

Somerset County Council

County Council

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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 February 2021 and 23 April 2021, together with the items of business discussed at the Cabinet meetings on 17 March 2021 and 21 April 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 17 March 2021 and 21 April 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
Corporate Performance Report – Quarter 3	17 March 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Cabinet considered and commented on the information received within the report and the proposed management actions already in place. The Cabinet agreed the latest position as documented in the report, for Somerset County Council against its Council Vision.</p> <p>The report highlighted areas of success including the Revenue Budget, Enterprise Centres, breastfeeding continuation, and the Covid Vaccination programmes. Areas of concern were also noted including Connecting Devon and Somerset Phase 2 (which was the only red rated indicator), alongside Adult Contacts Handled by the Contact Centre Resolved with Information and Advice/Signposting by either Contact Centre or Locality Triage Teams which had fallen below its 75% target (due to Covid related restrictions).</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>
Climate Emergency Community Fund Grant Awards	16 April 2021 by Leader of the Council	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision follows the February 2020 announcement by the Leader of the Council regarding the launch of a new £1m grant fund which would be available to parish and town councils to support climate change initiatives in communities.</p> <p>Following an independent assessment and scoring of the applications the successful applicants were identified, this decision authorised the Climate Emergency Community Fund grant awards to the successful applicants, as recommended by the funding assessment panel as documented in Appendix A of the report.</p> <p>Note – Special urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration of this</p>

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		<p>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>

RESOURCES – *Cllr Mandy Chilcott*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Revenue Budget Monitoring Report - Month 10	17 March 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report set out the forecast year-end position against the 2020/21 budget as at the end of January (month 10). The report highlighted an overall favourable movement of £0.986m since month nine, this in the main comprised of underspends in the LD Adults, ECI Waste, Children’s Commissioning and ICT areas.</p> <p>The Cabinet approved the report and its recommendations including: a £2.000m contribution to the Capital Fund earmarked reserve; the contribution of £0.250m to the Insurance Fund from the underspends within the Finance Service; that the future s31 Grants in respect of Business Rates are added to the Funding Volatility Reserve in order to smooth out the impact upon the base budget; and that any unspent Covid-19 funding is carried forward (where allowed) and is added to the 2021/22 Covid-19 budget.</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>

RESOURCES – Cllr Mandy Chilcott

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Minehead Library Refurbishment works approval	19 March 2021 by the Leader of the Council	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Minehead library is owned by the County Council and requires comprehensive refurbishment. Both the fabric of the building and its thermal efficiency are very poor, and the current roof is at the end of its operational life.</p> <p>The refurbishment proposals had reached the stage whereby planning permission had been sought and tender submissions had been evaluated. This decision approved the recommendation to appoint the preferred contractor and authorised the Authority to enter into appropriate legal contracts following tender, review and evaluation; including the approval of a total capital project spend of £872,800.</p> <p>Works are expected to be completed between May and November 2021, during which time the library and Registration Services will relocate to a part of the old hospital site in Minehead.</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 – Month 11	21 April 2021 by Cabinet	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This report set out the forecast year-end position against the 2020/21 budget as at the end of January (month 10). The report highlighted a predicted end of year position of a favourable variance of £6.642m, however it was further noted that services had identified significant workstreams that had not been progressed during the year, mainly due to Covid-19, and that as such this figure should be treated with some caution.</p> <p>In summary, services had identified £4.315m of proposed carry forward requests, reducing the favourable variance to £2.327m. Favourable movements of £3.311m were also highlighted, covering the services areas of ECI, Adults Services and Children’s Services.</p> <p>The Cabinet approved the report, noting the favourable variances and agreed the</p>

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		<p>following movements to reserves: Transporting Somerset to transfer £0.048m to an earmarked fund for Gypsy and Travellers Project Management work; and Traffic Management to transfer £0.150m to an earmarked fund is required for a feasibility study and deliverability of a road narrowing scheme in Glastonbury.</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
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<p>SCC Youth Kickstart Scheme</p>	<p>10 February 2021 by the Director of Commissioning and Leader Director for ECI and the Director of Finance</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The career opportunities of 16-24 year old's have been disproportionately affected by the current economic downturn. In response, the Government launched a new initiative called Kickstart as part of its Plan for Jobs, aimed at providing targeted help to get young people into work. The County Council is to work with national and local organisations to ensure countywide coverage of the Kickstart Scheme. Offering new employment opportunities to our young people whose career opportunities are disproportionately affected by any economic downturn will form part of Somerset's Covid Economic Recovery.</p> <p>This decision agreed that following a successful application, Somerset County Council enter into the Grant Agreement with DWP to act as the Kickstart Scheme Gateway and accountable body for Somerset public sector organisations, their supply chains, and other businesses wishing to work with SCC to deliver Kickstart placements.</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>17 March 2021 by Cabinet</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The approval of this report enabled the Somerset Rivers Authority to continue to work with partners to deliver the actions within the agreed Somerset Flood Action Plan, leading to an enhanced level of flood protection and resilience in the county.</p> <p>This decision specifically saw the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the revised Local Memorandum of Understanding (including the Constitution of the SRA). • Approved the SRA Budget for 2021/22, in accordance with the recommendations of the SRA Board and agreed to the release of funding committed from all sources in 2021/22 for the purposes of the SRA, subject to receipt of those funds, in accordance with the budget for 2021/22. • Agree to provide forward funding for the delivery of Flood Action Plan projects in advance of drawing down Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Growth Deal

		<p>funding and that the detailed management of the 2021/22 Budget and Enhanced Programme within the control total allocated to the SRA is undertaken in accordance with the constitutional, financial regulations and decision-making arrangements of SCC as accountable body.</p> <p>Somerset County Council is the accountable legal body for the Somerset Rivers Authority until such time as it becomes a separate legal entity.</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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ADULT SOCIAL CARE – *Cllr David Huxtable*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Adult Social Care Fees and Charges 2021-22	31 March 2021 by Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<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 decision specifically agreed the charges and the proposals as set out in report for Care services for 2021/22, and for payment of Adult Social Care provider fees for 2021/22, including the additional one-off Covid recovery funding. The 2021/22 fees and charges are a significant permanent increase in real terms of at least 2.5% alongside a Covid Premium of a further one-off 3% equating to a total budget increase of £8.6m.</p> <p>Note – Special urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration 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>

CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES – *Cllr Christine Lawrence*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
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No individual decisions	n/a	n/a
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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Clare Paul

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

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – Cllr Frances Nicholson

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) Programme	29 March 2021 by Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the spend of Government issued grant funding of £1.5m on the Somerset’s Holiday Activity Fund programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £120,000 to SASP for programme coordination.• £1,380,000 available to providers across Somerset to bid for (under grant agreements). <p>The purpose of the Holiday Activity Fund is to provide healthy food and enriching activities to children and young people who are eligible to receive benefits-related free school meals.</p> <p>The terms of the funding allow local authorities to coordinate the programme themselves or work with another organisation to coordinate the programme on their behalf. Up to 10% of the grant may be used for co-ordination. This decision agreed to grant-fund the Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership (SASP) to coordinate the programme at a cost of £120k (8% of total funding).</p> <p>Note – Special urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration 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>
Early Years Block -	1 April 2021 by	SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Government’s Early Years National Funding Formula sets

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – *Cllr Frances Nicholson*

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Early Years Single Funding Formula rates 2021-22	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	<p>the hourly funding rates that each Local Authority is paid to deliver the entitlement funding for 3&4-year olds and eligible 2-year olds. For the 2021-22 financial year the Government increased the rate payable to Somerset from £4.38 to £4.44 per child per hour for 3&4-year olds and from £5.28 to £5.36 per child per hour for eligible 2-year olds.</p> <p>Local Authorities are required to set and use a locally determined formula to fund all types of Early Years provision (the Early Years Single Funding Formula). The formula must have a base rate for all providers and must include a deprivation supplement for 3&4-year olds. At least 95% of the EYSFF funding rate must be passed to Early Years providers. It has been agreed at Schools Forum that a minimum of 97% will be passed to providers to maximise the hourly rate paid.</p> <p>This decision specifically saw the Cabinet Member for Children and Families agree: a base rate of £4.22 per hour per child for the Early Years Single Funding Formula for 3&4-year olds for 2021-22. 2; and a rate of £5.20 per hour per child for eligible 2-year olds for 2021- 22.</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*

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<p>School Organisation in the Crewkerne and Ilminster Area</p>	<p>17 March 2021 by Cabinet</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: In the Crewkerne and Ilminster area, high-quality education is at risk due to low pupil numbers and consequent financial instability, a concern that has been growing for over ten years. Change in the area is essential in order to address the challenges posed by schools running under pupil capacity, even when taking in to account the possibility of housing growth in the area. Consultation and engagement activity over the last five years has sought views on a wide range of options, but none of the alternatives that have come forward have been viable or likely to produce better outcomes.</p> <p>This decision saw Cabinet approve the statutory proposal as published, including, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age-range and admission changes, closure of Misterton school, closure of Swanmead school for the purposes of amalgamation only.• Modifications to the implementation plans within the statutory proposal, in response to public consultation; review the impact of admissions arrangements in Crewkerne town, further modelling in relation to funding and pupil numbers during transition for Crewkerne schools, publication of detailed transition plans to parents, review of Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) provision. <p>It was noted that changes to a school's published admission numbers would be the subject of an application to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator to vary the admissions arrangements for Voluntary Controlled and Community Schools for 2022/23 and that the proposed changes to Maiden Beech, included within the proposal, will be the subject of a significant change proposal to be proposed by the Bridgwater and Taunton College Trust. The proposed significant change to Maiden Beech Academy would be determined by the Regional Schools Commissioner.</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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<p>One Somerset Programme Update including Government. Consultation Process and Initial 'Stronger Somerset' Independent Report Findings</p>	<p>17 March 2021 by Cabinet</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This paper set the work undertaken over the last two months and that planned through until the end of April 2021 and specifically addressed: the general programme update; the Government consultation on local government reform in Somerset and deferral of the County Council election by one year; and the County Council's planned response process to the 'Stronger Somerset' proposal' including commissioning four independent reports to provide an evidence based and balanced input to that response.</p> <p>In approving the report, the Cabinet: noted the work that has been undertaken on the programme between December 2020 and March 2021; noted the government consultation process, timing and list of named consultees and the County Council's proposed plan to respond to this including the independent reports commissioned to inform this response; and considered the independent reports on Stronger Somerset and the views expressed by the Scrutiny Committees referred to in 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>
<p>Appointment of a main contractor to deliver the expansion of Holyrood. Academy, Chard</p>	<p>30 March 2021 by Director of Children's Services</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following the approval of the Cabinet in September 2020 to proceed with the expansion of Holyrood Academy by 225 places taking the capacity of years 7 -11 from 1125 to 1350 and to proceed to tender, this paper sought authority for the County Council to appoint contractors at a gross maximum expenditure to deliver the expansion at Holyrood Academy and also gave approval to cover the purchase of furniture and ICT equipment as required for the new elements of the school.</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>Expansion of Robert Blake Secondary</p>	<p>25 February 2021 by Cabinet Member for</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision follows the 2019 Cabinet approval to enter a contract to build a new special school in Bridgwater (Polden Bower) to replace the</p>

<p>School to provide additional school places from 2021</p>	<p>Education and Transformation</p>	<p>existing Elmwood and Penrose special schools. The new special school will ensure sufficiency of special school places for the next 10-15 years. Coupled with that, Bridgwater will need additional secondary school places and on that basis, the most cost effective option was deemed to be the delivery of a new replacement special school for Bridgwater, with current Elmwood accommodation at Robert Blake Science College being converted to secondary school places.</p> <p>This decision approved the expansion of Robert Blake Science College, authorised officers to proceed with negotiations and award necessary contracts for the delivery of the project (within the total project budget as detailed in confidential appendix A).</p> <p>Note – Special urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration 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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HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – Cllr John Woodman

Item	Date of Meeting	Summary of Decision
Extension of the existing Traffic Signal and Ancillary Equipment maintenance contract	8 March 2021 by Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure Operations	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The contract for the maintenance of Traffic Signals and Ancillary Equipment across Somerset was due to expire on the on the 31st March 2021.</p> <p>Work to tender for a new contact has been delayed due to the on-going global pandemic and so this decision sought approval to extend the current contract by 12 months until March 2022, whilst the re-procurement process is progressed.</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 Term Maintenance and Vehicle Workshop Fleet Maintenance - Novation of Contracts	16 March 2021 by Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure Operations:	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: This decision authorised the novation of the Highways Term Maintenance and Vehicle Fleet Maintenance contracts from Skanska Construction UK Ltd (Skanska) to Milestone Infrastructure Limited the new service provider. The decision to novate the contracts to a new service provider is due to Skanska divesting the Infrastructure Services division of its organisation. This decision was taken to ensure the novation of contracts can be completed in a timely manner and facilitate the work needed to ensure a smooth transition between service providers and minimise the impact on the delivery of the highways service and fleet vehicle maintenance.</p> <p>This decision delegated authority to the Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure Operations to finalise and enter into the novation agreement.</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
Arrangements for the provision of SEN in Mendip	22 February 2021 by Cabinet Member for Children and Families and Cabinet Member for Education and Transformation	<p data-bbox="801 126 2018 363">SUMMARY OF DECISION: The SEND thematic review in 2015/16 recommended that all ASC bases should be under mainstream school management and as a result, following consultation with all affected parties, it was decided that Park Road Support Centre (PRSC) Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) Resource Base would transfer to the management of Midsomer Norton School Partnership (MNSP), specifically St Dunstan’s School.</p> <p data-bbox="801 419 2018 746">In its current format, PRSC ASC Resource Base has capacity to support up to 12 pupils with ASC, but demand for specialist placements of the nature far exceeds this. As well as this, the base is not on site of a mainstream school and therefore, it was approved that a purpose-built ASC base would be developed on site at St Dunstan’s School. In partnership with MNSP Trust, the Local Authority will plan for and fund the construction of a new purpose-built ASC base on the site of St Dunstan’s School in Glastonbury, with the aim of re-locating the Park Road provision to the new base in September 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="801 802 2018 1040">To ensure oversight and governance of the project, a contract has been drafted which details the arrangements noted above, including specific financial information. The designated funding for the development of the purpose-built ASC base on the grounds of St Dunstan’s School is £1.2million. The contract provides that the new building must be used as ASC provision for 9 years following the effective date of the contract.</p> <p data-bbox="801 1096 2018 1254">This report specifically authorised:</p> <ul data-bbox="853 1137 2018 1254" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="853 1137 2018 1174">• The building of a new ASC base on St Dunstan’s school site. <li data-bbox="853 1182 2018 1254">• The Assistant Director – Inclusion and the Director of Children’s Services to sign the contract. <p data-bbox="801 1310 2018 1385">Note – Special urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration 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>
<p>Creation of New Academies in Somerset</p>	<p>25 February 2021 by Cabinet Member for Education and Transformation, Cabinet Member for Children and Families and Director of Commissioning and Lead Director for ECI</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Secretary of State for Education directed via an Academy Order, the conversion to Academy Status of three schools; Sky College, East Huntspill School and West Huntspill Community Primary School. These are technical decisions to facilitate decisions taken by the Secretary of State for Education.</p> <p>This decision authorised the County Council to enter into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Commercial Transfer Agreement relating to the transfer of the staff, assets and contracts of Sky College and approved the grant of a 125-year leasehold interest in Sky College to the Learn@ Multi Academy Trust on 01/04/2021. • A Commercial Transfer Agreement relating to the transfer of the staff, assets and contracts of East Huntspill School Community School and approved the grant of a 125-year leasehold interest in East Huntspill School to The Priory Learning Trust on 01/04/2021 • A Commercial Transfer Agreement relating to the transfer of the staff, assets and contracts and approved the grant of a 125-year leasehold interest in West Huntspill Community Primary School to The Priory Learning Trust on 01/04/2022. <p>This decision also authorised the 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>
<p>Public Sector De-Carbonisation Grant - in principle</p>	<p>19 February 2021 by Director of Commissioning and</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following a competitive bidding process, the County Council was provisionally awarded Section 31 grant funding 'in principle' from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for energy efficiency projects at two public buildings</p>

<p>acceptance of grant and agreement to deliver projects at Taunton Library, Chilthorne Domer Primary School and County Hall B-Block</p>	<p>Lead Director for ECI and Director of Finance</p>	<p>Taunton Library and Chilthorne Domer Primary School as well as at B Block, County Hall. The provisional award of funding is subject to technical assessments of the bids by the grant administrator (SALIX finance), and a detailed cost planning exercise, which are currently ongoing.</p> <p>This decision recommended the acceptance, in principle, of grant funding for the three projects, alongside agreement and approval of delegated authority to implement the projects should funding be confirmed following the technical assessment process and should the projects prove to be affordable. The project at Chilthorne Domer Primary School is a small-scale project to improve insulation; the projects at Taunton Library and B Block, County Hall are larger and include modifications to heating and lighting systems at Taunton Library, as well as the replacement of windows and improvements to roof and cavity insulation.</p> <p>This decision accepted, in principle and subject to any outstanding technical assessment by SALIX finance and an affordable cost plan for the schemes, a Section 31 grant to fund the projects and authorised the County Council to execute any contract documentation required.</p> <p>Note – Special urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration 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>
<p>Public Sector De-Carbonisation Grant - acceptance of grant and agreement to deliver projects at Frome Library, the</p>	<p>26 February 2021 by Director of Commissioning and Lead Director for ECI and Director of Finance</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: Following a competitive bidding process, the Council was provisionally awarded Section 31 grant funding (totalling nearly £1.1m) from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for energy efficiency projects at seven public buildings (Frome Library, the Key Centre Frome, Glastonbury Library Hub, Highbridge Family Hub, Burnham-on Sea Library, Beechtrees Children’s Home Wellington, and Sydenham Family Hub in Bridgwater).</p>

<p>Key Centre Frome, Glastonbury Library Hub, Highbridge Family Hub, Burnham-on-Sea Library, Beechtrees Children’s Home Wellington, Sydenham Family Hub Bridgwater.</p>		<p>This report authorised the acceptance, in principle, of grant funding for the projects, alongside agreement and approval of delegated authority to implement the projects following the technical assessment process.</p> <p>This decision accepted in principle and subject to any outstanding technical assessment by SALIX finance, a Section 31 grant to fund the projects and authorised the County Council to execute any contract documentation required.</p> <p>Note – Special urgency was invoked to allow the immediate consideration 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>
<p>5 Year Extension of the Community Use and Leisure Agreement (CULA) - Building Schools for the Future (PFI Contract)</p>	<p>11 March 2021 by Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Affairs</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF DECISION: The Community Use and Leisure Agreement (CULA) currently provides leisure services at Robert Blake and Elmwood and Chilton Trinity Schools for Education as well as community Use. The CULA is a contract between Somerset County Council (SCC), the Somerset Local Enterprise Partnership: LEP (Futures for Somerset) and BAM PPP (the PFI Contractor). The contract was for an initial period of eleven years from September 2010 to August 2021, but also allowed for a 5-year extension. Under the CULA, the Somerset LEP are responsible for the delivery and management of services that are being provided at Robert Blake and Elmwood and Chilton Trinity Schools.</p> <p>The Council have a contractual obligation to provide Community and Leisure Operations under the terms of the BSF PFI contract until 2037 and this decision agreed a continuation of the services provided by the Somerset LEP to SCC, by permitting an Extension Notice to be issued that will extend the Expiry Date of the CULA until the 22nd September 2025. This Expiry Date being co-terminus with the Expiry Date of the SPA. Furthermore, such agreement, will also result in the CULIA and Leisure Agreement</p>

		<p>also being extended to the same Expiry 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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