and evidence-based data and / or guidance from the Government and Public Health England in order to prevent and manage Covid-19 related outbreaks 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>
Allocation of COVID-19 Funding	1 July 2020 by the Chief Executive	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Chief Executive agreed the proposed allocation of £19.1m of the £25.6million COVID funding from the Government as set out in Annex A of the officer report.</p>

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RESOURCES – *Cllr Mandy Chilcott*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Month 10 Revenue Budget Monitoring	31 March 2020 by the Leader of the Council	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report highlighted variances to service budgets, as well as emerging issues, risks, areas of concern and proposed actions to resolve them. The budget for 2019/20 includes a savings target of £21.547m and this report confirms forecast delivery of £21.426m. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report. REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
Accommodation for partners at County Hall	22 May 2020 by Cabinet	SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed to lease space at County Hall in Taunton to a partner, enabling better use to be made of the campus, to boost town centre trade and cut running the Council's running costs. The decision specified that the local partner would take surplus accommodation in B Block of County Hall, and County Council staff working or relocating to the County Hall campus would be accommodated across A Block and B Block. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report. REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.

RESOURCES – Cllr Mandy Chilcott

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
2019/20 Revenue Budget Outturn	17 June 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision noted the favourable variance of £6.423m for the Council for the end of 2019/20, and further noted for favourable variance position for accountable bodies of £3.801m, and further noted the delivery of 99.7% of the Council's MTFP savings.</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>
2019/20 Capital Budget Outturn	17 June 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report detailed out the Quarter 4 (Outturn) position for 2019/20 for the Capital Budget of £805.822m. It highlighted variances to service budgets, as well as emerging issues, risks, areas of concern and proposed actions to resolve them.</p> <p>Having considered the paper the Cabinet noted the budget position of the currently approved 5-year programme with a forecasted favourable variance of £1.272m along with the management of scheme overspends detailed in Section 3.3.1. The Cabinet further agreed that the above underspend be held within the capital programme pending the outcome of the 2020/21 Month 2 review with the view of offsetting any additional costs arising from Covid-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>
Covid-19 Costs and Funding	17 June 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report set out the funding and projected costs associated with Covid 19 and the steps put in place to address the financial impact.</p> <p>Following consideration of the paper the Cabinet noted the financial estimated impact of Covid 19 upon the Council; noted the monthly budget monitoring reports now</p>

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		<p>incorporate the financial impact of Covid 19 upon the 2020/21 budget and agreed to receive an updated Medium-Term Financial Plan in September setting out the financial forecast for future years in the light of Covid 19 and other changes to funding and costs.</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>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE – Cllr David Hall

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Service Level Agreement for the Delivery of the HotSW Growth Hub on behalf of the HotSW LEP	28 February 2020 by the Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed entering into an inter-authority Service Level Agreement with Devon County Council for the provision of the 'Service to All' Growth Hub Business Support Service on behalf of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.</p> <p>The Growth Hub is a point of contact for any business, operating in any sector, in the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (HotSW LEP) area who wishes to discover what business support opportunities and services are available to them.</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> <p>Note – Special Urgency procedures were used to progress this decision.</p>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE – Cllr David Hall

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
<p>Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) Superfast Extension Programme (SEP) Phase 2: decision to introduce additional funding into the Lot 4 contract.</p>	<p>24 February 2020 by Cabinet</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: CDS is a local government-led partnership working to extend superfast broadband infrastructure in areas where commercial providers do not plan to deliver NGA broadband service.</p> <p>An application was made to the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) in March 2018 for £5 million funding to connect businesses across the CDS geography. In August 2018 the RDPE confirmed that the application had been successful, and subsequently a grant funding agreement was signed.</p> <p>This decision approved the introduction of additional funding into the Phase 2 Lot 4 Contract and to approve the terms of the amendments to the contract for Lot 4 as a result of the injection of additional funding through the contract change 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>
<p>Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Enhanced Programme of Flood Risk Management Works and signing the SRA Memorandum of Understanding and Constitution</p>	<p>31 March 2020 by the Leader of the Council</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: As Somerset County Council is the accountable body for the Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) the Leader of the Council was asked to approve the allocation of funds for use by the SRA in financial year 2020-21. 1.2. The purpose of funding raised for the SRA is to deliver an extra level of flood protection and resilience to Somerset residents using locally raised funding to deliver on locally agreed priorities.</p> <p>This decision also asked the Leader of the Council to agree to forward funding of SRA projects in advance of recouping costs from a Heart of the SW Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal allocation, and to review the 2020-21 SRA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and approve the signing of the MoU by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure.</p>

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Somerset Energy Innovation Centre (Phase 3) - acceptance of Growth Deal 3 Funding	12 June 2020 by Assistant Director – Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning in consultation with the Director of Finance	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Somerset Energy Innovation Centre campus at Woodlands Business Park in Bridgwater has been developed to provide high-quality business space and support services to foster innovation, collaboration and growth in the clean energy business sector, including contributing to maximising the local economic benefits and legacy from Hinkley Point C. Somerset County Council has been successful in applying for £2,542,755 of Growth Deal monies to complete the funding package for Phase 3 of the Somerset Energy Innovation Centre.</p> <p>This decision report sought approval for Somerset County Council to formally accept this Growth Deal funding for Phase 3 of the Somerset Energy Innovation Centre and to enter into an associated funding agreement with the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.</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> <p>Note – Special Urgency procedures were used to progress this decision.</p>
Contract Award - waste containers to support recycling	17 June 2020 by Managing Director Waste Partnership	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision approved the award of the contracts for recycling and waste collections containers to the preferred suppliers following the completion of a successful procurement exercise.</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>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE – Cllr David Hall

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Decision to Appoint the Design and Build Contractor for the Bruton Enterprise Centre	10 July 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed the allocation of up to £1,100,000 from existing SCC Economy Capital Approvals to enable the Phase 2 of the Bruton Enterprise Centre Development to proceed.</p> <p>The decision further authorised entering into a call-off contract with the contractor for the provision of the design and build 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>
Decision to accept LEP Growth Deal grant funding to support a programme to deliver grants to improve mobile reception	15 July 2020 by Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision followed the acceptance of £1 million of Growth Deal Funding, agreeing it would be used to deliver the “Boosting Mobile Connectivity” project which plans to address businesses in poor or no mobile connectivity areas to improve their indoor mobile coverage by acquiring a signal booster through a voucher scheme.</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>

ADULT SOCIAL CARE – Cllr David Huxtable

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
ASC Fees and Charges	18 March 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Adult Social Care (ASC) service fees and charges are updated annually and adjusted to take account of cost of living and annual benefit increases, market factors, legislation, national guidance, demand and local policy requirements.</p> <p>This paper set out the proposed annual update to fees paid to providers of ASC services in Somerset as well as updating SCC charges for its customers and service users. The decision included an extra £6.3m to be invested by Somerset County Council to support care providers and the sector.</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>
Extension to current Contract – Community Equipment Service	10 July 2020 by the Leader of the Council	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Somerset County Council (SCC) and Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) currently commission a community equipment contract with Millbrook for a total pooled value of £4,203,600 per annum (50% funded by SCC and 50% funded by CCG).</p> <p>This decision authorised the extension of the existing contract for 18 months (expiring 31.01.2022).</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>

CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES – Cllr Christine Lawrence (the post of Cabinet Member for Customers and Communities was held by Cllr David Fothergill until 2nd March 2020)

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
No individual decisions	n/a	n/a

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Clare Paul (the post of Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing was held by Cllr Christine Lawrence until 2nd March 2020)

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Award of contract for childhood vision screening service	20 April 2020 by Director of Public Health	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Local Authorities are responsible for the commissioning of childhood vision screening services. Childhood vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme (0-19 years), this is the universal programme which aims to improve and promote health for all children and young people and includes mandated responsibilities.</p> <p>This decision authorised the Council to enter into a contract for the provision of the service for 3 years commencing on 1 July 2020 and included the option for two 12 month extensions.</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>

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Clare Paul (the post of Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing was held by Cllr Christine Lawrence until 2nd March 2020)

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
PPE Prioritisation Tool adoption	6 May 2020 by the Chief Executive	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the application of the PPE Prioritisation Tool for use to enable decisions to be made in emergency situations where demand outweighs supply. The application of the tool would allow for extremely difficult decisions to be made if a situation should arise where emergency requests exceed local stock available</p> <p>The supply of PPE, and robustness of the supply chain, is not at a level that provides confidence that there will be enough PPE throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to meet the requirements of the Somerset system in accordance with PPE national 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>
Somerset Local Outbreak Management Plan	30 June 2020 by the Chief Executive	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision endorsed the Somerset Local Outbreak Management Plan and agreed the establishment of the Somerset COVID-19 Health Protection Board & the Somerset COVID-19 Engagement Board, and further delegated authority to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Somerset Covid-19 Engagement Board to further amend the Somerset Local Outbreak Management Plan to reflect future science and evidence-based data and / or guidance from the Government and Public Health England in order to prevent and manage Covid-19 related outbreaks.</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>

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Clare Paul (the post of Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing was held by Cllr Christine Lawrence until 2nd March 2020)

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Recharging for the cost of Personal Protective Equipment	3 July 2020 by Director of Corporate Affairs	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision agreed that Somerset County Council as part of the system PPE cell contribution would continue to provide a central PPE procurement service until national supply chains stabilise and further introduced recharging for the cost of PPE (full cost recovery) to ensure financial sustainability.</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>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – Cllr Frances Nicholson

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Free School Applications	12 February 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Local Authority is currently engaged in Wave 2 of the Department for Education’s (DfE) SEN Free School Programme. This will result in the delivery of a new Special Free school for children with social emotional and mental health needs aged 5-16 in South Somerset.</p> <p>This decision endorsed a shortlist of multi academy trusts to be put forward to the Secretary of State for his consideration.</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>
Appointment of Main Contractors -	19 February 2020 by Director of Children’s Services	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Local Authority has a legal duty to provide children with good quality school places in their local area. the aim is to expand the two current</p>

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Fiveways School & Fairmead School.		<p>schools in South Somerset, to enable them to accommodate an additional 70-80 children aged 4-16.</p> <p>This decision authorised the Council to enter into a call-off contract with the successful contractor for the expansion projects at the two schools, it further gave approval to cover the purchase of furniture and IT as required for the new elements of the schools.</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 single funding formula	23 June 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Government's Early Years National Funding Formula sets the hourly funding rates that each Local Authority is paid to deliver the entitlement funding for 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds.</p> <p>This decision agreed a base rate of £4.15 per child per hour for the Early Years Single Funding Formula for 3 and 4 year olds for 2020-21, and that the hourly rate of £5.04 per child per hour for eligible 2-year olds should remain for 2020-21.</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>
2020/2021 Post 16 Local Transport Policy Statement	29 June 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Somerset County Council, through a range of partnership activities, seeks to maximise opportunities to increase access and concessionary travel for young people participating in education and training aged 14 –19 years and continuing learners aged 19+ years across the County.</p> <p>This decision agreed to suspend the County Ticket Scheme for the 2020/21 academic year in light of the on-going Covid-19 pandemic, to offer Post 16 pay seats on</p>

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		<p>contracted school buses to 6th form schools, where capacity allows within the anticipated social distancing measures, approved the 2020/21 Post 16 Local Transport Policy statement, which also confirms the inflationary contribution increase for eligible FE SEND students and Post 16 students paying for a seat on a school contracted bus to a 6th form school, as set out in Appendix A, and agreed to the publication of the approved Policy on the SCC website to meet the statutory requirement as stipulated by the Department for Education (DfE)</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>

EDUCATION AND COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION – Cllr Faye Purbrick

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Creation of New Academies in Somerset	12 February 2020 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation and the Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure & Director of Commissioning	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Secretary of State for Education has directed via an Academy Order, the conversion to Academy Status of four schools: Fairlands Middle School, Shipham Church of England First School, Draycott and Rodney Stoke Church of England First School, Cheddar First School.</p> <p>This was a technical decision which facilitated this transfer.</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 New Academies	12 February 2020 by Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure & Director of Commissioning and Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Secretary of State for Education has directed via an Academy Order, the conversion to Academy Status of two schools: St Mary and St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Shepton Beauchamp Church of England Primary School.</p> <p>This was a technical decision which facilitated this transfer.</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>

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – Cllr John Woodman

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Contract for the provision of Fuel Cards and Associated Services to SCC	4 May 2020 by The Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure Operations	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision accepted the winning tender for the supply of fuel for the Somerset County Council vehicle fleet following a recent re-tendering 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>
Decision to defer conclusion of a contract for the provision of highway improvements at Toneway Creech Castle junction	17 June 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following its initial approval in February 2020 this decision agreed the deferral of the planned improvements of the Toneway Creech Castle junction and delegated approval to the Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure to determine when it would be appropriate to proceed with the scheme, and to make changes as are considered necessary to the works 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>
Supplier relief due to COVID-19 – Highway Maintenance Contract	26 June 2020 by the Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure Operations	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following Government procurement advice Skanska Construction UK Ltd applied for Supplier Relief and submitted an Interim Payment Proposal request seeking cost reimbursement on Covid-19 affected activities. This decision authorised the Council to enter into a deed of variation with Skanska Construction UK Ltd to provide Supplier Relief for the impact of Covid-19 for the period 10 March 2020 until 30 June 2020</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

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Positives Lives Funding 2020-2024	9 March 2020 by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report details the proposal for the future reoccurring spend of £309,000 from the adult social care budget and the unlocking of a Somerset Community Council match fund opportunity. The work of Positive Lives is an initiative jointly supported by adult social care and public health.</p> <p>SCC plan to adopt a new funding mechanism for the period 2020-2024 moving from the current District Council grant-based approach to one where innovation funding opportunities are made available direct to the market. This will be achieved via collaboration with partners and careful oversight to ensure that any impacts are positive and carefully transitioned.</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>
School Building Condition Programme 2020/21	23 April 2020 by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the Cabinet Member for Education and Council Transformation	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision delegated approval to appropriate officers to deliver high priority projects under the School's Capital Condition Programme within the allocation of capital funds for 2020/21 as approved by full Council on the 19 February 2020.</p> <p>Addressing high priority school building condition issues will ensure the delivery of sufficient school places in safe and well-maintained buildings for children in Somerset to meet the Local Authority's statutory duty (Education Act 1996).</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		
Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Securing Adult Focused support for Family Safeguarding and Family Drug and Alcohol Courts	1 May 2020 by the Cabinet Member for Children and the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing and Climate Change	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Somerset County Council is seeking to implement two significant, complementary ways of working within Children’s Services, as part of the wider Family Solutions Somerset programme. The first is the Family Safeguarding Model and the second is the Family Drug and Alcohol Court (FDAC).</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>
Covid-19 Governance and Assurance Arrangements	13 May 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This paper set out SCC’s emergency response management and monitoring arrangements for Covid-19 and detailed SCC’s responsibilities and contribution to different elements of the response and how these are being managed.</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 to accept European Social Funding, under Priority Axis 1 - Inclusive Labour Markets (1.2)	29 May 2020 by the Director of Finance, the Assistant Director for ECI and the Director of Children’s Services	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: During 2018, 2019 and 2020, Somerset County Council (SCC) Economic Development, working with SCC Children’s Services, the South Somerset 1419 Partnership and Yeovil College developed a bid to access European Social Funding (ESF) investment.</p> <p>Following in principal approval from the Department for Work and Pensions this decision agreed: entering into a grant funding agreement, undertaking the role of Accountable Body, and the commitment of funding to Yeovil College.</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>