

CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

13 September 2023

Present:-

Councillors R Croad, R Gilbert, J Hart (Chair), S Hughes, A Leadbetter, J McInnes (Vice-Chair), L Samuel, A Saywell and P Twiss

Apologies:-

Councillors A Davis

Members attending in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 25

F Biederman, J Brazil, A Connett and C Whitton (in person)
A Dewhirst (remote attendance)

* **1** Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2023 be signed as a correct record.

* **6** Working Well Together for a Sustainable and Stronger Council

RESOLVED that the challenges being faced by the authority and the steps being taken to secure Best Value are noted.

7 Youth Justice Plan

RESOLVED

(a) that the 2023/2024 Youth Justice Service Plan be endorsed and in accordance with 'Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000', be recommended to the Council for adoption;

(b) that the existing contribution to a pooled budget to part finance Youth Justice Services in Devon of £299,200 be agreed, noting that no additional funding is being sought through the Report; and

(c) that in order to maintain an informed dialogue on youth justice matters within communities to achieve the ambitions of the plan to the greatest effect, for both the benefit of children and society as a whole, the Report be further endorsed.

* **8** Budget Monitoring - Month 4

RESOLVED

(a) that the month 4 budget monitoring forecast position is noted;

(b) that the update on the Safety Valve Intervention programme also is noted;

(c) that an in year virement from service budgets of £10 million, as detailed in section 8 of the report, is agreed; and

(d) that a Safety Valve Support reserve is created and a contribution to it of £10 million is made in year.

* **9** **People First Strategy - Action Plan**

RESOLVED

(a) that the People Strategy Action Plan and all of the activities / projects contained therein be endorsed; and

(b) that the Director of People and Culture, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Organisational Development, Workforce & Digital Transformation, be given delegated authority to make minor amendments to the action plan.

* **10** **Proposal for the Future Council Contribution to the Wellbeing Exeter Partnership Fund**

RESOLVED that the Council contributions to the Wellbeing Exeter Partnership Fund be ceased, as outlined in option 1 at section 4 of the Report.

* **11** **Special Guardianship Policy - Supporting Families to Apply for Special Guardianship Orders (Support Package)**

RESOLVED that foster carers applying for a Special Guardianship Order in respect of a looked after child for whom Devon is the Corporate Parent receive an enhanced, guaranteed financial support package as outlined in the Report to encourage them to apply for the Special Guardianship Order, thereby providing a permanent placement for that child.

* **12** **Calculation of Allowances for Special Guardians, Child Arrangement Order and Adoption Allowances - the Government Calculator**

RESOLVED that the Government recommended calculator for allowance reviews for kinship care be adopted with effect from 1st January 2024.

* **13** **Staying Close Pilot for Care Experienced Young People**

RESOLVED

(a) that the securing of £1.14 million of funding from the Department for Education for the Wave 3 Staying Close initiative be noted; and

(b) that the Staying Close implementation plan be approved.

* 14 **South Hams Highways and Traffic Orders Committee - Local Waiting Restrictions Programme**

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Highway Management writes to the Chief Constable and local MPs seeking their support in lobbying Government to provide Local Authorities with civil powers to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement' and copies the letter to the PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Joint Committee.

* 16 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the following be endorsed and any recommendations to Cabinet therein be approved:

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* 18 **Forward Plan**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet reviewed the [Forward Plan](#) and determined those items of business to be defined as key and framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting onwards reflecting the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

* 19 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely the financial or business affairs of persons tendering for the provision of council goods or services and of the County Council, in both cases, and in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

* 20 **Part 2 - Supported Living Options Framework Agreement - Contract**

RESOLVED that a twelve-month extension, with an additional entry point, to the existing Supported Living Options Framework Agreement for 16-17-year-old children in care and eligible care leavers be approved.