

Democratic Services

Riverside, Temple Street, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1LA
Telephone: (01225) 477000 *main switchboard*
Direct Lines - Tel: 01225 394942 Fax: 01225 394439
Web-site - www.bathnes.gov.uk

Your ref:

Our ref: CRS

Date: 14 Sep 12

E-mail: Democratic_Services@bathnes.gov.uk

To: All Members of the Cabinet

Councillor Paul Crossley	Leader of the Council
Councillor David Dixon	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods
Councillor Simon Allen	Cabinet Member for Wellbeing
Councillor Tim Ball	Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning
Councillor Cherry Beath	Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development
Councillor David Bellotti	Cabinet Member for Community Resources
Councillor Dine Romero	Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Youth
Councillor Roger Symonds	Cabinet Member for Transport

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

Cabinet: Wednesday, 10th October, 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Cabinet**, to be held on **Wednesday, 10th October, 2012 at 6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Col Spring
for Chief Executive

The decisions taken at this meeting of the Cabinet are subject to the Council's call-in procedures. Within 5 clear working days of publication of decisions, at least 10 Councillors may signify in writing to the Chief Executive their wish for a decision to be called-in for review. If a decision is not called-in, it will be implemented after the expiry of the 5 clear working day period.

If you need to access this agenda or any of the supporting reports in an alternative accessible format please contact Democratic Services or the relevant report author whose details are listed at the end of each report.

This Agenda and all accompanying reports are printed on recycled paper

NOTES:

- 1. Inspection of Papers:** Any person wishing to inspect minutes, reports, or a list of the background papers relating to any item on this Agenda should contact Col Spring who is available by telephoning Bath 01225 394942 or by calling at the Riverside Offices Keynsham (during normal office hours).
- 2. Public Speaking at Meetings:** The Council has a scheme to encourage the public to make their views known at meetings. They may make a statement relevant to what the meeting has power to do. They may also present a petition or a deputation on behalf of a group. Advance notice is required not less than two full working days before the meeting (this means that for meetings held on Wednesdays, notice must normally be received in Democratic Services by 4.30pm the previous Friday but Bank Holidays will cause this to be brought forward).

The public may also ask a question to which a written answer will be given. Questions must be submitted in writing to Democratic Services at least two full working days in advance of the meeting (this means that for meetings held on Wednesdays, notice must normally be received in Democratic Services by 4.30pm the previous Friday but Bank Holidays will cause this to be brought forward). If an answer cannot be prepared in time for the meeting it will be sent out within five days afterwards. Further details of the scheme can be obtained by contacting Col Spring as above.

- 3. Details of Decisions taken at this meeting** can be found in the minutes which will be published as soon as possible after the meeting, and also circulated with the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime details can be obtained by contacting Col Spring as above.

Appendices to reports are available for inspection as follows:-

Public Access points - Riverside - Keynsham, Guildhall - Bath, Hollies - Midsomer Norton, and Bath Central, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton public libraries.

For Councillors and Officers papers may be inspected via Political Group Research Assistants and Group Rooms/Members' Rooms.

- 4. Attendance Register:** Members should sign the Register which will be circulated at the meeting.
- 5. THE APPENDED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER.**
- 6. Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

When the continuous alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building by one of the designated exits and proceed to the named assembly point. The designated exits are sign-posted.

Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

- 7. Officer Support to the Cabinet**
Cabinet meetings will be supported by the Director's Group.
- 8. Recorded votes**
A recorded vote will be taken on each item.

Cabinet - Wednesday, 10th October, 2012

in the Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 6

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting. Members are asked to indicate:

(a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.

(b) The nature of their interest.

*(c) Whether their interest is **a disclosable pecuniary interest** or an **other interest**, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)*

Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer before the meeting to expedite dealing with the item during the meeting.

5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

6. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

Questions submitted before the deadline will receive a reply from an appropriate Cabinet member or a promise to respond within 5 days of the meeting. Councillors may ask one supplementary question for each question they submitted, up to a maximum of two per Councillor.

7. STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

Councillors and members of the public may register their intention to make a statement if they notify the subject matter of their statement before the deadline. Statements are limited to 3 minutes each. The speaker may then be asked by Cabinet members to answer factual questions arising out of their statement.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING (Pages 7 - 18)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

9. CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

This is a standard agenda item, to cover any reports originally placed on the Weekly list for single Member decision making, which have subsequently been the subject of a

Cabinet Member requisition to the full Cabinet, under the Council's procedural rules

10. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

This is a standing agenda item for matters referred by Policy Development and Scrutiny bodies. The Chair of the relevant PDS body will have the right to attend and at the discretion of the Leader to speak to the item, but not vote.

11. SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

The Leader and Cabinet have indicated that most decisions will be taken by the full Cabinet, at its public meetings. This report lists any Cabinet Single Member decisions taken and published since the last Cabinet meeting.

On this occasion there have been no such decisions since the last Cabinet meeting.

12. GRAND PARADE AND UNDERCROFT (Pages 19 - 36)

The Grand Parade & Undercroft project presents a unique development opportunity for the World Heritage City of Bath. It represents an opportunity to bring redundant and inefficient space back into use for community and commercial benefit, whilst also creating a new fully accessible destination point for business and tourism.

13. SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM - CONSULTATION RESPONSES FROM SCHOOLS (Pages 37 - 136)

In order to prepare for a national funding formula, direction has been given to Local Authorities to review their formula of school funding to ensure that it fits with the government's intentions for the future. The LA has developed its proposal and consulted schools on the proposal in order to allow the cabinet to decide on a formal methodology to submit to the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

14. DCLG WEEKLY COLLECTION SUPPORT FUND (Pages 137 - 140)

If successful in its bid to the Weekly Collections Support fund the Council must commit to keeping weekly refuse collections until 2016/17. This report seeks approval for this commitment in accepting any offer of funding.

15. HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION IN BATH - SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (Pages 141 - 236)

In response to concerns about the impact of high levels of Houses in Multiple Occupation in Bath, the Cabinet considered a mixture of planning controls and housing-led solutions on 14th March 2012. The Cabinet agreed to make a non-immediate Article 4 Direction covering Houses in Multiple Occupation in Bath. Once confirmed, implementation of the Article 4 Direction requires a Supplementary Planning Policy to be effective. The first draft of this has now been prepared entitled Houses in Multiple Occupation in Bath: Supplementary Planning Document (Consultation Draft) and is presented to Cabinet for agreement to publish for public consultation in Oct – Nov 2012.

The final decision to whether to implement the Article 4 Direction, adopt the Supplementary Planning Document and to proceed with Additional Licencing scheme

for HMOs will follow in Spring 2013.

16. PERSONAL BUDGETS: REVIEW OF POLICY FRAMEWORK & RESOURCE ALLOCATION (PROGRESS REPORT) (Pages 237 - 250)

The report details progress to date of the review of the current policy framework and Resource Allocation System for Personal Budgets and makes recommendations for the implementation of the Department of Health national RAS

17. LOCALISM ACT 2011- ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE (Pages 251 - 264)

The Localism Act introduces new rights for local communities. These rights include the ability to nominate assets of community value for inclusion on a list maintained by the Council. If the owner of a listed asset wants to sell it, the Council must be notified to give communities time to develop a bid for the asset. This report outlines the provisions relating to this and proposes a decision making process for the listing of community assets.

18. BETTER BUS AREA GRANT (Pages 265 - 270)

The West of England Partnership has been successful in being awarded £5m DfT Better Bus Area Grant. The package of measures funded by the Better Bus Area Grant will be used to improve the reliability and quality of services in the sub region.

19. DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT AGENDA (Pages 271 - 286)

The paper recommends an approach to translate the government's economic growth, housing delivery and related future financing agendas and align them with regional LEP opportunities into a Development Agenda for Bath & North East Somerset, in order to meet the Council's Vision for economic growth and housing targets as set out in the Core Strategy

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Col Spring who can be contacted on 01225 394942.