

**SOMERSET COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS MEMBER / OFFICER DECISION RECORD**

KEY DECISION RECORD

Future Operation of Local Authority Workspace

Executive Member(s): Cllr Ross Wyke

Local Member(s) and Division: N/A

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Date decision comes into force: 19 July 2023

1. Officer / Executive Lead Member Key Decision

The Service Director for Economy, Employment and Planning in consultation with the Lead Member for Economy, Planning and Assets acknowledged that following the end of the current centre management operating contract on 31 December 2023 the future operation and management of the Somerset Enterprise Network (SECN) will be brought in-house to the new Somerset Council. The future in-house operation will be developed to be extendable across Somerset Council workspace asset base which will future proof the management of workspace provision. The in-house management approach will also allow for some outsourcing of functions such as business support services.

Signed by:

Service Director for Economy, Employment and Planning

Paul Hickson

Executive Lead Member for Economic Development, Planning and Assets

Ros Wyke

2. Reason for Decision(s)

As set out in the Officer's report

3. Reason(s) for Urgency

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None

4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

As set out in the attached report

5. Any relevant Personal Interest that the Executive Lead Member may have under the Council's Code of Conduct for Members

None

6. Details of any conflict(s) of interest declared by an Executive Lead Member consulted about the proposals and any dispensation from Chief Executive

None

7. Other background information considered by the Executive Lead Member before making this decision

Consultation representations and comments received from Somerset Council Elected Members