

Somerset County Council

County Council

– 17 February 2021

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 10 November 2020 and 8 February 2021, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 16 December 2020, 20 January 2021 and 8 February 2021.

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 16 December 2020, 20 January 2021 and 8 February 2021 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
Decision by the Leader to submit the final One Somerset Business Case	3 December 2020 by Leader of the Council	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the submission of the final One Somerset Business Case (v 1.3) to the Secretary of State, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The report further authorised the Chief Executive to undertake further negotiations with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding Local Government Reorganisation to support the creation of a new unitary council for Somerset.</p> <p>Note – Special Urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration and implementation of this decision.</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>
Corporate Performance Report – Quarter 2 - 2020/21	16 December 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Cabinet agreed the Corporate Performance Report Quarter 2020/21 and appendices as the latest position for the Council against its Vision to ensure effective monitoring and management of the performance towards the outcomes laid out in the Council’s Business Plan.</p> <p>The report highlighted areas of success including: the County Hall A-Block refurbishment, the Climate Change Strategy; the continued low levels of residential and nursing placements, the work of the Contact Centre and the use of digital technologies. The report also highlighted areas of concern including Connecting Devon and Somerset Phase 2 and the Flu Action Plan.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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RESOURCES – *Cllr Mandy Chilcott*

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Procurement for the Supply of a Payroll System to Deliver HR Admin and Payroll Services to Public Sector External Clients	19 November 2020 by Director of HR & Organisational Development	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the award of a contract for the supply of a payroll system to deliver HR Admin and Payroll services to public sector external clients to the successful supplier following a procurement exercise.</p> <p>HR Admin and Payroll deliver a service to 34 external clients (involving 5500 individuals), including Academy Schools, Multi Academy Trusts and other Public Sector bodies.</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>
Revenue Budget Monitoring Report - Month 7	16 December 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report highlighted the Forecast underspend for the year of £1.896m as at the end of October 2020. The report further noted the difficulties of budget reporting and projections during the on-going pandemic.</p> <p>The decision agreed by the Cabinet authorised the use of £0.4m from the Corporate Priorities reserve in relation to One Somerset activities / implementation and agreed to transfer £0.41m from Budget Equalisation Reserve to Parking Reserve.</p>

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		<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 Report 2020/21	16 December 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report highlighted current progress towards producing a balanced revenue budget for 2021/22 and an extended capital programme for the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>The report made clear reference to the impact of the on-going pandemic, the lack of information regarding longer term funding for Local Authorities and noted that more detailed proposals would be brought to the February Cabinet meeting for 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>
Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Month 8	20 January 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report highlighted the forecast underspend for the year of £1.444m as at the end of November 2020. The report further noted that the Month 9 budget monitoring report would include a summary of the Covid-19 funding received to date.</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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Medium Term Financial Report 2020/21	20 January 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report sought approval for the draft 2021/22 Revenue Budget and Capital Scheme proposals (with removal of proposed savings ECI 2.1, 2.2, 2/3 relating to highways high amenity grass cutting) as the basis for consulting the Policies & Place Scrutiny in February. The report highlighted increases to the Adults and Children's Services budgets of £10.174m and £8.976m respectively.</p> <p>The report also highlighted the creation of a specific Covid-19 Reserve to provide additional financial resilience and sought approval for Schools Block Funding.</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>
Apprenticeship Programme Contracting	29 January 2021 by Director of HR & Organisational Development	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the contracting of an Apprenticeship Training Framework with successful training providers following a competitive tender exercise.</p> <p>The report noted that SCC has access to a substantial apprenticeship levy pot (c.£1m per annum) which offers funded apprenticeships across the organisation and within wider businesses across Somerset.</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>
Revenue Budget	8 February 2021 by	SUMMARY OF DECISION: The report highlighted the forecast underspend for services

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Monitoring Report – Month 9	Cabinet	<p>of £2.175m as at the end of December and noted and likely carry forward requests in ECI for schemes that have not been able to be progressed. The report also approved the net allocation of £0.159m from the Covid-19 Emergency Fund to services as detailed in the report, whilst also detailing the differing Covid funding streams and associated reporting requirements.</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>
Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2020/21 Qtr 3	8 February 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report saw the Cabinet note the forecasted position for the end of this financial year. The report specifically highlighted that the overall five-year programme is currently forecasting a favourable variance of £13.476m in part due to a review of approvals in Early Years, in which £9.264m is no longer required as the projects have been managed through condition and remedial works</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 2021/22	8 February 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This budget report set out spending plans for the next three years and highlighted areas of priority to support residents across Somerset.</p> <p>The report highlighted the difficulties of robust budget preparation during the on-going pandemic, noting additional costs and pressures which have been highlighted in budget monitoring reports throughout the year. The report further drew attention to</p>

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		<p>difficulties in medium term financial planning given the lack of information regarding longer term Government funding, referencing delays to the Fair Funding and Business Rate Retention reviews.</p> <p>The Cabinet approved the General Fund net revenue budget for 2021/22 of £356,072,100 and the Capital Programme for 2021/22 of £152.138m.</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 Statement 2021-22	8 February 2021 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> <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
Approval to accept Getting Building Funds for the Bruton Enterprise Centre	30 November 2020 by Director of Finance and the ECI Commissioning Director.	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Bruton Enterprise Centre (BEC) project will deliver enterprise centre space including office and light industrial accommodation for SMEs. This decision will allow for further grant funding to be secured for the Bruton Enterprise Centre.</p> <p>The decision specifically authorised Somerset County Council to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) relating to an award of £816,000 of Getting Building Fund monies (this reduced the amount of existing SCC capital reserves needed for the project).</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 allocate funds from the SCC capital approvals for the delivery of the Chard Enterprise Park Phase 2	16 December 2020 by Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning Director	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISIONS: This decision confirmed Somerset County Council's allocation within the SCC Capital Approvals to fund the design and build of phase 2 of the Chard Enterprise Park (CEP). This will specifically enable construction of Phase 2 of the Chard Enterprise Park simultaneously alongside Phase 1 which will form part of the Somerset Enterprise Network (it is expected that simultaneous delivery will result in cost savings due to economies of scale).</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 regarding	22 December 2020	SUMMARY OF DECISION: Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) is a local

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Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) contracts Lots A and B	by Director Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning and the Director of Finance	<p>government-led partnership which is working to extend superfast broadband infrastructure in areas where commercial providers do not plan to deliver a Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband service. NGA broadband is a service capable of delivering download speeds of at least 30Mbps. Somerset County Council is the Accountable Body for the CDS partnership. CDS are now part way through the Extending Next Generation Access (NGA) Broadband & Gigabit Access OJEU procurement.</p> <p>Following a competitive procurement exercise eligible bids were received for Lots A-F and an evaluation process has taken place (a strategy of 'lots' was approved under a previous non-key decision).</p> <p>This decision agreed terms and conditions and entered into grant funding agreements with The Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport in relation to funding of superfast broadband for Lots A & B.</p> <p>The Lot A covers North Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset Administrative areas and includes Bath and Weston-Super-Mare. The Lot B includes Wells, Glastonbury and Burnham on Sea and includes the Mendip Hills.</p> <p>Note – Special Urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration and implementation of this decision.</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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Decision regarding Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) contracts Lots C, E and F	22 December 2020 by Director Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning and the Director of Finance	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) is a local government-led partnership which is working to extend superfast broadband infrastructure in areas where commercial providers do not plan to deliver a Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband service. NGA broadband is a service capable of delivering download speeds of at least 30Mbps. Somerset County Council is the Accountable Body for the CDS partnership. CDS are now part way through the Extending Next Generation Access (NGA) Broadband & Gigabit Access OJEU procurement.</p> <p>Following a competitive procurement exercise eligible bids were received for Lots A-F and an evaluation process has taken place (a strategy of 'lots' was approved under a previous non-key decision).</p> <p>This decision agreed terms of entered into grant funding agreements with The Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport in relation to funding of superfast broadband for Lots C, E and F and authorised entering into a contact with the winning bidders for Lots C, E and F.</p> <p>The Lot C area covers the north of Somerset adjacent to the Bristol Channel and Exmoor National Park and includes the Quantock Hills. The Lot includes Taunton and Bridgwater and the new Hinckley C Power Station site. The Lot E area covers part of central Devon and borders Somerset, Exmoor National Park and Exeter. Runs along the East Devon coast from the Exe Estuary to Dorset. This Lot include the East Devon AONB, part of the Blackdown Hills AONB and tons of Exmouth, Honiton, Sidmouth and the city of Exeter. The Lot F area runs form the Exe Estuary and covers part of the South Devon coast. IT runs along the coast, borders Dartmoor National Park, includes the</p>

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Decision regarding Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) contracts Lot D	22 December 2020 by Director Economic and Community Infrastructure Commissioning and the Director of Finance	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) is a local government-led partnership which is working to extend superfast broadband infrastructure in areas where commercial providers do not plan to deliver a Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband service. NGA broadband is a service capable of delivering download speeds of at least 30Mbps. Somerset County Council is the Accountable Body for the CDS partnership. CDS are now part way through the Extending Next Generation Access (NGA) Broadband & Gigabit Access OJEU procurement.</p> <p>Following a competitive procurement exercise eligible bids were received for Lots A-F and an evaluation process has taken place (a strategy of 'lots' was approved under a previous non-key decision).</p> <p>This decision agreed terms of and entered into grant funding agreement with The Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport in relation to funding of superfast broadband for Lot D</p> <p>The Lot D area covers the south of Somerset bordering Dorset and Devon and includes Yeovil, Wincanton, Langport, Crewkerne and Chard.</p> <p>Note – Special Urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration and implementation of this decision.</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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Somerset Energy Innovation Centre Campus – Lease and Operating Arrangements	22 December 2020 by Director of Finance and Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure & Director of Commissioning	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISIONS: The Somerset Energy Innovation Centre (SEIC) campus at Woodlands Business Park in Bridgwater has been developed by Somerset County Council (SCC) to support development of the low carbon energy business sector in Somerset, notably including contributing to maximising the local economic benefits from Hinkley Point C. The scheme, therefore, seeks to support increased productivity and prosperity for Somerset.</p> <p>This decision agreed that the Council to enter into agreements for leases for SEIC buildings 2 and 3 in line with the heads of terms and exit from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding agreement and associated covenant with the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for SEIC building.</p> <p>Note – Urgent Implementation was invoked to allow the immediate implementation of this decision.</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>
Endorsement of Somerset Recovery and Growth Plan	20 January 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision sought endorsement for the adoption of the Somerset Recovery and Growth Plan.</p> <p>The Somerset Growth Plan is a joint strategic plan to guide Somerset’s economic growth, the plan was initially developed in 2014 and subsequently amended to cover the period to 2030. The plan includes a co-ordinated Somerset approach and response to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 and longer-term growth opportunities.</p>

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		<p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
Future development of Joint Trading Standards Service	20 January 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report agreed the continuation and expansion of the successful joint service arrangement for trading standards with local authority partners in the Heart of the South West area.</p> <p>The decision specifically sought agreement to renew the current shared Trading Standards Service arrangement with Devon County Council and Torbay Council for a ten-year period starting from 1 April 2021, and endorsed the principle of expanding the current shared service arrangement to also include Plymouth City Council.</p> <p>The report highlighted that the shared service arrangements will enable SCC to meet its statutory obligations for trading standards whilst also benefitting financially from the scale economies associated with this arrangement.</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 Waste Partnership Draft Business Plan 2021 – 2026, Draft 2021/22	20 January 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision sought approval for the Somerset Waste Partnership's Draft Business Plan 2021-26, the Somerset Waste Partnership's Draft Disposal Budget and approval of proposed revisions to the Waste Partnership's Inter-Authority Agreement necessary to align it with the new collection contract and the</p>

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Budget		<p>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>
Approval to accept European Funding, under Priority Axis 2 – Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning (2.1)	20 January 2021 by Director of Finance and Director of Commissioning and Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The approval of this decision will allow Somerset County Council to deliver the Somerset Skills for Growth Project, providing new upskilling opportunities to up to 2,100 participants in Somerset and will enable Somerset to draw down up to £2,078,053 of European Social funding.</p> <p>The decision specifically authorised Somerset County Council to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with the DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) to deliver the Somerset Skills for Growth Project, and it was highlighted that that the Council's Economy and Planning Team would undertake the role of accountable body, as the lead applicant for this funding.</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
No individual decisions	n/a	n/a

CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES – *Cllr Christine Lawrence*

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

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CLIMATE CHANGE – *Cllr Clare Paul*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) - Health Impacts of the Climate Emergency	16 December 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The production of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a statutory requirement, in this instance the JSNA has been prepared in conjunction with the Somerset Climate Emergency Strategy.</p> <p>Following the declaration of a 'climate emergency' and the adoption of a Climate Strategy, this report detailed how the response to the emergency can also yield significant health benefits.</p> <p>The recommendations specifically saw Cabinet endorse the report, use available evidence to respond to climate change in the County and further use available evidence to promote the complementary benefits of carbon reduction and public</p>

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Clare Paul

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		health. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report. REASONS FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – Cllr Frances Nicholson

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
LGO investigation outcome	16 December 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report considered the findings of a Local Government Ombudsman Review. The report saw the Cabinet consider the LGO recommendations and approve the actions undertaken by Children’s Services in response to the report.</p> <p>The report acknowledged two of the LGO recommendations: to apologise and pay compensation; and remind those responsible for the conduct of placement panels that there must always be a record of what information they consider and of the rationale for their placement decisions. It was also noted that there was ongoing communication with the Ombudsman regarding a third recommendation relating to s.47 of the Children Act 1989 and risk from a sibling.</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	19 November 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: This decision authorised the County Council to enter into a Commercial Transfer Agreements relating to the transfer of the staff, assets and contracts of the following schools: Neroche Primary School; and Lyngford Park Primary School.</p> <p>To facilitate these transfers the report further approved: the grant of a 125 year leasehold interest in the Lyngford Park Primary School to the Richard Huish Trust; the statutory transfer of the Neroche Primary School site to the Uffculme Academy Trust; and authorised appropriate officers under delegation to undertake all necessary actions to give effect to the above.</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>
Proposed 14 Class Primary School at Orchard Grove housing development, Comeytrowe	20 January 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following the approval of the Council's Capital Investment Programmes 2018/19 this report sought authority to commence delivery of this project at a gross maximum cost (as detailed in a confidential appendix).</p> <p>The report highlighted that the new school will serve the Orchard Grove housing development which will eventually provide 2000 new homes in the south west of Taunton, and noted that existing schools in the area cannot be expanded to meet the demand.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

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HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – Cllr John Woodman

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Establishment of a new Passenger Transport Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)	16 December 2020 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report approved the establishment of a new Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the provision of Passenger Transport Services to take effect from 1st April 2021 and to continue for an initial period of five years, with rights for the Council to extend by two further periods of two years each. In addition, the report approved the publication of a contract notice in the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union), advertising the DPS (Dynamic Purchasing System) and inviting suppliers to submit their expressions of interest.</p> <p>The Cabinet agreed that the Council lets the majority of its passenger transport contract portfolio through this system for an initial period of five years, in accordance with the award and call-off ordering procedure set out in the DPS agreement.</p> <p>The decision delegated authority to admit eligible suppliers to the DPS during its term by agreeing DPS agreements with each eligible supplier, and the authority to exercise the Council's right to extend the DPS agreement with suppliers for two further periods of two years each, subject to satisfactory performance.</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
Admission	20 January 2021 by	SUMMARY OF DECISION: Local Authorities are required by the School Admissions

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Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Arrangements for Voluntary Controlled and Community Schools for 2022/23	Cabinet	<p>Code and associated legislation to determine their admission arrangements annually and Cabinet, acting as the Admission Authority for all Somerset Voluntary Controlled and Community schools is required to fulfil this function in relation to the 2022/23 admission arrangements.</p> <p>This decision specifically agreed: the Admission Arrangements for all Voluntary Controlled and Community Schools for 2022/23; a change to the over-subscription criterion for all Voluntary Controlled and Community Schools for 2022/23 for faith based over-subscription criteria; and a change to the definition of practicing in relation to faith based over-subscription criteria.</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>