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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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**Monday, 15 July 2024**  
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Item No.	Title
6	Council Tax Reduction Scheme Review Consultation
	<p>DECISION</p> <p><b>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices, debate and an amendment, the Executive approved the consultation exercise on proposed changes to the Council Tax Reduction scheme for 2025/26, as set out in Appendix 2, following the removal of Part 3 – Removing the disregard of £25 a week from earnings, and Part 5 – Removing the disregards for certain incomes and families with disabilities from the consultation.</b></p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
7	Budget Monitoring Report – 2024/25 Emerging Issues & 2023/24 Provisional Outturn
	<p>DECISION</p> <p><b>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Executive:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Noted the 2023/24 draft outturn for services.</b></li> <li><b>b. Noted that the final 2023/24 outturn for Revenue, Capital, and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) will be reported to the Executive at a later meeting</b></li> <li><b>c. Noted the 2024/25 emerging issues identified at Month 2</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>d. Agreed to continue to receive monthly budget monitoring report which sets out the forecast outturn for the year with details of any mitigations and actions being taken to address any forecast variances.</b></p> <p><b>e. Agreed to receive a report at a later meeting setting out proposals to change how the control boards and panels operate in light of the experience and learning over the last year.</b></p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
8	Treasury Management End of year report
	<p>DECISION</p> <p><b>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion the Executive approved the report being in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management and recommends it to Full Council at the next available meeting.</b></p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
9	Review and Adoption of Productivity plan
	<p>DECISION</p> <p><b>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Executive agreed and adopted the plan attached as Appendix A, prior to submission to MHCLG and subsequent publishing on the Council's internet site. Executive delegated authority to the Executive Director for Strategy, Workforce, and Localities, in consultation with the Lead Member for Transformation and Human Resources, to make any minor amendments prior to submission.</b></p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

	REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
10	Yeovil devolution programme
	<p><b>DECISION</b></p> <p><b>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Executive resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Devolve the operational services and staff relating to the following</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Somerset Council assets</li> <li>• Yeovil Recreation Centre (and Café)</li> <li>• Yeovil Country Park (and Nine Springs café)</li> <li>• Westlands Entertainment Venue</li> <li>• South Somerset Heritage Collection</li> </ul> <b>(the Devolved Services) to Yeovil Town Council, in line with the Council’s adopted Asset and Services Devolution Framework from 1st August 2024.</b> </li> <li><b>b. Transfer existing equipment used by Somerset Council to deliver the Devolved Services which will become surplus to Somerset Council requirements as a result of the devolution to Yeovil Town Council from 1st August 2024, unless they have indicated they do not want it.</b></li> <li><b>c. Delegate authority to the Service Director, Strategic Asset Management, in consultation with the Lead Member for Economic Development, Planning and Assets and the Executive Director (Communities) to agree the transfer of or grant of rights over the following land and property assets on appropriate terms as soon as practically possible on or after 1st August 2024, provided the Interim Head of Legal Services is satisfied that all relevant legal requirements have been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land at Milford Road (freehold transfer)</li> <li>• Former Monmouth Hall Store (freehold transfer)</li> <li>• Yeovil Recreation Centre (and Café)</li> <li>• Yeovil Country Park (and Nine Springs café)</li> <li>• Westlands Entertainment Venue (sub-lease)</li> <li>• Part of Lufton Depot housing the South Somerset Heritage Collection (lease)</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>d. Grant such licences to Yeovil Town Council to occupy the land and premises currently used by Somerset Council to deliver the Devolved Services at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yeovil Recreation Centre (and Café)</li> <li>• Yeovil Country Park (and Nine Springs café)</li> <li>• Westlands Entertainment Venue</li> <li>• South Somerset Heritage Collection</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p><b>as will enable them to deliver the Devolved Services as if they were the owners of that land and premises.</b></p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>
11	Asset Rationalisation programme: Taunton office accommodation
	<p><b>DECISION</b></p> <p><b>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Executive resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Approve the basis for the Council to enter into lease/licence agreements with 2 local partners to take accommodation at Deane House, Taunton as set out in the business case in Appendix A;</b></li> <li><b>2. Delegate authority to the Service Director – Strategic Asset Management and Head of Estates Operations in consultation with the Lead Member for Economy, Planning and Assets to enter into and complete the Lease/Licence Agreements, and coordinate necessary resource to implement the decision;</b></li> <li><b>3. Delegate authority to the Service Director – Strategic Asset Management to authorise expenditure as identified in the business case to remodel B Block at County Hall using a proportion of income from the first year of the licenses;</b></li> <li><b>4. Relocate impacted staff from Deane House to County Hall, implementing revised parking arrangements as agreed via collective consultation with Trade Unions.</b></li> </ol> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p>

	REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.
12	Update on Waste
	<p>DECISION</p> <p><b>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion the Executive agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. that the Council pays SUEZ an additional £3M this financial year, and further payments until the end of the contract as set out in the confidential annex.</b></li> <li><b>b. To delegate authority to Head of Legal Services to draw up and complete the legal documents to bring effect to this decision.</b></li> <li><b>c. To make changes within the contract to deal with unforeseen circumstances in the Clinical Waste Collection Service</b></li> <li><b>d. To obtain protection by increasing the liability cap within the contract.</b></li> <li><b>e. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to sign off the final contract variation.</b></li> </ul> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report.</p>