
COUNTY COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

25 May 2022
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Item No.	Title
1	Election of the Chair of the Council
	DECISION Councillor Mike Best was elected as Chair of the Council to serve until the next Annual General Meeting in May 2023.
2	Election of the Vice Chair of the Council
	DECISION Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey was elected as Vice Chair of the Council to serve until the next Annual General Meeting in May 2023.
3	Apologies for Absence
	DECISION Apologies were received from Councillor Jo Roundell Greene.
5	Minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2022
	DECISION The minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.
6	Chair's Announcements
	DECISION The Chair of Council referred to the events detailed on the Chair's Information Sheet No. 16, circulated and published with the agenda. He also paid tribute to the former Chair of Council Nigel Taylor and to the former Vice Chair, Councillor Peter Clayton who had had to take on more duties when the Chair had become very unwell.

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	The Chair paid tribute to a number of former Councillors who had not been re elected at the elections on 5 May 2022.
7	County Returning Officer's Report
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Council NOTED the report of the Returning Officer which informed the County Council of the persons elected as members of Somerset County Council at the elections held on 5 May 2022.</p>
8	Election of the Leader of the Council
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Councillor Bill Revans was elected as Leader of the Council.</p>
11	Report of the Monitoring Officer
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Paper A – Report of Monitoring Officer - Appointments to Committees and County Council meeting dates for 2022/23</p> <p>An updated Appendix 1 (proposed Committee and internal appointments) with names of Members was published prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the election and appointment of the Chair of the Council, Vice Chair of the Council and Leader of the Council agreed at this Annual General Meeting prior to this agenda item. 2. Approve the County Council Appointments Schedule to this report (Appendix 1), to include, as necessary, summary revised terms of reference for proposed new committees, the proposed committees for appointments to be made to and the proposed appointments to Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority and Exmoor National Park Authority – see sections 3.1 and 3.2 for more detail. 3. That Councillor Peter Seib replace Councillor Henry Hobhouse as a representative on the Pension Fund Committee. 4. To approve the payment of Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA)

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	<p>for any new equivalent SRA qualifying posts created in 1 and 2 above that fit within the existing SRA bandings scheme, pending the Council considering recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the review of the Members' Allowances Scheme.</p> <p>5. To agree the dates already agreed for ordinary meetings of the County Council for the year as set out in section 3.3.</p> <p>Paper B – Report of Monitoring Officer - Appointments to Internal, Partnership and Outside Bodies</p> <p>An updated Appendix 1 (schedule of appointments to internal, partnership and outside bodies) was published prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the appointment of members to internal, partnerships and outside bodies for 2022/2023 as set out at Appendix 1. 2. Appoint Councillor Henry Hobhouse as the Armed Forces Member Champion. 3. The representative to the Heart of South West LEP Board be changed to Councillor Nick Cottle 4. Appoint Councillor Mike Best as representative on the Passion for Somerset Board 5. Appoint Jane Lock as the independent Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board and thanks be sent to the former Chair, Jill Johnson. <p>Paper C – Report of Monitoring Officer - Interim Constitution for 2022/23</p> <p>A revised Appendix 2 was published prior to the meeting, to clarify that the proposed quorum for a Full Council meeting is now 28 members.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the proposed revisions to its Constitution as set out in Appendices 2 (as revised) 3-5; 2. That an updated Constitution will come be brought to the July Council meeting, for information; 3. Approve the proposed guidance documents set out in Appendices 6–9; 4. Note the further constitutional work to be undertaken during 2022; and

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	5. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary amendments required as a result of the decisions to the Council's Constitution and publish the revised documents on the Council's website.