

**County Council (virtual meetings
from July 2020 due to
Coronavirus)
Wednesday 17 February 2021
10.00 am Virtual Meeting**



SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA

To: The Members of the County Council (virtual meetings from July 2020 due to Coronavirus)

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Item 3	Minutes from the meeting held on 18 November 2020 (Pages 3 - 18) Council is asked to confirm the minutes are accurate.
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COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council (Virtual Meeting) Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 10.00am.

Present: Cllr M Best, Cllr N Bloomfield, Cllr A Bown, Cllr A Broom, Cllr M Caswell, Cllr M Chilcott, Cllr J Clarke, Cllr P Clayton, Cllr S Coles, Cllr A Dance, Cllr M Dimery, Cllr H Davies, Cllr B Filmer, Cllr D Fothergill, Cllr G Frascini, Cllr A Govier, Cllr A Groskop, Cllr D Hall, Cllr P Ham, Cllr M Healey, Cllr N Hewitt-Cooper, Cllr James Hunt, Cllr John Hunt, Cllr D Huxtable, Cllr M Keating, Cllr A Kendall, Cllr C Lawrence, Cllr M Lewis, Cllr L Leyshon, Cllr J Lock, Cllr T Lock, Cllr D Loveridge, Cllr T Munt, Cllr T Napper, Cllr F Nicholson, Cllr G Noel, Cllr L Oliver, Cllr J Parham, Cllr C Paul, Cllr H Prior-Sankey, Cllr M Pullin, Cllr F Purbrick, Cllr L Redman, Cllr B Revans, Cllr M Rigby, Cllr D Ruddle, Cllr N Taylor, Cllr J Thorne, Cllr G Verdon, Cllr L Vijeh, Cllr W Wallace, Cllr A Wedderkopp, Cllr J Williams, Cllr R Williams and Cllr J Woodman

204 **Apologies for Absence** - Agenda Item 1

No apologies for absence were received.

205 **Declarations of Interest** - Agenda Item 2

Cllr Thorne declared a prejudicial interest in respect of item 9 – the Monitoring Officers report

Members' written notifications of interests were available on the website.

Members were reminded that the Monitoring Officer had granted a dispensation to enable all elected members to participate and vote on setting the Revenue Budget, Council Tax levels and the Members Allowance Scheme. Any member who had an amount of Council Tax due to be paid which had been unpaid for at least two months needed to declare an interest that as they could not take part in the vote relating to the Budget.

206 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 July 2020** - Agenda Item 3

Proposed by Cllr Fothergill and seconded by Cllr Bown

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2020 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

207 **Chairs Announcements** – Agenda Item 4

The Chair thanked all involved with recent measures as part of Remembrance Day arrangements. The Chair thanked all those working in care homes who were given a Chair's award in a recent visit.

The Chair expressed condolences following the recent death of Julie Stevens for her commitment and passion for Children's Social Care work and improving Children's lives.

208 **Public Question Time** - Agenda Item 5

Notice was received of Public Questions/Statements/Petitions (under 5000 signatures) and Elected Member Questions regarding:

Road Safety

1. From: Susannah Clemence
Response from Cllr John Woodman

Public Transport and Covid-19 Impact

2. From: David Redgewell
Responses from Cllr Woodman and Cllr Fothergill

Travel Plans

3. From: David Orr
Response from Cllr Woodman

Central Government Funding

4 and 6. From: Eva Bryczkowski
Response from Cllr Fothergill

Climate Change Strategy

5. From: Sigurd Reimers
Response from Cllr Paul

Full details of the questions and responses given at the meeting and / or in writing following the meeting are set out in Appendix A to these Minutes.

209 **Covid-19 Outbreak Update** - Agenda Item 6

The Director of Public Health and Chief Executive presented an update in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic and set out the numbers of cases and outbreaks across the Council area.

During the consideration of the update. the following comments and questions were raised:-

- Concerns were expressed in relation to case numbers in Bishops Hull and Norton Fitzwarren, it was questioned what was driving the spread

and increased numbers and what the numbers were made up of as part of the care home split.

- There is an enhanced contract tracing system locally, it was questioned how this fit into the national contract testing system. Cases were contact traced are passed on and were attached to level 2 contract tracers who were allocate tracers to continue make contact with those who had come into contact with cases. This ensured as many confirmed cases as possible were picked up, with the same IT system used to ensure cases were passed on and escalated at regional level if the national system could not track within 24 hours.
- Testing capacity in Somerset was considered and the speed of test results being received. Assurance was provided that there was confidence in the testing capacity, which was usually within 24-48 hours, postal testing could vary. More local centres were needed with a faster response rate on testing being key to addressing numbers.
- Shepton Mallet Covid-19 cases were questioned, was this a single outbreak or a general spread within the community. Yeovil district hospital, major issue with infections in the hospital. Rates in small areas will go up really quickly as a result of the small population. Both acute hospitals have been admitting covid patients and has had outbreaks and transmission in the acute setting. This was not abnormal and the hospital has been working well to keep the situation under control.

The Council **RESOLVED** by majority to note the update

210 **Requisition Item** - Agenda Item 7

Introduced and proposed by Cllr Dimery and seconded by Cllr Redman.

The following requisitioned item was proposed by Cllr Martin Dimery and seconded by Cllr Leigh Redman:

Following the most recent Government announcement and in view of the excellent work conducted by Somerset County Council Public Health officers in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, coupled with the need to extend and improve the national Track and Trace service: the Council requests the Leader of the Council to write to Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

The purpose of the letter would be to ask that further responsibilities, resources and finances are diverted directly to Somerset County Council. This would enable the County Public Health team to expand and increase their work in locating and isolating cases of Coronavirus, so assisting in a more rapid and thorough resolution to local outbreaks and incidents.

Councillors thanked all staff for their efforts throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and commended the Director of Public Health for her help and communication to Councillors, recognising further funding was needed to continue enhanced contract tracing.

Councillor Hewitt Cooper was not present during the debate and therefore did not take part in the vote

The Council **RESOLVED** by majority to support the requisitioned item

211 **One Somerset – Request for Deferral of 2021 Elections**- Agenda Item 8

The report was introduced by Cllr Fothergill and presented by Councillor Purbrick.

The Leader of the council set out the report following the Council meeting on 29th July 2020, and Somerset County Council approval of the One Somerset business case at its Full Council meeting. The Council resolved to:

- a) Approve the One Somerset Business Case
- 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.
- 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
- d) Agree to support the Leader of the Council continuing to seek consensus with the district and local councils across Somerset. The business case was submitted to the Secretary of State on July 30. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) then wrote to all Somerset council leaders on October 8, along with North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset, inviting them to submit their proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - see appendix A.

This letter and invite had been shared with all county councillors. The letter specifically invites any interim proposals to be submitted by November 9, and detailed proposals by no later than December 9, 2020.

Subsequent to the letter, the Government's process over the coming months was discussed with MHCLG representatives and summarised below:

Final proposals were due to be received by the Secretary of State (MHCLG) no later than December 9.

The Secretary of State would consult on all proposals meeting the criteria specified in the invite (appendix A) and the MHCLG formal consultation is envisaged to take place between February and March 2021 (subject to the capacity of MHCLG).

That consultation started the unitary implementation process and as such usually triggers the process for a decision by the Secretary of State to defer a scheduled election ahead of the vesting of a new authority. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires that before a proposal for local government reorganisation can be implemented, the Secretary of State must first consult any council (County Council – 18 November 2020) 2 of 5 affected that has not submitted the proposal, as well as any other persons that he considers appropriate. To inform the Secretary of State's decision, representations would likely be sought from any persons interested, public sector organisations, local residents, businesses and those in the voluntary sector in Somerset and neighbouring councils.

The Secretary of State is expected to make a decision on their preferred proposal between June and July 2021. Implementation will begin at that point, including the necessary legislation (a Structural Change Order being laid before Parliament) to permit the creation of any new local government structure for Somerset. It should also be noted that these timescales are defined by MHCLG, and reflect their process of evaluation and subsequently the Secretary of State's decision on their preferred option. Local councils are consultees and can only therefore seek to influence the decision of the Secretary of State.

The power of the Secretary of State to defer (but not cancel) elections is provided by Section 87 (Part 4) of the Local Government Act 2000: "The Secretary of State may by order make provision which changes the years in which the ordinary elections of councillors of any specified local authority are to be held but which does not change the scheme which prevails... for the ordinary elections of those councillors."

In order to inform the decision of the Secretary of State this paper proposes that the Council consider its position on formally requesting the Secretary of State to use their powers to defer the scheduled 2021 County Council elections in May 2021 due to the transition towards the creation of

a new local government structure in Somerset. 1.5. The reasons for requesting a deferral of a scheduled election may vary. With reference to One Somerset proposals, reasons are threefold:

- Consultation will be under way during part of the pre-election period (“purdah”) for the 2021 County Council elections.
- Should the Secretary of State decide to implement local government reorganisation, and Parliament approve legislation establishing a new unitary council with elections to the new council in the year it is created, then County Councillors elected in May 2021 would serve for only one or two years, depending on implementation timescales, before the role is abolished. Elections in such circumstances risk confusing voters and would involve significant costs (in excess of £1m) that would be hard to justify and could be better used to meet Somerset’s priorities.
- The importance of there being certainty with the Secretary of State as soon as possible in order to allow effective planning if the elections are to go ahead, and effective communications with the public and stakeholders if they are to be deferred. Deferral is consistent with previous decisions made to defer elections in other areas where the Secretary of State has undertaken consultations on proposed reorganisation, such as in Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire, where scheduled district elections were deferred. It should be stressed that the decision to defer an election lies with the Secretary of State and the Council can only inform them of its view. Furthermore, the (County Council – 18 November 2020) 3 of 5 Secretary of State’s powers are limited to deferring elections, not cancelling them.

The following points were discussed, and the key points raised were:-

- Clarification was provided that May 2022 was the earliest the election could be delayed until. With 2023 being the year before the commencement of the new Unitary Council, it was considered if this would be a 2-year extension.
- It was determined a matter for the Secretary of State for the consideration and decision. This was a request from the County Council who had no powers to decide the extension, the business case aimed for April 1 2022, with the election 7th May 2022, however this was for the Secretary of State to determine.
- The view was expressed that deferring the election made sense financially.

- Concerns were expressed that a decision to defer was undemocratic and created unnecessary uncertainty, with the scheduled election not having influence in relation to the transition to a new local government structure.
- With the instance of the Police and Crime Commissioner still to take place, a new Unitary Council election would need to be held separately.
- Concerns were expressed over the potential for a 2-year extension, with the view of the democratic mandate needing to be reviewed.
- It was understood that the business case could be delivered by May 2022, with no further requests needing to delay for a further year to 2023. The Council were reminded that this was a decision of the Secretary of State, the only person in law who can defer the election.
- A view was expressed that the elections could be held with the consultation to be scheduled following this, to enable the scheduled election to still go ahead.
- An amendment was put to defer the public consultation of The Future of Local Government in Somerset until after the election.
- The Proposed amendment was put by councillor Leyshon and seconded by Dance to defer consultation on future of local government in Somerset until after the completion of the May 2021 County Council elections. The amendment was lost

The Recommendations were proposed by Councillor Fothergill and seconded by Chilcott.

A named vote was taken on the proposed amendment, with votes being cast as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Cllr Neil Bloomfield	Cllr Amanda Broom	Cllr Mike Best
Cllr Ann Bown	Cllr Simon Coles	Cllr John Clarke
Cllr Peter Clayton	Cllr Adam Dance	Cllr Andrew Govier
Cllr Mike Caswell	Cllr Martin Dimery	Cllr John Hunt
Cllr Mandy Chilcott	Cllr Andy Kendall	Cllr Tony Lock
Cllr Hugh Davies	Cllr Liz Leyshon	Cllr Dave Loveridge
Cllr Bob Filmer	Cllr Jane Lock	Cllr Leigh Redman
Cllr David Fothergill	Cllr Tessa Munt	Cllr Dean Ruddle
Cllr Giuseppe Frascini	Cllr Hazel Prior-Sankey	Cllr Nigel Taylor
Cllr Anna Groskop	Cllr Bill Revans	
Cllr David Hall	Cllr Mike Rigby	
Cllr Philip Ham	Cllr Alan Wedderkopp	
Cllr Mark Healey		
Cllr Nigel Hewitt-		

<p>Cooper Cllr James Hunt Cllr David Huxtable Cllr Mark Keating Cllr Christine Lawrence Cllr Mike Lewis Cllr Terry Napper Cllr Frances Nicholson Cllr Graham Noel Cllr Linda Oliver Cllr John Parham Cllr Clare Paul Cllr Mike Pullin Cllr Faye Purbrick Cllr John Thorne Cllr Gemma Verdon Cllr Linda Vijeh Cllr William Wallace Cllr Josh Williams Cllr Rod Williams Cllr John Woodman</p>		
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The Council therefore **RESOLVED** by 34 votes to 12 votes with 9 abstentions to adopt the motion and accordingly to:

Support the Leader to make a request to the Secretary of State to defer the scheduled 2021 county council elections until such time as the Secretary of State determines to hold a County Council election as part of the transition towards a new local government structure for Somerset.

212 **Report of the Leader and Cabinet** - Agenda Item 9

The report was introduced by Cllr Fothergill and Presented the Cabinet members Cllr Chilcott and Cllr Paul.

The Council considered a report by the Leader and Cabinet setting out recommendations considered by the Scrutiny Committee for Policies and Place in November and from the Cabinet meeting held in November 2020:

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.

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.

Cllr David Fothergill, Leader of the Council, made a speech introducing the Climate Change Strategy and Treasury Management Mid-Year Report. Matters referred to by Cllr David Fothergill included options considered and consultations undertaken, implications and background information

(ii) Points of clarification and other Queries/Comments Cllr David Fothergill responded to points raised by members on matters including the following:

Cllr Clarke – need to act now to address the climate change emergency, robust strategy to be applauded, needs to grasp urgency of the challenges. Central government needs to wake up fully to the urgency and challenges that are faced. Commitment for Council to ringfence funds to mitigate climate change.

Housing authority making developments install electric charging points and installing points in the town centre.

Living document will evolve.

Cllr Jane Lock – funding will need to be diverted to ensure the ambitions are fulfilled. Review of SCC fleet cars.

Acknowledged funding was important in the context of building a balanced budget

Remarkable record – commend officers in taking the approach on internal borrowing to reduce the costs of external borrowing and reducing slippage in the capital programme.

The Council RESOLVED to:

1. Adopt – Towards a Climate Resilient Somerset – Somerset’s Climate Emergency Strategy.
2. Endorse the Treasury Management mid-year outturn report for 2019-20.

The report was Introduced by the Monitoring Officer who set out Committee appointments, followed by Deputy Scrutiny Officer, Data Protection Officer and a Scrutiny Review Update.

The Leader paid tribute to Cllr Noel from his diligence and hard work as the Chairman of the Pensions Committee on behalf of all employees and pensioners. The Leader wished Cllr Thorne all the best in his new role.

Cllr Noel thanked all officers in Taunton and Exeter, and Anton Sweet for all his hard work in his support.

Cllr Lock thanked the Monitoring Officer for all his hard work this year.

The Council RESOLVED to:

Committee appointments – see section 3.2

1. Note the latest position in terms of committee appointments at Appendix 1 and agree the minor membership changes to Scrutiny Committee for Policies, Adults & Health and Scrutiny Committee for Policies, Children and Families.
2. Acknowledge the work undertaken by Councillor Graham Noel as the Chair of the Pensions Committee for many years and agrees the proposed appointment of Councillor John Thorne as the Chair of the Pensions Committee.

Appointment of Deputy Scrutiny Officer (see section 4)

3. Appoint and empower the post and postholder of Governance Specialist-Democratic Services, currently held by Julia Jones, as a Deputy Scrutiny Officer with immediate effect.

Appointment of Data Protection Officer (see section 5)

4. Appoint the post of Data Protection Manager, held by Lucy Wilkins, as the Council's Data Protection Officer with immediate effect.

Scrutiny review update (see section 6)

5. Note the progress made with the Scrutiny review recommendations

214 **Report of the JIRP – Parental Leave and Carers Allowances-** Agenda Item 11

The report was introduced by John Thompson as the Chair of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel. Work undertaken by the panel was commended to implement the changes to the allowance scheme to make the role of Councillor achievable to a more diverse group of people. The Chair of the Council commended the work of John and the panel.

Consideration was given to carers allowances for Councillors who had Grandchildren or for those caring for an adult child or partner? This was considered flexible enough to include in the carers allowance criteria these instances and was interpreted as people for whom you have a responsibility whilst undertaking approved duties.

The Recommendations were proposed by Cllr Fothergill and seconded by Redman.

The Council RESOLVED to:-

- (a) Consider the Panel's recommendations set out in section 7 of the Panel's report attached as Appendix A to this report and decide accordingly.
- (b) Authorise the Strategic Manager - Governance and Democratic Services, to make any amendments to the Scheme of Members' Allowances 2020-21 required as a result of the Council's decisions in (a) above.

215 **Report of Leader and Cabinet – Items for Information** - Agenda item 12

The Council received a report by the Leader and Cabinet summarising key decisions which the Leader, other Cabinet Members and Officers had taken between 20 July 2020 and 9 November 2020, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 20 July 2020, 23 September 2020, and 21 October 2020 and 9 November 2020.

Cllr David Fothergill and Cabinet Members responded to questions from members as set out below:

Highways and Council Tax Exemption for young people leaving care

Asked if the Council could reopen the SIS scheme for applications so that members can action opportunities to make it safer for constituents and Council tax exemption for young people leaving care.

From Cllr Leigh Redman

Verbal Response from Cllr John Woodman and Pat Flaherty

Brexit Lorry Parks and Funding for Families in need.

Asked following the Robert Jenricks, announcement that Government was awarding itself the power to build Brexit lorry parks, Can you tell us where in Somerset these lorry parks might be built and detail the consultation that this council has had with government before and after the new legislation was introduced?

Asked, following the announced fund of £125,000 to help families in need through the holidays. How much of that fund was spent during the Autumn half term and what it was spent on?

From Cllr Rigby

Verbal Response from Cllr Woodman and Frances Nicholson

One Somerset

Asked Should the Secretary of State for Housing Communities & Local Government decline to accept both the One Somerset and the Stronger Somerset business cases, what will happen and what is the process in terms of:

- a. re-submission of a different or amended business case?
- b. will a rescheduled election then take place later in the year ?
- c. will the entire cost of a rearranged election fall to SCC ?

From Councillor Jane Lock

Verbal Response from Cllr Fothergill

Covid-19 Funding

Asked how members of this Council be assured that the Covid-19 funding from Government, now forming part of budget equalisation reserves, will be spent where it is most needed for the residents of Somerset. This Council has recently placed £9.5m in a reserve (Cabinet decision, 23rd September) while other Councils may need to draw on their reserves this financial year.

From Councillor Leyshon

Verbal Response from Cllr Fothergill

One Somerset and IT

Asked How many laptops, computers and tablets have been distributed during the first Coronavirus lockdown from supplies held:

- a. by the Government?
- b. by Somerset County Council?
 - i. to Somerset students, and in which years of school or college?
 - ii. to other individuals?

From Councillor Munt

Verbal Response from Cllr Purbrick.

216 **Cabinet Member for Economic Development** – Agenda item – 13

Cllr David Hall introduced his report and commended to the council with thanks to all officers at all levels for their hard work achievements within in the last 12 months.

Consideration was given to the Hinkley Point C Construction requesting further workforce in the new year, highways implications of increase and wellbeing aspects of covid-19 at the Hinkley C site.

EDF continued to operate rigorous regime of testing and social distancing, confident measures would continue to be effective.

The Council received and noted this report.

217 **Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways** – Agenda item 14

Cllr Woodman summarised and highlighted key points of the Cabinet report.

The Council received and noted this report.

218 **Cabinet Member for Children and Families** – Agenda item 15

Cllr Nicholson introduced her report. The report covered updates around Edge of Care Services, Youth Offending services, Children Looked after and adoption.

Councillors welcomed the report around Ofsted and SEND and were advised it would be made available in its completed final form

The Council received and noted the report

219 **Cabinet Member for Education and Transformation** – Agenda item 16

A verbal update was provided by Cllr Purbrick in relation to Education and Transformation.

The following points were discussed, and the key points raised were:-

- Questioning took place in relation to the SEND improvement programme, improvement framework in place. What does the framework consist of and when approval can be expected. Improvement work was ongoing since before the inspection. The plan would be shared as soon as this is complete

- Consultation in relation to Schools in Crewkerne and Ilminster was discussed alongside, how to link into the consultation meetings. A request was made to add the link to the webpage.
- It was requested if the portfolio holder could consider if sufficient school places had increased where increases of homes had occurred in place in areas such as Willstock, there were concerns of a lack of School places for Children in the area.
- Numbers of IT devices issued since lockdown were queried. SCC had bid for laptops throughout the pandemic. 998 had been received with 829 issued in total, to disadvantaged pupils across all school years. A pilot project in West Somerset Opportunity areas issued over 100 unlimited data access card to those with no internet access.
- Headteacher were made aware to apply for the allocation. A detailed response would be provided in writing. There continued to be concerns over access across the county, more provision was required to assist vulnerable children with no internet access. Councillors were encouraged to report instances so that resources can be made available to help.

The Council noted the report.

220 **Report of the Scrutiny Committee for Policies and Place** - Agenda Item **17**

The report was presented by Cllr Groskop who thanked all officers and Cllrs attending the Committees and the progress made this year and areas covered such as the One Somerset Business Case, 5G Technology and Finance and Budget Monitoring.

Cllr Chilcott thanked Cllr Groskop and the committee for their hard work, questions, and input.

The Council noted the report.

221 **Annual Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee** – Agenda Item **18**

The Item was presented by Cllr Prior Sankey who thanked officers and members of the Committee. The report set out updates on a range of topics including Fit for My Future, Deprivation of Liberty -revised guidance, Care Homes and Nursing Home Support Service (LARCH/CCG), Regular clinical quality review reports from Somerset Clinical Commission Group (CCG), Dementia Report and Community Hospitals.

Cllr Huxtable thanked Cllr Prior-Sankey for Chairing the meetings.

The Council noted the report.

222 **Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee –**
Agenda Item **19**

Presented by Cllr Leigh Redman, the report provided updates on matters that had been considered by the Committee including Special Educational Needs Disability Information Advice Service, MTFP for Children’s Services and County Ticket Update.

The Chair reminded to Councillors to request items to consider at future meetings.

Cllr Purbrick thanked Cllr Redman and the Scrutiny Committee for all their hard work and contributions and great ideas

The Council noted the report.

223 **Annual Report of the Somerset Armed Forces Covenant Partnership –**
Agenda item 20

The report was presented by Cllr Rod Williams and updated the Council on the Somerset Armed Forces Covenant (SAFC) Partnership since the last Annual Report to Full Council in January 2020. The Report is for your information.

The structure of this Report set out national developments, the South West Armed Forces Covenant Partnership, Somerset activities, Health, the annual Partnership Conference, communications and background papers.

Cllr Fothergill and Cllr Taylor thanked Councillor Williams for his report and all the leadership and work undertaken with the armed forces covenant.

The Council noted the report.

Cllr Thorne left the meeting at 2:45pm

(The meeting ended at 15:30)

Chair of the Council

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