

Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

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Scholars Way - Acceptance of Grant for Construction

Following WECA approval of the business case for Scholars Way, this Single Member Decision seeks approval to accept the funding for construction of the scheme.

<https://westofengland-ca.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1072>

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery

Decision published: 26/01/2026

Effective from: 03/02/2026

Decision:

(1) To accept the funding provided by the Mayoral Combined Authority and to approve the spend of £2.984m.

(2) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the S151 Officer, to accept the Grant Offer Letter from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority when it is received.

Wards affected: Combe Down; Widcombe & Lyncombe

Lead officer: Paul Tucker

AGHL Interim Dividend to the Shareholder

Approval of the reserved matter below to allow AGHL to progress with paying the interim dividend of £681K for 2024/2025 to the Shareholder in order to meet the total Council Returns target set of £1m for the financial year 2024/2025

- Reserved Matter 32 - Declaring or paying any end of year dividend of the Company (where applicable)

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 20/01/2026

Effective from: 20/01/2026

Decision:

To approve the reserved matter below to allow AGHL to progress with paying the interim dividend of £681K for 2024/2025 to the Shareholder in order to meet the total Council Returns target set of £1m for the financial year 2024/2025.

- Reserved Matter 32 - Declaring or paying any end of year dividend of the company (where applicable).

Wards affected: All Wards**Lead officer:** Susan Hayter

Schools Funding Formula 2026-27

To set out the methodology of creating the schools funding formula for 2026-27.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children's Services**Decision published:** 07/01/2026**Effective from:** 15/01/2026**Decision:**

- (1) To follow the formula set out in the report, continuing to follow the National Funding Formula (NFF) and to utilise the factor values provided by the DFE, providing the resources are available.
- (2) Should resources not allow the funding of the formula factors in full, to agree that a proportionate reduction of all allowable factors is made to reduce the allocations to fit the resources available.
- (3) To set the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) at 0% per pupil.

Wards affected: All Wards**Lead officer:** Richard Morgan

Parish and Town Council Election and By-Elections Recharges

Cabinet is asked to charge Parish Councils for their election and by-election costs with effect from 1 April 2026 and to approve the methodology for calculating the charges as set out in the report.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Resources**Decision published:** 06/01/2026**Effective from:** 14/01/2026**Decision:**

To introduce recharges to Town and Parish Councils for all their election and by-election costs with effect from 1 April 2026.

Wards affected: Bathavon North; Bathavon South; Chew Valley; Clutton & Farmborough; High Littleton; Keynsham East; Keynsham North; Keynsham South; Mendip; Midsomer Norton North; Midsomer Norton Redfield; Paulton; Peasedown; Publow with Whitchurch; Radstock; Saltford; Timsbury; Westfield

Lead officer: Aurora Loi

Fashion Museum Bath Collection Policies Renewal

It is a requirement of the Arts Council England's Accreditation Standard that Fashion Museum Bath must have a Collections Development Policy, Documentation Policy and Collections Care and Conservation Policy. These must be reviewed and renewed every 5 years. The Fashion Museum Bath's policies are now due for renewal.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development

Decision published: 06/01/2026

Effective from: 14/01/2026

Decision:

To approve the following policies:

- Fashion Museum Bath Collections Development Policy
- Fashion Museum Bath Documentation Policy
- Fashion Museum Bath Collections Care and Conservation Policy

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Elisabeth Murray

RULE 3.5.15 - New Special School with Co-located Children's Homes

The original Single Member Decision in September 2024 (E3562), achieved cabinet agreement that Charlton House, Keynsham, could be re-purposed into a small residential and day school for young people aged 11-17 with complex special education needs with a fully approved budget of £6.1 million from High Needs Capital Allocation. However, following an aborted tender process and discussions with Ofsted it became clear that a 'residential school' for 12 pupils would not best meet the needs of our most complex children. This would be instead provided by two, co-located children's homes. Each offering residential care for up to four children/young people. The proposal for a 30-place special school remains the same, with the school and children's homes being operated separately.

Request for the Cabinet Member to approve the amended proposal that Charlton House, Keynsham should continue to be re-purposed into a special school for 30 day-pupils with highly complex needs, but with a 52-week residential offer for eight children and young people in total being provided by two, co-located children's homes.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Decision published: 18/12/2025

Effective from: 18/12/2025

Decision:

- (1) To agree that Charlton House, Keynsham should continue to be re-purposed into a special school for 30 day-pupils with highly complex needs, but with a 52-week residential offer for eight children/young people in total being provided by two collocated children's homes.
- (2) To agree the increase of the budget by £660k to £6.760m funded by borrowing.

Wards affected: Keynsham South

Lead officer: Olwyn Donnelly

Public Spaces Protection Orders - for dogs to be kept on leads within our Council owned cemeteries

To create Public Space Protection Orders requiring dog owners to keep their dogs on leads within our Council owned cemeteries.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Communications and Community

Decision published: 16/12/2025

Effective from: 24/12/2025

Decision:

To approve the recommendation to go to full Consultation.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Vincent Young

Imagine Midsomer Norton Town Centre Masterplan

Blueprint for future aspirations for development and improvement in Midsomer Norton Town Centre (joint project with Midsomer Norton Town Council).

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development

Decision published: 15/12/2025

Effective from: 23/12/2025

Decision:

To endorse the Imagine Midsomer Norton Town Centre Masterplan (Appendix A of the report) as a basis for decision making and funding bids in order to seek to deliver the priority projects, working with Midsomer Norton Town Council.

Wards affected: Midsomer Norton North; Midsomer Norton Redfield

Lead officer: Cleo Newcombe-Jones

Establishment of a Limited Liability Partnership for the Regeneration of the Bath Quays Residential Development Plots

Approval to form an Aequus B&NES Limited Liability Partnership for delivery of housing regeneration projects.

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 02/12/2025

Effective from: 02/12/2025

Decision:

To agree to the incorporation of the Aequus Regeneration Bath Quays Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) with a 1% share for Aequus Construction Ltd.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Susan Hayter

Clapton Road and Redfield Road Pedestrian Improvements

Provide improved pedestrian facilities between residential areas and three schools (Longvernal primary School, St John's C of E Primary School and Somervale Secondary School).

The proposed works include two zebra crossings, widened footways, mobility crossings, continuous footways and a section of new footway.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery

Decision published: 19/11/2025

Effective from: 27/11/2025

Decision:

To approve the £500,000 capital allocation for the Clapton Road and Redfield Road proposed pedestrian improvements project.

Wards affected: Midsomer Norton Redfield

Lead officer: Alison Sherwin

School Streets Programme

To proceed with school streets in certain areas.

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 14/11/2025

Effective from: 22/11/2025

Decision:

(1) Subject to the full Traffic Regulation (TRO), to approve in principle schemes at St Phillips Primary School, Widcombe Infant and Primary School and St Stephens Primary School.

(2) To approve delegated authority for the Director of Place Management to accept future grant funding for these schools or any future grant funding for any other School Streets projects.

(3) To note that with respect to the school street scheme for the Lyme Road and Charmouth Road LN area and with reference to previous SMD E3494, there are some changes because of further technical work and consultation.

The Council is proposing:

- A school street at the top of Charmouth Road (north of the Lyme Road junction) with timed restrictions at drop-off and pick-up for most vehicles
- A one-way route (eastwards) requiring all motorists and cyclists to enter via Lyme Gardens and exit via Charmouth Road. This is a change from the previous proposal which proposed the one-way route to be westwards i.e. motorists to enter from Charmouth Road and exit Lyme Gardens
- Three continuous crossings, including two over the junctions with the A4 Newbridge Road and one at the junction of Lyme Road with Charmouth Road. To improve visibility, up to 4 parking spaces would be removed.
- Cyclists would be required to follow the one-way route.

These improvements will mean:

- Safer, calmer and less congested environment at school pick-up and drop-off
- Slower traffic and safer crossing facilities
- Improved traffic flow and reduced conflict between road users
- Priority for those walking, wheeling or cycling

It is proposed that the school street scheme will be introduced via a traffic regulation order (TRO) which will be consulted upon in December 2025.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Alison Sherwin

Removal of vehicles parked on the public highway or in council car parks

A review of the current policy to ensure that the full scope of existing statutory powers is available to enable proportionate action to be taken against vehicles parked in contravention that may additionally represent either:

- a security risk
- a danger to other road users, or
- prevent the free movement of vehicles.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Strategy

Decision published: 12/11/2025

Effective from: 20/11/2025

Decision:

(1) To support the broad use of statutory vehicle removal powers for vehicles parked in contravention on the highway or on other land where the vehicle remains a risk to public safety or the movement of traffic.

(2) To note a minor revision to para 6.3 of the published report, which is amended to the following:

6.3 Vehicles will only be removed from the secure area upon an assessment of risk, and a decision made by the Local Authority if it is deemed safe to do so.

Consultation with the police can be sought in identifying relevant risk to inform a decision to remove a vehicle, however, the final decision for vehicle removal under this policy will remain with the Local Authority.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Andrew Dunn