

Report of the Leader and Executive – Items for Decision

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1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out the Leader’s and Executive’s recommendations to Council arising from their consideration of reports at the Executive meeting on 21 September 2022. The report to the Executive is set out in Appendix 1.

1.2 Somerset West and Taunton Council will be considering the Community Governance Review and its recommendations (set out in Appendix 2) at its meeting on 29 September. The County Council may wish to refer to the decisions from that meeting prior to making its decision.

2.0 Recommendations

The Council is recommended to :

2.1 Agree the recommendations 2.1- 2.10 in the attached report of Somerset West and Taunton Council Community Governance Review Working Group (see Appendix 2).

2.2 Note the Executive’s agreement to the use of a phased approach to transfer the assets and services to the proposed new Taunton parish/town council starting with those identified in Appendix I, where reasonably practicable on 1 April 2023 and that officers from the County Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council work collaboratively ahead of vesting day to finalise the proposed assets and services to transfer for consideration and approval by the Executive.

3. Options considered and consultation undertaken

3.1 Appropriate consultation has taken place with local councils and others as part of the community governance review process as set out in the Communications and Consultation Plan and this will continue. Discussions with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and Somerset County Council in connection with the review have taken place since July 2021.

4. Implications

4.1 As set out in Appendices 1 and 2 and the supporting appendices.

5. Background Papers

5.1 The background to the report is included within the SWT report attached at Appendix 2 and its supporting appendices

Appendix A	Draft Reorganisation Order for adoption by Somerset County Council
Appendix B	The Map annexed to the Draft Reorganisation Order illustrating the Working Group's Final Recommendations
Appendix C	Decision sheets setting out the Working Group's considerations and proposals for each of the areas under review and minutes of the Working Group meetings.
Appendix D	Map illustrating proposed warding of Taunton Parish/Town Council
Appendix E	Equalities Impact Assessment
Appendix F	Terms of Reference of the Community Governance Review
Appendix G	Draft Recommendations of the Community Governance Review
Appendix H	Full report on responses received to second stage consultation
Appendix I	Taunton Parish/Town Council draft budget requirement calculations 2023/24