

Decision Report – Leader Decision



Decision Date – 6 September 2023

Key Decision – no

Leader’s Member Appointments to the Somerset Board

Executive Member: Cllr Bill Revans – Leader of Council and Lead Member for Governance and Communications

Lead Officer: David Clark – Monitoring Officer and Service Director - Governance, Democratic & Legal

Author: Andrew Melhuish – Service Manager Democratic Services

Contact Details: decisionmaking@somerset.gov.uk

Summary / Background

1. A number of appointments to outside bodies are reserved to the Leader of Council. Full Council at its annual meeting on 25 May 2022 appointed Cllr Bill Revans as the Leader of Council. The Leader of Council has authority to agree appointments to certain internal groups, joint and outside bodies.
2. At the annual meeting following a report from the Executive Director – Public and Population Health on 24 May 2023 Full Council agreed the Somerset Board Constitution which included its Terms of Reference.
3. Subsequently, at the full Council meeting on 26 July 2023 authority was delegated to the Leader of Somerset Council to make decisions on Somerset Board membership without the need to wait for a meeting of the Full Council. This decision implements this delegation.

Recommendations

4. The Leader of Council and Lead Member for Governance and Communications agrees:
 - a. To the appointment of the following members to the Somerset Board:
Somerset Council Members: Cllr Bill Revans, Cllr Adam Dance, Cllr Dean Ruddle, Cllr Tessa Munt, Cllr Lucy Trimnell, Cllr Heather Shearer and Cllr Ros Wyke.

Somerset Council Officers: Chief Executive: Duncan Sharkey, Executive Director Public and Population Health: Professor Trudi Grant, Executive Director Adults & Health Services: Mel Lock, Executive Director Children's, Family and Education Services: Claire Winter and Executive Director: Strategy Workforce & Localities Alyn Jones.

ICB NHS Somerset: Chief Executive Johnathon Higman, Chief Medical Director Bernie Marden, Chair Paul Von Der Heyde, General Practice Dr Rob Weaver and Primary Care Michael Lennox.

NHS England: Mark Cooke.

NHS Somerset: Colin Drummond.

Education Representative: Cabot Learning Federation Chief Executive Steve Taylor and Strode College Principal & Chief Executive John Revill.

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust: Chief Executive Peter Lewis.

VCFSE: Chief Executive SPARK Katherine Nolan, Chief Executive Citizens Advice and Chair of the Somerset Group (VCFSE) Angela Kerr.

Registered Care Provider: Chief Executive Hilary Robinson.

Healthwatch Somerset: Judith Goodchild.

Avon & Somerset Police: Police Superintendent Richard Turner.

Devon & Somerset Fire Service: Chief Fire Officer Gavin Ellis.

Southwestern Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust: Sarah James.

Probation Service: Head of Somerset Probation Delivery Unit Liz Spencer.

Somerset Association of Local Councils: Health & Wellbeing Officer Ann Diment.

Business Sector: Chief Executive Somerset Chamber of Commerce Emma Rawlings.

Reasons for recommendations

5. Cllr Bill Revans was appointed as the Leader of Council on 25 May 2022. This report has been prepared to confirm the membership of the Somerset Board.

Other options considered

6. It is in the interests of the Council to ensure the appointments to the Somerset Board are made as soon as practicable both from a reputational and governance perspective.

Links to Council Plan and Medium-Term Financial Plan

7. These recommendations seek to appoint members to the Somerset Board and support the Council's ability to effectively pursue its vision as set out in the Council Plan.
8. The appointments to the Somerset Board will assist with the Council's community leadership responsibilities.

Financial and Risk Implications

9. No additional special responsibility allowance is payable by the Council for appointments to the Somerset Board. Any travel and subsistence claims in accordance with the Scheme of Members' Allowances 2023/2024 will be met by the Members Expenses budget for 2023/2024.
10. It is important that all appointments are made and maintained as soon as practicably possible to ensure that the Somerset Board is fully functional and the Council's interests are represented. The main risk to the Council would result from the Council failing to appoint members to serve on the Somerset Board thus failing to fulfil its obligations and therefore the level of risk arising from approving the proposals in this report is considered to be low.

Likelihood	1	Impact	5	Risk Score	5
------------	---	--------	---	------------	---

Legal Implications

11. There are no legal implications arising from this report. The appointments to the Somerset Board accord with the Council's Constitution and legislation.

HR Implications

12. There are no direct HR implications resulting from this decision.

Other Implications:

Equalities Implications

13. The Council's duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act is to have "due regard" to the matters set out in relation to equalities when considering and making decisions. No specific implications have been identified, although members will be expected to have regard to these matters when representing the Council on the Somerset Board. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not considered necessary for this decision as there are no direct impacts.

Community Safety Implications

14. There are no direct Community Safety implications resulting from this decision.

Climate Change and Sustainability Implications

15. There are no direct Climate Change and Sustainability Implications resulting from this decision.

Health and Safety Implications

16. There are no direct Health and Safety Implications resulting from this decision.

Health and Wellbeing Implications

17. There are no direct Health and Wellbeing Implications resulting from this decision.

Scrutiny comments / recommendations:

18. The proposed decision has not been considered by a Scrutiny Committee.

Background

19. The Somerset Board provides strategic leadership to improve the health and wellbeing of the residents of Somerset through the development of improved and integrated health, public health and adults and children's social care services.

Background Papers

20. The Council's Constitution.

Report of the Executive Director – Public & Population Health to Annual Council
24 May 2023.

Appendices

- None.

Report Sign-Off:

	Officer Name	Date Completed
Legal & Governance Implications	David Clark	8.9.23
Communications	Chris Palmer	N/A
Finance & Procurement	Nicola Hix	N/A
Workforce	Chris Squire	N/A
Asset Management	Oliver Woodhams	N/A
Executive Director / Senior Manager	David Clark	8.9.23
Strategy & Performance	Alyn Jones	N/A
Executive Lead Member	Cllr Bill Revans	6.9.23
Consulted:	Councillor Name	N/A
Local Division Members	N/A	N/A
Opposition Spokesperson	Cllr David Fothergill	On publication
Scrutiny Chair	Cllr Gill Slocombe	On publication