

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 17th February, 2015

Present:- **Councillors** Councillor Simon Allen, Patrick Anketell-Jones, Rob Appleyard, Sharon Ball, Tim Ball, Colin Barrett, Cherry Beath, David Bellotti, Sarah Bevan, Mathew Blankley, Lisa Brett, John Bull, Neil Butters, Bryan Chalker, Anthony Clarke, Nicholas Coombes, Paul Crossley, Gerry Curran, Sally Davis, Douglas Deacon, David Dixon, Peter Edwards, Michael Evans, Paul Fox, Andrew Furse, Terry Gazzard, Charles Gerrish, Ian Gilchrist, Francine Haeberling, Alan Hale, Katie Hall, Liz Hardman, Nathan Hartley, Steve Hedges, Eleanor Jackson, Les Kew, Dave Laming, Malcolm Lees, Marie Longstaff, Barry Macrae, David Martin, Robin Moss, Paul Myers, Douglas Nicol, Bryan Organ, June Player, Vic Pritchard, Liz Richardson, Manda Rigby, Caroline Roberts, Nigel Roberts, Dine Romero, Will Sandry, Brian Simmons, Kate Simmons, Jeremy Sparks, Ben Stevens, Roger Symonds, David Veale, Martin Veal, Tim Warren and Brian Webber

Apologies for absence: **Councillors** Loraine Morgan-Brinkhurst MBE, Geoff Ward and Chris Watt

64 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out on the agenda.

65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Nigel Roberts declared an 'other' interest due to his work at the RUH (subject of a proposed amendment on the budget item).

Councillor Simon Allen declared an 'other' interest due to his position as a stakeholder governor at the RUH (subject of a proposed amendment on the budget item).

66 MINUTES - 15TH JANUARY 2015

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Tim Warren, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of 15th January 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

67 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman made the customary announcements regarding mobile phones and the meeting being webcast. He checked everyone had received all the supplementary information and reminded Members that a recorded vote was needed

on all budget items. At this point, the Monitoring Officer explained the voting process.

The Chairman informed Council of the letters of support he had received from various other Councils following the tragic accident in Lansdown Lane last week and invited the Council to stand in silence as a mark of respect for those affected.

He concluded by congratulating the Roman Baths for winning Gold in the Large Visitor Attraction category of the South West Tourism Excellence awards.

68 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business but the Chairman took the opportunity to thank Members for their support to him in his role as Chairman, as this meeting might be the final Council meeting for some Councillors.

69 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

David Redgewell made a statement covering various bus and rail issues. The full statement can be viewed via the link from the minutes. The Chairman thanked David Redgewell for his statement which was referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport.

[This statement was taken after the budget item.]

70 BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The Council considered a report presenting the Cabinet's medium term financial plan, and revenue and capital budgets for the 2015/16 financial year together with a proposal for a Council tax level for 2015/16.

In addition to the reports circulated with the agenda, all Councillors had received a copy of the draft minute of the Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 9th February with the Panel's comments on the budget proposals. Councillors also received Appendix 8 – Formal Council Tax Setting resolutions (incorporating precepts from Parishes, Fire and Police) and updated budget proposals (attached online).

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Tim Warren, it was **RESOLVED** that the Council suspends Council rule 42, Content and Length of Speeches, for the duration of this debate so as to enable variations to be permitted to the length of speeches by the Cabinet Member for Community Resources, the Conservative, Independent and Labour Groups and the Chair of the Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

RESOLVED

1. that the Council approve:
 - a) The General Fund net revenue budget for 2015/16 of £119.914m with no increase in Council Tax.
 - b) That no Special Expenses be charged other than Town and Parish Council precepts for 2015/16.
 - c) The adequacy of reserves at Appendix 1 Table 8 with a risk-assessed level of £10.5m.
 - d) The individual service cash limits for 2015/16 summarised at Appendix 1 Table 4 and detailed in Annex 1.
 - e) That the specific arrangements for the governance and release of reserves, including invest to save proposals, be delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Resources and the Chief Executive.
2. That the Council include in its Council Tax setting, the precepts set and approved by other bodies including the local precepts of Town Councils, Parish Councils and the Charter Trustees of the City of Bath, and those of the Fire and Police Authorities.
3. That the Council notes the Section 151 officer's report on the robustness of the proposed budget and the adequacy of the Council's reserves (Appendix 1, Annex 2) and approves the conditions upon which the recommendations are made as set out throughout Appendix 1.
4. That in relation to the capital budget the Council:
 - a) approves a capital programme of £57.873m for 2015/16 and notes items for provisional approval in 2015/16 and the programme for 2016/17 to 2019/20 as shown at Appendix 1, Annex 3 (as amended by the document attached to these minutes), including the planned sources of funding.
 - b) delegates implementation, subject to consultation where appropriate, of the capital programmes set out in Annex 3i to Annex 3iv to the relevant Strategic Director in Consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member.
 - c) approves all other delegations as set out in the budget report.
 - d) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as shown at Appendix 1, Annex 4
 - e) approves the Capital Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 1, Table 6.
5. That the Council agree the Council's proposed pay policy statement, including the provision in respect of minimum pay rates in 2015/16 as set out at Appendix 4 delegating implementation arrangements to the Employment Committee where appropriate.

6. That the Council increases the “think local” financial limit to provide local businesses with the opportunity to obtain contracts up to £50,000 (increased from the current £25,000).
7. That the Council notes the approach to Community Assets as set out in Appendix 5 including the following area in the “FURTHER POTENTIAL COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS” section;-
 - Land at the Paddock, Keynsham (Subject to Due Diligence)
8. That the Council notes the approach to tackling poverty as set out in Appendix 6.
9. That the Council notes the issues raised in Appendix 7 and agree that the proposals in the budget properly reflect the Council's duties under the Equalities Act 2010.
10. That the Council approves the technical resolutions that are derived from the budget report, and all figures in that report, including the precepts for towns, parishes and other precepting bodies as set out in Appendix 8.
11. That, if it continues to be the case that the money contained within the Affordable Housing Reserve is not required to support the delivery of affordable housing at Western Riverside, this money be made available to support an increase in the proportion of affordable housing in other major developments in the authority;
12. To ask that the Cabinet give consideration to using any unused money in the affordable housing capital budget identified above for the same purpose;
13. To earmark up to £55,000 within the Financial Planning Reserve to enable the commissioning and production of;
 - A transport strategy for the Somer Valley;
 - A transport strategy for the Chew Valley and rural areas
14. To instruct officers to open discussions with the Royal United Hospital to explore the possibility of providing financial support to the hospital, in the form of a market loan or other form of investment, to enable a greater increase in on-site parking provision than currently planned, so that the Council can give consideration to such a proposal in a future Budget, if these discussions prove fruitful;
15. To earmark up to £10,000 within the Financial Planning Reserve to support initial work and feasibility in relation to the above, if initial discussions prove fruitful;

THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16 AS INDICATED ABOVE AND ACCORDINGLY RESOLVES:

16. That the 2015/16 expenditure is funded as follows:

	Total £
2015/16 Gross Expenditure	321,059,224
2015/16 Income (service income and specific grants)	192,121,074
Core Funding:	
Revenue Support Grant	20,504,292
Retained Business Rates*	31,581,233
Use of Reserves	819,098
Collection Fund Surplus	1,578,177
2015/16 Gross Income	246,603,874
Council Tax Requirement (excluding Parish Precepts)	74,455,350

* Before Tariff Payment

17.

- a) That it be noted that on the 19th December 2014 the Divisional Director of Business Support (as authorised section 151 officer) agreed 61,950.62 Band D property equivalent as the Council Tax Base for the year 2015/16 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 35(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- b) The amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate is given as Annex 1 (1).

[Annex 1 (1) gives Band D Tax base by parish]

18. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the 2015/16 financial year in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, as amended:

- a. **£323,288,909** (=£321,059,224 (gross expenditure) +£2,229,685 (Parish precepts)) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the 1992 Act.

[This is the gross expenditure incurred in performing functions and charged to the revenue account, contingencies for revenue, any financial reserves to be raised, financial reserves to meet prior year deficit not yet provided for, any amounts transferred from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with section 97(4) of the Local Government Finance 1988 Act, and any amounts transferred from general fund to collection fund under section 98(5) of 1988 Act.]

- b. **£246,603,874** (gross income including use of reserves) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the 1992 Act.

[This is the income estimated to accrue which will be credited into the revenue account for the year in accordance with proper practices, any amounts transferred in the year from the collection fund to the general fund in

accordance with section 97(3) of the 1988 Act, any amounts which will be transferred from the collection fund to the general fund pursuant to a direction under section 98(4) of the 1988 Act and will be credited to the revenue account for the year, and financial reserves used to provide for items in Section 31A(2)]

- c. **£76,685,035** being the amount by which the aggregate at 18(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 18(b) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the 1992 Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
- d. **£1,237.84** being the amount at 18(c) above divided by the amount at 17(a) above, calculated in accordance with Section 31B of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year.

[This is the average Council tax including B&NES and parish precepts]

- e. **£2,229,685** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the 1992 Act.

[This is the total of parish precepts]

- f. **£1,201.85** being the amount at 18(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 18(e) above by the amount at 17(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

[This is the B&NES Council tax only excluding parish precepts]

- g. The amounts given by adding to the amount at 18(f) above the amounts of special items or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 17(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate are given at Annex 1 (3).

[Annex 1 (3) gives the Band D Council tax for each area including the parish precepts]

- h. The amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 18(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the 1992 Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands are given in Annex 1 (4).

[Annex 1 (4) shows the B&NES and parish Council Tax for all bands.]

Precepting Authorities

19. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16 the Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset has determined the amount in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

20. Avon and Somerset Police

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£116.52	£135.94	£155.36	£174.78	£213.62	£252.46	£291.30	£349.56

21. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16 Avon Fire Authority met on 6th February 2015 to determine the amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

22. Avon Fire Authority

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£44.40	£51.80	£59.20	£66.60	£81.40	£96.20	£111.00	£133.20

23. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts 20, 22 and 18(h) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the 2015/16 financial year for each of the categories of dwellings shown, as listed in Annex 1 (5).

24. On average (for a Band D, 2 adult household) the Council Tax for 2015/16 will be as follows:

<i>Reference Band D 2014/15 £</i>		£ Band D 2015/16	% Increase on 2014/15
1,201.85	Bath and North East Somerset Council	1,201.85	0.00
35.72	Average Parish Precept	35.99	0.76
65.30	Avon Fire Authority	66.60	1.99
171.37	Avon and Somerset Police	174.78	1.99
1,474.24	Total Tax charged	1,479.22	0.34

[Overall annual increase in average Band D Council Tax is £4.98]

25. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2015/16 is not determined to be excessive in accordance with principles approved under section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Notes;

1. *The above motion was carried, with 34 Councillors voting in favour and 28 Councillors abstaining;*

Councillors voting in favour – Simon Allen, Rob Appleyard, Sharon Ball, Tim Ball, Cherry Beath, David Bellotti, Sarah Bevan, Lisa Brett, Neil Butters, Bryan Chalker, Nicholas Coombes, Paul Crossley, Gerry Curran, Doug Deacon, David Dixon, Paul Fox, Andrew Furse, Ian Gilchrist, Katie Hall, Nathan Hartley, Steve Hedges, Dave Laming, Malcolm Lees, David Martin, Doug Nicol, June Player, Manda Rigby, Caroline Roberts, Nigel Roberts, Dine Romero, Will Sandry, Jeremy Sparks, Ben Stevens, Roger Symonds

Councillors abstaining – Patrick Anketell-Jones, Colin Barrett, Matthew Blankley, John Bull, Anthony Clarke, Sally Davis, Peter Edwards, Michael Evans, Terry Gazzard, Charles Gerrish, Francine Haeberling, Alan Hale, Liz Hardman, Eleanor Jackson, Les Kew, Marie Longstaff, Barry Macrae, Robin Moss, Paul Myers, Bryan Organ, Vic Pritchard, Liz Richardson, Brian Simmons, Kate Simmons, Martin Veal, David Veale, Tim Warren, Brian Webber

2. A variation to the motion was put forward by Councillor Liz Richardson and accepted as a minor adjustment by the mover and seconder of the motion. This wording forms resolutions 11 & 12 above.
3. A variation to the motion was put forward by Councillor Michael Evans and accepted as a minor adjustment by the mover and seconder of the motion. This wording forms resolution 13 above.
4. A variation to the motion was put forward by Councillor Anthony Clarke and accepted as a minor adjustment by the mover and seconder of the motion. This wording forms resolutions 14 & 15 above.

71 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2015/16

Councillors considered a report which fulfilled the Council's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to approve a Treasury Management Strategy and an Investment Strategy before the start of each financial year, in accordance with the CIPFA Code and the CLG Guidance.

The report is also on the agenda to be scrutinised by the Corporate Audit Committee on 26th March 2015.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Tim Warren, it was

RESOLVED to agree that;

1. The actions proposed within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (Appendix 1 of the report) are approved;
2. the Investment Strategy, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, is approved; and
3. the changes to the authorised lending lists detailed in Appendix 2 and highlighted in Appendix 3 are approved.

[Note – this item was passed unanimously]

72 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) ADOPTION

The Council considered a report recommending approval of the B&NES Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Following the examination hearings on the 8th January 2015, the Examiner recommended approval of the CIL, with modifications. The Council can only approve the CIL if it accepts the Examiner's modifications.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Ball, seconded by Councillor Liz Richardson, it was

RESOLVED

1. To approve the B&NES Community Infrastructure Levy as modified by the Examiner (Attachment 1 to the report) with a commencement date of 6th April 2015;
2. To delegate responsibility to the Divisional Director for Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning, to make minor amendments and to correct any errors to the documentation before CIL comes into effect; and
3. Agree that the CIL charging schedule is kept under review and any proposed adjustments to the charging schedules are reported to Cabinet before 6th April 2017 for recommendation, if appropriate, to Council.

[Note – this item was passed unanimously]

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm

Chairman

Date Confirmed and Signed

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Bus Service Review

We are concerned about the proposed reductions to bus subsidies across the Greater Bristol Network which will result in the loss of evening and Sunday services. Last year's changes to the subsidy structure in Bristol have proved to be a great success and are starting to bring the bus network into full public acceptance. Given this progress, we need now to protect the core network and in particular the advances which have been made to off-peak, Sunday and night services. This along with Residents Parking Schemes and improvements to rail services has led to a growth of 17% in public transport uptake, which represents one of the greatest modal shifts in Bristol transport over the last fifty years.

If significant savings have to be made, they should most certainly not be made at the expense of perceived accessibility (which is closely related to service level). We would recommend instead that the Council look at privatisation of the city's Park and Ride services which could indeed provide valuable additional services along major corridors. There is good evidence to suggest that privatisation would be financially viable as it has been in other cities.

It would be devastating and highly embarrassing to the city to be seen to be cutting public transport during its tenure of the European Green

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Capital award, At this time we are going to demonstrate hybrid buses, special trains on the Henbury loop and Portishead line, a tourist trail with Shaun the Sheep, Keep Sunday Special events with public transport and cycling themes and a cheaper ticket on the bus and rail network over the school holidays.

We are especially concerned about the secondary bus network (the routes which feed into and out of the trunk network), and which exists mainly on the support of local authority and UWE finance.

Loss of the following services has been and will be a serious blow to the communities who rely on them.

- The 25 (which has cut St Paul's, Montpelier and St Werburgh's off from Bedminster, Southville and Lockleaze/Horfield—a catastrophe in view of the RPS implementation in the pipeline—though some reinstatement is planned once the Romney Avenue BusGate eventually opens
- The forthcoming cancellation of service 20 (withdrawing services from Golden Hill, Henleaze, Southmead, and the BRI Oncology Centre, now partly replaced by limited services on 520, 508 and HospitalLink, but without Sunday and evening provision)
- Withdrawal of Service 15, again disconnecting Henleaze, Golden Hill and other parts of North Bristol.

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The new 72 is only a partial replacement for the 15 and 20, and is clearly more targeted on students specifically rather than as part of the wider Bristol community.

- 11 which is now rerouted via Cumberland Road, removing connection from Temple Meads, Bedminster and Southville (the new 12 perversely covers a similar route but is curiously dispatched along Hotwell Road, again avoiding both Temple Meads and Southville).
- 36 which will be withdrawn between Whitchurch and Withywood and rerouted away from Tesco Callington Road, thereby making supermarket access difficult for elderly and disabled people in South East Bristol.
- 533 withdrawn between Keynsham and Mangotsfield via Kingswood and Hillfields.
- 312 Thornbury to Fishponds via Bristol Parkway and UWE (proposed withdrawal January 2015), partly replaced by Service 83, but without early morning or evening provision.
- 207 Thornbury to Dursley: now a limited community transport service, with no provision for disabled access.

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These plans need to be urgently reviewed in conjunction with First and Wessex, UWE, The University of Bristol Hospital Trust and North Bristol NHS Trust.

Further subsidy cuts (unless cut from Park and Ride) will further exacerbate these problems and spread the disconnection across other areas of the city at a time when bus services are being radically improved by the operators (and in the shadow of MetroBus). We are also aware that there are proposals to cut the neighbourhood policing team at BTP covering the rail and bus networks in the Greater Bristol area, which is a matter for further concern.

Furthermore, we simply cannot cut bus services and passenger route options at the same time as bringing in RPS across the city.

Service and Infrastructure Investment

Upgrades are required in Weston-super-Mare, Bath, service 21 (Weston-Taunton First Somerset), South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire services, services 5, 6, 7, 17, 40, 41, 78 and 79.

Better connections are needed at Avonmouth station (and for future reference, Portway Park and Ride) with the 41 bus service. The loss of the station buildings at Avonmouth (promoted by Network Rail as a safety

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issue), should be resisted so that they could be adapted for passenger interchange use on the Henbury Loop

There has been no marketing of the new services in Bath, Kingswood, Gloucestershire/South Gloucestershire from 2 November, by the Councils, or First Group.

Bus stops and bus shelters still have outdated information across the whole of the network. Graffiti is also an issue which needs to be given increased vigilance

Bus Priority in Old Market and Temple Meads (Bristol), Eastville Interchange, Avon ring road, Cribbs/Patchway new neighbourhood, Bath, Filton and Patchway (A38)

The Bristol-Gloucester corridor needs investment and a coherent service as do Bristol-Street/Shepton Mallet and Bath-Street/Shepton Mallet

Governance of transport policy in the city region needs full public consultation with the aim of establishing a body with the expertise and clout to be taken seriously by civil servants, ministers, and government with better prospects for funding and finance. This can be based on turning the West of England Transport Board into a fully-fledged delivery authority along the lines of Centro and Transport for Greater Manchester.

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Rail Budgets

We need to be sure that within this year's budgets for BaNES, West Wiltshire, Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire and Bristol, adequate funds are made available for the development and furtherance of the MetroWest project, including the Portishead line, improved cross-Bristol services, the Henbury Loop and the new stations: Horfield/Lockleaze, Ashley Hill, Filton North, Charlton Hayes, Henbury, Ashton Gate, Pill, Portishead, Salford, Bathampton, Corsham, Charfield, Stonehouse London Road.

Interchanges:

The city region needs to develop a range of passenger-friendly, efficient and comprehensible intermodal interchanges. In the recently-published plan for Temple Circus, there is almost no acknowledgement of Temple Meads' significance as one of the most important interchanges in the whole of the South West. Almost all bus stops are retained in their current positions, except for two in the Friary. This provision needs to be modelled on the access levels achieved at Liverpool Street or Bath. A fully-worked interchange next to and incorporated with the undercroft is surely a basic requirement for such a focal transport hub. Further provision should be made in front of the Bristol and Exeter building, which

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not only provides space for effective interchange, but also offers a very public image of how different transport modes meet and work together.

Other interchange points are: Weston-super-Mare station, Bath bus station (which needs improvements to signage and the café), Bristol Parkway, Filton Abbey Wood (needs bus provision and signage to the retail park), Cribbs Causeway Bus Station, Henbury and Filton North stations, Yatton, Bedminster and Parson Street, East of Bath Parkway, Kingswood town centre, Keynsham station, South Bristol Hospital, Yate Park and Ride (new MetroBus extension), Clevedon town centre, Portishead station, Radstock station and UWE Bus Station.

David Redgewell

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The Mayor and Bristol City Council are considering cutting £370,000 from the evening, late night and Sunday service network.

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South Gloucestershire are threatening to take £570,000 out of the budget. In the Kingswood/Staple Hill area this could affect the following routes: 48 (Bristol to Downend and Emerson's Green), 49 (Bristol to Staple Hill and Mangotsfield), X49 and 46 (Bristol to Yate via Frenchay and Stapleton), 7 (Bristol to Staple Hill and Mangotsfield via Soundwell), 6 (Bristol to Kingswood via Speedwell), 43 and 44 (Bristol to Kingswood via St George or Hanham), 39 (Bristol to Bath via Keynsham), 73 (Bristol to Bradley Stoke, Aztec West and Cribbs Causeway), 17 (Keynsham to Southmead).

North Somerset have already announced changes to services from 11 January with the loss of the 121 service (Weston to Bristol via Banwell, Winscombe, Wrington and Bristol Airport)—partly replaced by the A1 (Weston Rail Station to Bristol Airport and Nailsea) and two journeys on route 21 from Felton via Highridge to Temple Meads. X5 (Weston-super-Mare to Cribbs Causeway via Clevedon and Portishead) which will no longer serve the section between Yatton station and Clevedon. This is partly being replaced by a daytime shuttle operated by Camal Coaches of Bristol. Yatton should be a major interchange point for the population of Clevedon, but without a co-ordinated shuttle bus meeting and feeding trains, this leaves the second-largest town in North Somerset (which will see significant growth in the next decade) without any realistic rail connection.

Following major vandalism at Bristol Bus Station, (owned by Avon and Somerset Support Services) £197,000 damage has been done to the

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doors and the heating system by a former Leyhill prisoner—now rearrested.

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Revised Proposals for the Council's Budget Report recommendation and report papers following Cabinet Meeting 11th February 2015

Recommendations:

2.4 That in relation to the capital budget the Council:

a) approves a capital programme of £57.873m for 2015/16 and notes items for provisional approval in 2015/16 and the programme for 2016/17 to 2019/20 as shown at Appendix 1, Annex 3 including the planned sources of funding.

Note: "Capital programme – for approval" increased by £336k to reflect:

- inclusion of "A367 Junction at Peasedown Design Works" scheme in the Transport Improvement Programme – £30k funded by Section 106 contributions, and
- £306k increase in "Paulton Junior School – Basic Need Scheme", revised scheme total of £1.771m – with corresponding reduction in the "School Basic Need Grant Unallocated" budget listed under schemes for Provisional Approval. The increase arises following a further assessment of the costs of the project since preparing the budget report, which now includes an extension to the School Hall as well as building 4 new classrooms.

Appendix 1

- All references to the "2015/16 capital programme – for approval" are increased from £57.537m to £57.873m throughout Appendix 1.
- All references to the "2015/16 capital programme – for provisional approval" are reduced from £27.065m to £26.759m throughout Appendix 1.
- All references to the Transportation Improvement Programme amount are increased from £1.931m to £1.961m.
- All references to the "Paulton Junior School" amount are increased from £1.465m to £1.771m
- All references to "Schools Basic Need Schemes Unallocated" are reduced from £1.069m to £0.763m

Appendix 1 – Annex 3 – Capital Programme 2015/16 – 2019/20

- Transport Improvement Programme – 2015/16 Budget increased from £1.931m to £1.961m.
- Paulton Junior School - Basic Need – 2015/16 Budget increased from £1m to £1.306m and overall project cost increased from £1.465m to £1.771m.
- Schools Basic Need Grant Unallocated – 2015/16 Budget reduced from £1.069m to £0.763m

These three changes also affect associated sub totals on the capital programme.

- Weston Flood Alleviation Scheme – Provisional Approval amended to reflect that the scheme is subject to confirmation of grant funding from the Environment Agency.

Appendix 1 – Annex 3i – Highways Maintenance Programme 2015/16

The Footway Programme will include consideration and assessment of pavement resurfacing in Bath Road and Ashgrove in Peasedown.

Appendix 1 – Annex 3ii – Transport Improvement Programme 2015/16

A revised Annex is attached reflecting the following changes:

- Inclusion of the following specific Pedestrian and Road Safety Schemes funded by reductions of £50k in the “20mph schemes – adaptations to existing 20mph schemes” line and £5k in the “Minor Improvements (incl legacy projects)” line.
 - Virtual Pavement Scheme, Clutton - £30k
 - Vehicle activated speed sign in Coronation Avenue, Bath - £5k
 - Enhancements to upgrade existing pedestrian crossing feasibility study – Crown Road from High Street to garage - £2.5k
 - Vehicle activated speed sign outside Learning Day Nursery, Eckweek Road - £5k
 - Vehicle activated sign in Ashgrove (replacement) - £5k
 - Orchard Way Traffic calming feasibility study - £5k
 - Pedestrian crossing feasibility study – Braysdown Lane, Peasedown - £2.5k
- Removal of duplicated zebra crossing for Larkhall (£35k) and re-wording of “St Saviours zebra crossing” to “St Saviours, Larkhall zebra crossing” with the £35k added to the “20mph schemes – adaptations to existing 20mph schemes” line.
- Addition of the “A367 Junction at Peasedown - Design Works” scheme with a budget of £30k funded by Section 106.
- Presentational changes to the categorisation of schemes.

Appendix 1 – Annex 3iv – Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance Programme

Further detail provided on the Equalities Act Works. A revised extract of the Annex is attached.

Appendix 5 – Community Assets Transfer Programme Update

Inclusion of the following area in the “FURTHER POTENTIAL COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS” section:-

- Land at the Paddock, Keynsham (Subject to Due Diligence)

TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2015/16	
Description	£ '000
Pedestrian and Road Safety Schemes	
Anti-Skid Surfacing	10
AIP Scheme Investigation & design only	10
Camerton Hill priority scheme	30
School Crossing Patrol improvements	15
Aids to Mobility e.g. Dropped Kerbs & ped improvements	20
Public Rights of Way	70
Charlton Road -raised table at Zebra	20
Wells road Westfield -Puffin	25
St Saviours, Larkhall Zebra crossing	35
High Street Midsomer Norton pedestrian phase at Traffic Signals	20
St Keyna School Charlton Road, Keynsham -upgrade existing Zebra to Puffin	40
Newbridge Hill Zebra	35
Bathford Hill Refuge	18
Quarry Hay Bristol Road, Chew Stoke pedestrian refuge	18
Harbutts junction Batheaston, footway buildout and crossings	13
Argyle Street, Bath raised table	24
Westgate Lane/Parsonage Lane, Bath, raised table	13
Old Gloucester Road, pedestrian improvements	15
Weston lane, Weston, revision of pedestrian facilities	21
Upper Bristol Road/Windsor Bridge	12
Improvements to School Crossing patrol arrangements	21
Chandag Road Keynsham pedestrian facilities	65
Charlton Road Keynsham pedestrian facilities	50
Virtual Pavement scheme, Clutton	30
Vehicle activated speed sign in Coronation Ave, Bath	5
Enhancements to upgrade existing pedestrian crossing feasibility study - Crown road from High Street to garage	2.5
Vehicle activated speed sign outside Learning Day Nursery, Eckweek Road	5
Vehicle activated sign in Ashgrove (replacement)	5
Orchard Way Traffic calming Feasibility study	5
Pedestrian crossing feasibility study - Braysdown Lane, Peasdown	2.5
Pedestrian and Road Safety Schemes Sub-total	655
Managing Congestion	
Residents' Parking schemes	60
Parking schemes	45
Managing Congestion Sub-total	105
Cycle Schemes	
Copseland/Bathwick Hill - Toucan	75
Cycle Schemes Sub-total	75
Public transport	
Improvements to bus stops	30
Public Transport Sub-total	30
Traffic Management Schemes	
Minor Improvements (incl legacy projects)	75
A362 Farrington, Safety improvements	40
A39 Corston , safety improvements	35
Deadmill Lane -one way	10
A367 Junction at Peasedown - Design Works	30
Traffic Management Schemes Sub-total	190
Getting around Bath Transport Strategy	
Delivery of Getting around Bath Transport Strategy	100
Getting around Bath Transport Strategy Sub-total	100
Miscellaneous	
JLTP Development and monitoring	30
Contribution to West of England Local Transport Board	20
Decluttering Programme	15
Capital Programme Management	30
Street lighting	3
Seven Dials	48
20mph schemes and associated traffic calming measures	75
20mph schemes - adaptations to existing 20mph schemes	185
Miscellaneous Sub-total	406
Additional Cycle Schemes	
Cycle parking	20
Small signing schemes	10
Grosvenor Bridge to Kennett and Avon Towpath-shared use path-phase 1	100
Bathwick Hill- Toucan at Copseland	40
Powlett Road/Bathwick Street Link -progress Cycle Track Order	10
Kennett and Avon Towpath- surface improvement Warminster Bridge to Grosvenor Bridge	60
Locksbrook Road trading estate- access to Two tunnels	10
Radstock to Thicket Mead-improved surfacing and signing	100
Saltford to Keynsham Bath Road shared use path	50
Additional Cycle Schemes Sub-total	400
TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TOTAL	1,961

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Appendix 1 Annex 3iv - Additional Information on Equalities Act Works 2015/16

Works Location	Works Description	Value
Ashton Way	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, handrails, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Stair nosings, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£9,925
Bath Hill East	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Stair nosings, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£6,850
Bedford Street	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Stair nosings, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, Lighting columns element	£25,580
Brougham Hayes	Tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays,	£1,000
Carlton Gardens	Blue badge bays	£300
Church Rd Weston	Pathways, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Street Lighting element	£26,140
Church Street, Radstock	Tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£2,425
Dafford & Garfield	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, Lighting columns element	£31,400
Denmark	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues, Lighting columns element	£25,680
Fox & Hounds	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£2,325
Greenlands	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Stair Nosings, Signage, Visibility issues, Lighting columns element, Child spaces	£5,250
High Street, Paulton	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, handrails, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Stair nosings, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£13,475
Timsbury	Tactile paving, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£1,950
Hollies	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues, Lighting columns element	£11,125
JSW	Street Lighting element, Blue badge bays, Signage,	£17,540
Kingsmead Sq	Tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues, Lighting columns element, Stair nosings	£4,600
London Rd, East	Tactile paving, Line painting, Handrails, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues, Lighting columns element, Stair nosings	£16,100
London Street	Tactile paving, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues,	£2,350
Lorne Rd	Tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues	£3,450
Rossitor Road	Tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Signage, Visibility issues, Lighting columns element, Stair nosings, Child spaces	£950
South Wansdyke	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, handrails, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Stair nosings, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, WC Issues, Child spaces	£6,600
Station Rd, Nursery	Surfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, handrails, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Stair nosings, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£64,305
Labbotts	Surfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, handrails, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£8,575
The Shallows	Drop kerbs, tactile paving, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, WC Issues, Child spaces	£3,055
Waterloo Road	Resurfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, handrails, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Stair nosings, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£3,750
Weymouth Rd	Surfacing, drop kerbs, tactile paving, handrails, Line painting, Blue badge bays, Ticket machine plinths, Signage, Visibility issues, Child spaces	£18,005
	Fees	£37,525
	Contingency	£40,000
Total		£390,230

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