

**Somerset Council – Summary of Outcomes taken at the Joint Meeting
Scrutiny Committee - Childrens and Families and Scrutiny Committee Adults and Health
on Wednesday, 25 October 2023**

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from – Cllr S Aujla (no substitute), R Hobbs, co-opted member, J Simons (co-opted member), Cllr A Govier (substituted by Cllr B Smedley) and Cllr J Snell (no substitute). Cllr T Robbins and Cllr G Oakes joined the meeting on line.
A3	Public Question Time	<p>Submissions / request to speak had been received from the following member of the public and the information provided had been circulated as a supplementary agenda pack.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Ms E Bryczkowski</p> <p>The responses will be circulated in an addendum document with the minutes from the meeting.</p>
A4	Dentistry and children and young people's access to dentistry and child oral health improvement	<p>The Committee received a presentation from NHS Somerset on the provision of NHS Dental Services in Somerset, and a position statement on child oral health improvement, provided by Public Health.</p> <p>The Chair requested (a) a briefing be provided to cover the questions raised during discussions, around early years, sign-posting, primary care recovery plan, route for queries to be funnelled; (b) an update to the Committee on issues raised in 4 – 6</p>

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		<p>months.</p> <p>Link to NHS dental statistical data information</p> <p>The Committee welcomed and noted the update.</p>
A5	Preparing for Adulthood	<p>The Committee received a presentation on preparing for adulthood, following the joint scrutiny workshop held in October 2020. Feedback from the workshop has supported the development of the SEND Strategy and 6 mission statements within preparing for adulthood.</p> <p>The key principles of transition planning and the Service Improvement Plan align well with the 4 priorities within the ASC Strategy in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · prevent and early help · right support, right place , right time · a supported skilled and flexible workforce · future focussed <p>The key principles of transition planning and the Service Improvement Plan align well with the key themes of the SEND Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · working together

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · getting help as early as possible · access to the right support and provision · preparing for the future. <p>The Committee welcomed and noted the update.</p>
A6	Somerset approach to reducing smoking and youth vaping	<p>The Committee received a presentation from Public Health Team and engaged in discussions and debate of the points raised. The presentation raised several important and informative points.</p> <p>The Committee agreed a recommendation that they wished to present to The Executive.</p> <p>The Committee agreed unanimously that we would write to The Executive in relation to Electronic cigarettes:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee asked that the current government consultation (link to the consultation Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping: your views - Department of Health and Social Care (dhsc.gov.uk) be shared with all members who are encouraged to complete and promote locally in their divisions. 2. The Committee asked that licensing committee be asked to review and action stronger enforcement of the sale of these devices in line with the current legal

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		<p>position.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Committee asked that the '<i>Quit tool not cool tool</i>' slogan, as highlighted by the presentation be supported and promoted in the council. 4. The Committee requested that Council take a position with regard to seeking government to work at increasing legislation around electronic cigarettes, that included but not conclusive:- a ban of the use of single use devices with exception of use to support stopping smoking, a ban on child targeting (advertising and packaging), an introduction of plain packaging that would include a health warning, an introduction of an increasing age ban on sales of these devices in line with the change made to cigarette sales.