Somerset County Council Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee

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LA Maintained Schools – Core Offer

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1. Summary

1.1. Due to current financial and compliance risks, we are proposing to change the current support offer for Local Authority Maintained Schools. Currently, schools buy back services via SSE (Support Services for Education). A new core offer model would continue the traded model, but to help with compliance and manage/mitigate the risks, we would bundle certain services into two new offers: Base and Business Manager. Other services would remain unchanged and would continue to be offered to all schools.

2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the attached draft Executive decision report, full business case and appendices and make recommendations to be included in the final report to the Executive.

3. Background

3.1. Included within draft Executive decision report.

4. Consultations undertaken

4.1. Included within draft Executive decision report.

5. Implications

5.1. Included within draft Executive decision report.

6. Background papers

6.1. Included within draft Executive decision report.