
Report of the Leader and Cabinet – Items for Decision

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1. Summary

- 1.1** This report sets out the Leader's and Cabinet's recommendations to Council arising from their consideration of reports at the Cabinet meeting on 9 November 2020.

Note: The references in this report to Papers A and B relate to the relevant report considered by the Cabinet containing specific recommendations for the County Council to consider and are appended to this report for reference.

- 1.2 Paper A (Climate Change)** was considered at the Cabinet meeting on 9 November. The Cabinet considered Paper A, received the statement from the cross-Local Authority Cabinet Members Group in support of the Strategy and endorsed – Towards a Climate Resilient Somerset – Somerset's Climate Emergency Strategy – and agreed for this to be reported to full Council for approval and adoption.

- 1.3 Paper B (Treasury Management Mid-Year Report)** was considered at the Cabinet Meeting on 9 November. The Cabinet endorsed Paper B and agreed for this to be reported to the County Council to consider and endorse.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Climate Change** see Paper A, the impact assessment and the report appendix that Cabinet considered and endorsed at its meeting in November 2020.

The Council is recommended to adopt – Towards a Climate Resilient Somerset – Somerset's Climate Emergency Strategy.

- 2.2 Treasury Management Mid-Year Report** see Paper B and its appendices

that Cabinet considered and endorsed at its meeting in November 2020.

The Council is recommended to endorse the Treasury Management mid-year outturn report for 2019-20.

3. Options considered and consultation undertaken

- 3.1** Options considered and details of consultation undertaken in respect of the recommendations set out above are set out in the reports and appendices within Papers A and B.

4. Implications

- 4.1** Financial, legal, Human Resources, equalities, human rights and risk implications in respect of the recommendations set out in this report are detailed within Papers A and B.

It is essential that consideration is given to the legal obligations and in particular to the need to exercise the equality duty under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the impacts based on sufficient evidence appropriately analysed.

The duties placed on public bodies do not prevent difficult decisions being made such as, reorganisations and service reductions, nor does it stop decisions which may affect one group more than another. What the duties do is require consideration of all of the information, including the potential impacts and mitigations, to ensure a fully informed decision is made.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1** These are set out within Papers A and B and their appendices.