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**To: All Members of the Economic and Community Development Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**

Councillor Robin Moss
Councillor Cherry Beath
Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones
Councillor Brian Simmons
Councillor Andrew Furse
Councillor Geoff Ward
Councillor Dave Laming
Councillor David Martin

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

**Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel:
Thursday, 23rd January, 2014**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Thursday, 23rd January, 2014 at 1.00 pm** in the **Kaposvar Room - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Jack Latkovic
for Chief Executive

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**Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel -
Thursday, 23rd January, 2014**

at 1.00 pm in the Kaposvar Room - 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 AND SUBSTITUTIONS
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**,
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6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

At the time of publication no notifications had been received.

7. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 18)

8. CABINET MEMBERS' UPDATES (15 MINUTES)

The Panel are asked to consider Cabinet Members' updates (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development). Panel Members may ask questions.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING BILL UPDATE (20 MINUTES) (Pages 19 - 28)

This report invites the Panel to receive the current update on the major policy developments in the Government's draft Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill, following two previous briefings on July 2012 and 14 March 2013.

The Panel will receive a presentation that will highlight the draft proposals and what this means for Curo Housing, Bath and North East Somerset Council and the Community Safety Partnership.

There will be an opportunity for a question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

The Panel are asked:

- 1) To note the Government's proposed draft Anti-social Behaviour and Crime and Policing Bill
- 2) To question officers about the implications of this Bill.
- 3) To make any recommendations to Cabinet or Responsible Authorities Group.

10. B&NES ECONOMIC STRATEGY (30 MINUTES) (Pages 29 - 38)

As part of promoting a co-ordinated approach to local services, the Public Services Board is supporting the closer integration of key strategies to deliver sustainable communities. Key among these are:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Environmental Sustainability
- Economic

In 2010 B&NES Council approved its first Economic Strategy, developed in conjunction with the B&NES Sustainable Growth Alliance (now called the B&NES Economic Partnership). The Strategy contains a number of strategic priorities and detailed actions and a commitment to review and refresh the document after a period of three years in 2013.

The Council has now commenced work on the refresh. The refresh provides an opportunity to take into account major changes in the economy over the past 3 years and the way public and private sector services are now provided. Our aim is to broaden the scope of the Strategy to reflect these changes and in particular actions

that deliver wellbeing and reduce inequalities as well as growth in key employment sectors.

The Panel is asked to:

- 1) Note the work being undertaken on the Economic Strategy and provide comment and feedback on the scope of the review.
- 2) Identify any strategic issues which should be considered for inclusion and/or require further investigation / development as part of the review or where stronger links could be made to other strategic plans.

11. VISITOR CONTRIBUTION PRESENTATION (20 MINUTES)

The Panel will receive a presentation from Divisional Director (Community Regeneration) on the Visitor Contribution.

12. THE RIVER REGENERATION TRUST STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2015 (10 MINUTES)
(Pages 39 - 42)

The Panel are asked to consider the River Regeneration Trust Strategic Plan 2014-2015 and also to receive a presentation from one of the Trust Members.

13. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 43 - 46)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel (Appendix 1).

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Jack Latkovic who can be contacted on 01225 394452.

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BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday, 28th November, 2013

Present:- Councillors Robin Moss (Chair), Cherry Beath (Vice-Chair), Patrick Anketell-Jones, Brian Simmons, Geoff Ward, Dave Laming, David Martin and Ian Gilchrist

37 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

38 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Democratic Services Officer drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Councillor Andrew Furse had sent his apologies to the Panel. Councillor Ian Gilchrist was substitute for Councillor Furse.

40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

41 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There was none.

42 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

The Chairman informed the meeting that David Redgewell will give his statement before item 9 on the agenda (Community Safety Plan: British Transport Police) and Susan Charles will give her statement before item 10 on the agenda (Leisure Strategy update).

43 MINUTES

The Panel confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

44 CABINET MEMBER UPDATE (10 MINUTES)

The Chairman invited Councillor Ben Stevens (Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development) to introduce his update to the Panel (attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes).

The Panel made the following points:

Councillor Stevens confirmed that he had received a scoping study, by the River Regeneration Trust, which identified economic development opportunities in the Broadmead Peninsula. Councillor Stevens informed the meeting that he had only just received the study, so he had had no time to read the full report, though he was impressed with the executive summary of the report.

Councillor Beath asked about the status of the Assembly Rooms and the National Trust's intentions considering that they were thinking to set short lease contracts.

Councillor Stevens replied that there is a relatively short lease in comparison to some other leases that the Council deals with. Councillor Stevens said that he didn't know the exact intentions of the National Trust.

Councillor Anketell-Jones said that, according to his understanding, the economic area master plan was going to be brought to public consultation through the Placemaking process. Councillor Anketell-Jones asked if the master plan is still going ahead considering that the Placemaking process had been held up.

Councillor Stevens replied that the Council will continue with the master plan as planned but the public consultation is still considered around the Placemaking process. It does slightly delay the delivery of the economic area master plan.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Stevens for an update.

45 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN: BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE (30 MINUTES)

The Chairman invited David Redgewell to address the Panel with his statement in advance of the presentation on the British Transport Police (BTP).

David Redgewell raised three points in his statement.

- The on-going issues with the Anti-Social Behaviour at the Oldfield Park Station, in particular on the graffiti problems and spray on the network rail property. The introduction of the community safety cameras is one of the ways forward to resolve these issues, something that could also be introduced on some other smaller train stations in the area.
- 'Access for all' initiative – hope to secure some money from the Western Riverside project towards Oldfield Park station.

- A plea for more BTP officers in the area, in particular for the North Somerset line.

The Chairman invited Chief Inspector Paul Richards (BTP's Sector Commander for the South West) to give his presentation to the Panel.

Chief Inspector Richards highlighted the following points in his presentation:

- BTP history
- Rail crime history
- 7/7 London bombings of 2005
- 2012 Olympics in London
- About the BTP
- Aims
- Local BTP Neighbourhood Policing team
- Local area
- How are BTP doing – statistics
- Leaflets, social media, information for the public, new text number and other ways to contact the BTP
- Trespass and Cable Theft
- Anti-Social Behaviour Order – ASBO
- Work with Samaritans and other organisations/partners

A full copy of the presentation is available at the Minute Book in Democratic Services.

The Panel made the following points:

The Chairman said it is good to see that robbery is down 80% and that route crime is down 71% and asked how that matches with metal thefts.

Chief Inspector Richards responded that route crime includes a tremendous amount of other issues such as trespass, obstructions, etc. and has a much wider remit than cable theft.

The Chairman asked how we compare with other countries; number of officers in Bath; and if the BTP got involved in the Alcohol Harm review.

Chief Inspector Richards responded that he was not sure if there were any comparisons with other countries. The reason for that is, for example, some countries have different laws/views on trespassing. Chief Inspector Richards also said that there are two officers and six community support officers present in Bath – this was allocated in conjunction with First Great Western. Chief Inspector Richards concluded by saying that the BTP would get involved in the Alcohol Harm review via Avon and Somerset Police.

The Panel asked about the work in relation to stopping the graffiti along the railway lines.

Chief Inspector Richards responded that the BTP works closely with Network Rail who have their Community Safety Manager picking up on these particular issues. Chief Inspector Richards said that often these offences are very difficult to detect and asked everyone who witness these offences to report them to the BTP or Network Rail.

Chief Inspector Richards also invited everyone to attend the next BTP PACT meeting at the Royal Hotel, Bath, on 10th December at 10:30am and communicate any issues, local or wider, to the officers.

The Panel asked how many officers are in each area.

Chief Inspector Richards responded that his area was going through restructuring at the moment though he was hoping to get additional staff as an investment in Swindon. This is significant because of the way the South West network is set up. There is a significant number of staff in Bristol and some staff in Bath and Chief Inspector Richards was hoping to get a sergeant and up to eight officers which should co-ordinate the BTP response more effectively.

The Panel asked about the work between the BTP and other organisations in order to prevent suicides.

Chief Inspector Richards responded that it is exceptionally difficult to deal with these tragic events. It is about balancing the needs of the family of the deceased whilst minimising disruption to the rail network. Chief Inspector Richards said that this is also about educating officers to work together with the Samaritans on dealing with these sensitive issues.

The Panel asked how many offences are from repeat offenders.

Chief Inspector Richards responded that he had no figures in front of him though he would not think it was a tremendous amount of repeat offenders according to the statistics in the presentation.

The Panel asked if travelling without a ticket was a crime and, if so, whether it was included in the BTP statistics.

Chief Inspector Richards responded that ticketless travel is not the same offence like theft etc. If someone travelled without a valid ticket and could not give a valid reason why they did that then it could be prosecuted and it would be part of crime statistics.

The Panel asked about the target response time.

Chief Inspector Richards responded that the BTP does have response time.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

1. Note the Community Safety Partnership work with BTP, First Great Western and Network Rail.

2. Note future challenges on our local rail stations, to include Keynsham and Oldfield Park.
3. Welcome the presentation by Chief Inspector Paul Richards; and
4. Note that the next BTP PACT meeting is on 10th December 2013 at 10:30am in the Royal Hotel, Bath.

46 LEISURE STRATEGY UPDATE (45 MINUTES)

The Chairman invited Susan Charles to read out her statement, and also statements from Jenny Shrubsall and Joyce Stock.

Susan Charles expressed her concerns (quote) 'about the lack of specified disabled parking for users of the Keynsham Leisure Centre, which was removed in 2007 and with no suitable alternative being offered' (quote finished).

All three statements are available at the Minute Book in Democratic Services.

Councillor Brian Simons (Keynsham North Ward Councillor and Member of the Panel) said that he will discuss the issue over disabled access at Keynsham Leisure Centre with Ms Charles and the relevant Council officers outside the meeting.

Members of the Panel debated the issues raised in the statements.

Councillor Geoff Ward said that he will, as Shadow Cabinet Member, speak to Matthew Smith (Divisional Director for Environmental Services) on this matter.

The Chairman also asked that the statements are sent to the appropriate Cabinet Member/s. The Chairman also said that the Panel does not have any decision making powers like Cabinet Member/s have but that the Panel will expect prompt replies from the relevant Cabinet Member/s and officers on this matter for the next meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to send the statement to the relevant Cabinet Member/s and to receive replies on this matter at the next meeting of the Panel.

The Chairman invited Marc Higgins (Business Development Manager from Sport and Active Lifestyle Team) to give the presentation.

Marc Higgins highlighted the following points in his presentation:

- Vision for discussion
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Health and Wellbeing Initial Consultation
- Health and Wellbeing – Emerging Priorities
- The Strategy

- Facilities
- Initial conclusions
- Opportunities
- Feasibility
- Procurement
- Next steps

A full copy of the presentation is available in the Minute Book at Democratic Services.

The Panel made the following points:

The Panel asked if the report needed to be more complete and overarching so the procurement process fit in the strategy. The Panel also asked what is the cross-border use of the facilities in B&NES and what opportunities exist to engage people from outside B&NES to use facilities.

Marc Higgins showed a diagram (available in the Minute Book at Democratic Services) to the Panel on how the strategy will fit together in terms of the other strategies, budget, and procurement process. Marc Higgins also said that cross-border issue is not so strong in Bath whilst a bit better in Keynsham. The Council will look into redevelopment of Keynsham facilities to bring even more customers from outside B&NES.

The Panel asked how the Council set its 25 year delivery programme.

Marc Higgins replied that the 25 year delivery programme was based on housing projection number for the area, trying to set in parallel with the Core Strategy.

The Panel asked about the work with other organisations and venues (i.e. Bath University, Lambridge training ground, etc.) and also about the issue of heated swimming pools in Keynsham.

Marc Higgins replied that the Council has a very good working relationship with organisations such as Bath University. The issue of heated swimming pools is part of the consultation process for January 2014.

The Panel commented that young people are quite keen to get into sports centres but they could not afford the monthly cost of it.

Marc Higgins replied that discussion with young people will be part of the consultation.

The Panel also said that the Council should also get in touch with Curo.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report and presentation and receive draft strategy at one of the future meetings.

47 DRAFT MEDIUM TERM PLAN (PLACE) UPDATE

The Chairman invited Louise Fradd (Strategic Director for Place) to introduce the report.

Louise Fradd introduced the report by saying that this is the second year of a three year plan. Page 32 of the agenda had some of the key issues addressed in the directorate.

Members of the Panel confirmed that they had all received an updated version of page 35 of the report (as amended and published on the Council's website).

The Panel asked about the latest on the Victoria Art gallery.

Louise Fradd responded that the Council is constantly reviewing this matter, though at the moment, the gallery was not doing that badly and hopefully it will continue to do well.

Louise Fradd also informed the Panel that the Divisional Directors interviews will happen before this Christmas.

The Panel asked about linkage between planning, building control, highways and environmental services together with the economic development drivers and the ability for the Council to create money.

Louise Fradd responded that she will be holding a workshop with the managers from her directorate, and one of the key aspects of that workshop will be what are the income drivers and what is it that the directorate needs to do to fit in the new environment (Enterprise Area, City Deal, West of England, etc.). The aim of the workshop will be to make everyone think about their budgets and how to work together. Louise Fradd also pointed out that services are working with each other from other directorates.

Some Members of the Panel asked Louise Fradd if she would commit not to close the Victoria Art gallery.

Louise Fradd responded she could not answer that comment though she will do everything to deliver the targets.

Councillor Stevens added that the Council is working quite close with the gallery to ensure that their footfall is maintained and that the Council will continue to work with the gallery to make sure that they are looked after.

The Panel asked Louise Fradd how confident she was that there could be further efficiency savings.

Louise Fradd replied that her priority is to meet statutory requirements in service provision. It is also all about officers thinking around wider picture, thinking more imaginatively on what the Council does and whether it can be done in other, more

visionary ways. For example, the Council is now charging pre-planning application and that works quite well.

The Chairman summed up the debate by saying that the whole issue is about generating money ourselves if we don't have as much money to spend, and looking at ways we can bring in other sources of funding.

Discussions last year were if the cuts from last year were sustainable and whether or not entrance charging, for example in Victoria Art gallery, would generate income and increase footfall. Last year's discussions also looked at the possibility of some capital investment to increase the amount of income that is generated through the shop, such as a coffee shop, at the gallery.

The Chairman also pointed out that there is external funding that is not accessible by Local Authorities and what reference was made to 3rd/voluntary sector working in partnership with Local Authorities.

Louise Fradd reminded the Panel that this is just an update on where the directorate are with the budget this year. Louise Fradd also said that the next year, and specifically the year after that, will be very difficult years.

The Chairman closed the debate by saying that the recommendations 2.2 and 2.3 of the report could not be supported by the Panel. Those issues will be discussed at the Full Council meeting in February 2014 (Budget meeting).

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

48 WORKPLAN

It was **RESOLVED** to note the current workplan.

The meeting ended at 3.20 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

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Economic Development and Regeneration

- A new **business support contract** has been awarded and is now delivering start up courses for people across the District. In a field of strong candidates, the contract was awarded to Cool Ventures
- The **Economic Strategy** refresh process has started. We will be presenting to the Scrutiny Panel on this in the New Year
- On **broadband**, BT will begin their survey work as part of the BDUK project in Spring next year in some of our rural communities. We are pleased to have been able to support some parishes (e.g. Claverton) with their aspirations to put a new cabinet into their village and broker conversations with BT
- Through the Keynsham Development Advisory Group (KDAG) we are pleased to have been able to begin discussions about the works on the **High Street in Keynsham**. We continue to work with Taylor Wimpey on the employment space at Somerdale
- We continue to work with the LEP on the development of its **Strategic Economic Plan**, which will allow us to access our share of a £50m single pot which Government is putting forward through the West of England LEP to support economic growth. We are also working with them on the development and delivery of a new Single pot for EU funding which will also be delivered through the LEPs from 2015
- The **Enterprise Area masterplan** work is proceeding with the team appointed and beginning to undertake the first element of the project, which is an update of the evidence base for the EA.
- We are about to publish a call for projects in **Radstock** against a £50k capital fund for community projects

Heritage Services

- **Bath Record Office grant:** £40,000 from the National Cataloguing Scheme for Archives to catalogue Council records going back to 1189
- **Fashion Museum grant:** £2,500 from The Prince's Foundation for Children and the Arts for DesignQuest at the Museum
- **Bath and the Great Western Railway** exhibition now open at the Victoria Art Gallery – features the important but rarely seen painting *The Railway Station* by William Powell Frith and 13 vintage Bath railway posters from the VAG collection
- **Use of social media:** a recent survey of the digital profile of the top 50 UK visitor attractions puts the Roman Baths 23rd on the list – between Hampton Court Palace and National Portrait Gallery – for its use of social media including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, blogging and website
- **Customer Service Excellence:** the assessor has renewed Heritage Services' CSE status and awarded another 'compliance plus', giving the Service a total of 10 'compliance plus' (ie best practice) scores
- **China Welcome Charter:** the Roman Baths is one of a select number of businesses invited by Visit Britain to feature in its draft China Welcome Charter in support of Government initiatives to promote in-bound tourism from China
- **Beau Street Hoard:** Round 2 funding application now submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund; the fund-raising appeal launched by the Chair of Council in July has reached £50,000 towards the target of £60,000
- **Temple Precinct:** now closed until Easter 2014 to put in a step-free walkway as part of ongoing 'Roman Baths Development' to improve accessibility and the visitor experience

- **Assembly Rooms:** the Council has signed a new 15-year lease with the National Trust
- **Learning Outside the Classroom:** the Fashion Museum and Roman Baths have renewed their Quality Badges with this Government-sponsored scheme
- **Twitter milestone** – the Fashion Museum has now exceeded its target of 3500 followers by the end of 2013
- **Forthcoming exhibition** – the Fashion Museum has secured the loan of three ensembles worn by Diana Princess of Wales and designed by David Sassoon, plus a collection of drawings of 70 additional designs for Diana, to be displayed in the Museum throughout 2014

Film Office and Arts

- **BBC's Children In Need and Points West** was broadcast live from Roman Baths on Friday 15th November. Bath was chosen as the opening location for the choir section of the show as it was considered to look the best of all the nationwide locations.
- **The Curse of the Midas Box**, the big feature that was filmed in Bath last year has just had its US release announced for January, so we are hoping to hear of the UK release date very soon. We hope to hold a local pre-release screening for internal colleagues and external stakeholders involved in the filming. Here's a link to its trailer:
http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1376213/?ref_=nm_flmg_act_3
- And we have just heard from Giles Foster, director of Unknown Heart, his most recent **Rosamunde Pilcher** drama adaptation, with top ratings on German TV, which shot in and around Bath this summer that he has secured a date for a local pre-release screening in January. The drama will be shown at Komedia Cinema on Sunday 19th January. Invitations will shortly be going out to Council colleagues and others connected to the filming.
- The LEP proposal for a **Shoot West Film Marketing Office**, with which Film Office has been involved since its early stages has now been approved and the first stage of its submission for funding has gone forward. This will also involve funding for improvements at the Bottle Yard film and tv studios in Henleaze.
- Film Office is also helping to set-up a new umbrella organisation **FO:UK (Film Offices: UK)**, a new England-wide association that will allow film offices to exchange best practice and to take part in joint ventures.
- **Hot off the press:** - Visit Britain are coming to film a promo in Bath this week because we've been voted No 1 Visitor destination on social media.

World Heritage Management

- **Great Spas of Europe**

The Council continues to keep an active interest in the 'Great Spas of Europe' project, led by the government of the Czech Republic. The project seeks to gain World Heritage status for an elite group of historic European spas, in order to recognise the contribution which spas have made to European and world culture. Whilst Bath is already a world heritage site, we want to be recognised as being within this elite group, primarily for tourism marketing purposes. In order to stay with the project and leave future options open, it was necessary for Bath to be included on the UK Tentative list of potential world heritage nominations. Competition for inclusion on the UK tentative list is extremely strong, and it is therefore tightly controlled by the UK Government.

We wrote to Minister Ed Vaizey, requesting his assistance in this matter, and worked closely with MP Don Foster and MEP Sir Graham Watson, who were both convinced of our case. We were delighted to receive a response from Minister Vaizey dated 24 October 2013 saying that it has been determined that it will be possible to include Bath on the current UK Tentative List.

The project is long-term and World Heritage recognition is by no means certain. However, the willingness of the UK Government to review their policy position and back Bath in this venture allows us to keep our rightful place at the top table of European Spas, and to continue to assess the benefits that staying with this project may bring.

- **World Heritage Site Management Plan**

The 2010-2016 World Heritage Site Management Plan is now at mid-term stage, and a progress report has recently been compiled for the Steering Group and for UNESCO. From a total of 71 actions in the plan, approximately half (48%) have already been achieved, with a further 39% underway. The most notable achievements have made by the World Heritage Enhancement Fund, which has turned £152, 000 of funding into over a £1m of work on the ground, across a total of 51 projects.

The recently appointed independent Steering Group Chairman, Peter Metcalfe, has undertaken a review of the workings of that group and is proposing a full report on World Heritage progress to the Council in Spring 2014.

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Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING:	Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	23 January 2014
TITLE:	Community Safety Plan: Anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill update
WARD:	ALL
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report invites the Panel to receive the current update on the major policy developments in the Government's draft Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill, following two previous briefings on July 2012 and 14 March 2013.
- 1.2 The Panel will receive a presentation that will highlight the draft proposals and what this means for Curo Housing, Bath and North East Somerset Council and the Community Safety Partnership.
- 1.2 There will be an opportunity for a question and answer session at the end of the presentation

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the Government's proposed draft Anti-social Behaviour and Crime and Policing Bill
- 2.2 To question officers about the implications of this Bill.
- 2.3 To make any recommendations to Cabinet or Responsible Authorities Group.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is anticipated there will be a small financial implication directly arising from this report relating to training staff.
- 3.2 The proposal to Part 5 (below) relate to the Absolute Grounds for Possession. It is anticipated that the demand from this will be a 'low risk', and estimate there will not be a flood of ant-social behaviour evictions, which would not otherwise have occurred - where people could be deemed as intentionally homeless and the Council has a duty to carrying out further investigations. It is therefore not possible to identify what the costs will be at this current time.
- 3.4 Overall, many of the proposed powers replace other existing provisions such as Street Litter Control Notices and Litter Clearing Notices (s.92A and s.93 Environmental Protection Act 1990 respectively). Essentially, officers will be doing

the same work but under different powers. It is therefore agreed, there will be no or little (low risk) financial implications to the Council.

3.5 The above will be carefully monitored over the next 12 months to evaluate any risk and financial implications.

4 THE REPORT

4.1 On 9 May 2013, the Government published a draft Anti-social Behaviour Bill, which applies to England and Wales. The draft Bill is in 13 parts and is expected to become law around spring 2014. The provisions are:

Part 1 – Injunctions to prevent nuisance & annoyance

Part 2 – Criminal Behaviour Orders

Part 3 – Dispersal Powers

Part 4 – Community Protection; Community Protection Notices, Public Space Protection Orders, Closure of Premises

Part 5 – Recovery of Possession of Dwelling Houses

Part 6 – Local Involvement & Accountability; Community Remedies, Community Trigger

Parts 7 – 13 Relate to dogs, firearms, forced marriage, College of Policing, terrorism and sex offenders.

4.2 The rationale behind the Bill is to put the victims first, to tidy up the current 19 tools and powers and, to speed up the process of tackling anti-social behaviour for lasting solutions, while cutting the cost of managing nuisance neighbour's. The Bill also introduces a new mandatory ground for possession – see Part 5 below.

4.3 In 2011, the Government consulted on the current system and in May 2012, the White Paper was published. "*Putting Victims First: More effective responses to anti-social behaviour*. Overall, to introduce simpler, more effective powers to tackle anti-social behaviour. The attention was:

- To speed up the process and reduce the cost
- To provide better protection for victims and communities
- To empower victims and communities
- To move away from approach which criminalises people, especially young people

4.4 For the purpose of this report, it will focus on the following seven Parts, which include amended powers and two new measures.

1. **Part 1** makes provision for a new, civil **Injunction to Prevent Nuisance and Annoyance** (IPNA), which replaces four current orders: the Anti-social Behaviour Injunction, drinking banning order on application, intervention orders and individual support orders.
2. **Part 2** makes provision for an order on conviction to prevent anti-social behaviour, to be called **Criminal Behaviour Order** (CBO) and is designed to replace the Anti-social Behaviour Order (ASBO) on conviction. A CBO would be given on application by the prosecution, in addition to a court sentence.
3. **Part 3** contains power for the **Police to Disperse People** whose presence or behaviour in an area they have reasonable grounds to suspect has

contributed or is likely to contribute to anti-social behaviour, crime or disorder.

4. **Part 4 Community Protection Notice (CPN) and Public Spaces Protection Orders** - covers new powers given to the police, local authority and some housing associations to deal with community protection and for these bodies to serve on individuals a. It also contains provisions to close properties associated with nuisance or disorder.
5. **Part 5 Recover of possession of dwelling - houses** introduces a new absolute ground for possession of secure and assured tenancies (Social landlords - local authorities and housing associations - and private rented sector landlords) where anti-social behaviour or criminality has already been proven by another court. It is to expedite the eviction of most anti-social tenants and bring faster relief to victims.
6. **Part 6** of the Bill contains provisions on establishing a new "**Community Remedy**", which will allow victims of anti-social behaviour to choose from a list of punishment options (such as mediation, compensation to the victim or reparation) and a new "**Community Trigger**", which would launch a review of a response to ASB when a certain locally-determined threshold (such as five calls) is reached.
7. **Part 7 – Dangerous Dogs** – Local communities have suffered because police and councils have been left powerless to respond to growing concerns from residents about dangerous dogs and their owners. The extension of dangerous dog's legislation to private land will help local partners respond to issues as they arise.

4.5 The Government anticipates that the draft may receive Royal Assent July 2014 and the Act will take effect spring 2014 or early 2015, subject to the final stages of Parliamentary approval. In the meantime, ASBO's will continue.

4.6 This report offers additional summary of the key proposals highlighted in the attached - the most recent briefing paper drawn from the Local Government Association. The full draft '**Anti-social Behaviour and Crime and Policing Bill**' can be found on the Parliament website link below.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 Promoting equality and opportunity for all groups and individuals across the equality strands and promoting community cohesion is integral to this work.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Divisional Director, Strategy and Performance; Democratic Services.

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 Community Safety, Section 17 and 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998; Other Legal Considerations.

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance), Housing Services and Environmental Services had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	Local Government Association briefing paper 8 January 2014 – draft ASB Bill http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/antisocialbehaviourcrimeandpolicingbill.html
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Local Government Association (LGA) briefing for Report Stage of the *Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill* (Lords)

8 January 2014



KEY MESSAGES

- The **LGA welcomes the added flexibility to tackle anti-social behaviour** that this Bill¹ provides. **Councils know that the most effective way of tackling anti-social behaviour is to stop it happening in the first place.** This means working in partnership with schools, youth offending teams, health, fire services, probation services and the police to steer people away from activity which causes harassment or distress to others.
- **Councils have a good track record of providing services that turn lives around**, both in terms of supporting those affected by anti-social behaviour and rehabilitating perpetrators. **However, continuing this support will not be easy due to the budget pressures** on councils and other public services.
- The provisions in this Bill relate to all persons from the age of ten years and over. The Bill thus presents an opportunity to consider how anti-social behaviour legislation should apply to young people. Where they are responsible for such behaviour, the focus of the response must be to help them grow into law-abiding citizens and be proportionate to their behaviour and any similar history.
- As the use of **dispersal powers** can be controversial locally the LGA believes provision should be made for a statutory duty on the police to notify councils of the use of the power before it is implemented.
- **Clarity is needed from the Home Office on the cost of imposing 'positive requirements'** (Part 1) on perpetrators of anti-social behaviour. The LGA is concerned that the overall estimates that the injunctions will be cheaper to use than ASBOs may not be right and positive requirements may impose an additional financial burden on councils.
- The LGA appreciates the value of the community trigger (Part 6), which has been explored through Home Office pilots around the UK. **However, we would like to see the trigger threshold set by local partners, including the police and council.** A national threshold (as currently in the Bill) will fail to take account of local circumstances.
- The extension of powers for the police and councils to deal with **dangerously out of control dogs** (Part 7) on private property is welcome, and combined with measures in the Bill around anti-social behaviour, will provide local partners with the powers they need to tackle irresponsible owners.

Part 1 – Injunctions to prevent nuisance and annoyance

- The LGA supports the creation of a genuine civil order that allows councils and other partners to act swiftly to protect victims and communities, and can

¹ The Bill and related documentation can be found on the Parliament website at <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/antisocialbehaviourcrimeandpolicingbill.html>.

be obtained on a civil burden of proof. As the proposals were being developed, the LGA raised concerns that a power of arrest could not be attached to the injunction, so the Government's decision to provide for a power of arrest to be attached is welcome.

- The definition of anti-social behaviour set out in Clause 1 of the Bill has generated considerable debate about whether the definition used in the anti-social behaviour orders legislation would be preferable. The definition used for injunctions to prevent nuisance and annoyance was introduced in the anti-social behaviour injunction provisions contained in the Housing Act 1996 and then amended by the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003. It has been used by social landlords to deal with anti-social behaviour in their properties for over 15 years without issues being raised about its impact on civil liberties.
- The LGA believes **a balance needs to be struck between providing practitioners with a tool that is simple, efficient and effective to use, and one that is also proportionate to the problem it is seeking to address.** We are therefore open to debate on whether the definitions used in the Bill will both protect the victims of anti-social behaviour and also protect the public's right to **engage in legitimate activity that some may find a nuisance or an annoyance.**
- Local authorities have raised significant concerns about being able to effectively address persistent anti-social behaviour, such as aggressive begging, where a power of arrest is not attached to the injunction to prevent nuisance and annoyance. The government in response has indicated that the various powers in the Bill will allow local authorities and the police to address persistent anti-social behaviour. **The LGA believes the draft guidance issued by the Home Office should specifically set out how the provisions in the Bill could be used to address problems of persistent anti-social behaviour like aggressive begging, so councils are clear on how they can protect their communities.**
- We have also been concerned that there were not enough powers available to councils to deal with anti-social tenants in private rented accommodation. The LGA is pleased that the Government has listened to our recommendations following previous feedback from councils during the pre-legislative scrutiny, and in the Commons stages of the Bill amended it so councils have the power to exclude people engaging in anti-social behaviour from where they live regardless of tenure.
- Whilst these powers are a welcome step, councils want landlords in the private sector to be more actively involved in preventing anti-social behaviour. The ability to serve anti-social behaviour notices on landlords as councils are able to do in Scotland through the Anti-Social Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, would assist. **This would allow councils to prescribe action landlords should take to deal with anti-social behaviour. It would also allow councils to recover the costs of any action they take where the landlord does not act, and would mean there were financial penalties for landlords who refuse to act.**
- Councils have a good record of providing services that turn lives around. **Continuing this support will not be easy due to budget pressures on**

councils and other public services. The Impact Assessment for the injunctions (Part 1) does not quantify the cost of imposing 'positive requirements'², partly because the existing Individual Support Orders or Intervention Orders have been used so infrequently. The LGA is concerned that, given the use of positive requirements is predicted to impose additional financial burdens on councils, the estimates that the injunctions will be cheaper than ASBOs may not be right, and councils may be placed under an additional financial burden.

- As with current legislation, the provisions relate to persons from the age of ten years and over. The Bill therefore presents an opportunity to consider **how anti-social behaviour rules should apply to young people**. Where they are responsible for such behaviour, the focus of the response must be to help them grow into law-abiding citizens and be proportionate to their behaviour and any similar history.
- The distinction between the youth justice and the adult justice system in England is an important principle that should also underpin the response to anti-social behaviour. In accordance with the UK's obligation under Article 3 of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, the best interests of the child should be a primary consideration for decisions affecting them.
- The overwhelming evidence concerning the ineffectiveness of custody in preventing reoffending by young people reinforces the view that it should only be used as a genuine last resort. Three out of four of those leaving custody go on to commit further offences and in some cases it costs more than £200,000 a year for each young person detained.
- **The LGA supports the ability of the court to impose positive requirements as part of the injunction, and it is essential that there is consultation with youth offending teams where the young person is under 18.**
- We also think that the normal restriction that applies on the reporting of legal proceedings in relation to children under Section 49 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 should apply to IPNA proceedings. We are concerned that otherwise this is contrary to the usual presumption of anonymity that is granted to children and young people in criminal proceedings.

Part 2 – Criminal Behaviour Orders

- The LGA supports the introduction of Criminal Behaviour Orders, which is similar to the anti-social behaviour order currently available on conviction.
- It is important that before seeking an order against someone under 18 the Youth Offending Team is consulted in order that the support available to the offender is considered and any issues such as learning difficulties or mental health are understood. The LGA supports the introduction of an annual review where someone under 18 is subject to an order.

Part 3 – Dispersal powers

² Positive requirements could include for example, placing an offender on a substance misuse programme, if their behaviour is related to such a problem, or support for mental health problems.

- These provisions would see the decision made on whether to use dispersal powers resting solely in the hands of the police. While rationalisation of the powers is welcome, the current designation of areas where the police can exercise dispersal powers is done in consultation with the local authority, while in some cases councils have responsibility for making the orders.
- **Use of such powers can on occasion prove controversial, which is why their use should be dependent on democratic oversight.** This can be provided by Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), but given the local nature of the issues that dispersal powers are used for, and the large area PCCs cover, this will be challenging. Councillors on Police and Crime Panels or community safety scrutiny panels could provide alternative and valuable mechanisms. As a result, **the LGA would expect PCCs, when scrutinising the use of dispersal powers, to consult local authorities in their area** as to whether their use is appropriate proportionate, and effective.
- We also believe, given the controversy they can sometimes attract, that there should be a statutory duty on the police to notify the relevant council of that decision at the time it is made or immediately after.

Part 4 – Community protection

- **Community protection notices / Public spaces protection orders:** The LGA welcomes the introduction of these notices and the flexibility they offer, which will allow councils to decide how to take action swiftly and effectively to prevent and tackle anti-social behaviour. We do not believe they are in need of further amendment. The LGA will be seeking to work with councils to offer guidance on the effective use of these powers.
- **Closure notices and orders:** Councils are familiar with problem premises and these notices will allow them to take action swiftly with local partners to ensure property does not house or lead to anti-social behaviour. However, **the LGA has a concern about closure notices only being made if ‘reasonable’ efforts have been made to inform the owner in advance. Sometimes premises need to be shut down immediately** for the protection of the public, so the process should not be delayed and this should be clarified in any subsequent guidance.

Part 5 – Recovery of possession of dwelling-houses

- These powers represent a serious sanction and councils would use them in a proportionate way, investing in prevention and working with partners. Clearly it is crucial that the use of these powers do not result in displacement of the problem rather than solution. This is particularly important when considering councils’ homelessness duties and the Government should clarify how the new powers will interact together. The LGA will continue to consider the implications of this part of the Bill, given the possible impact on the statutory duty to re-house.

Part 6 – Local involvement and accountability

- Councils face a continual challenge to ensure the most vulnerable victims of antisocial behaviour do not slip through the net. As a result, the LGA

appreciates the value of the **community trigger**. The Home Office has published the results of the community trigger pilots and these identify a number of benefits of introducing the trigger and from it being able to identify cases of long term and persistent anti-social behaviour. **However, we would like to see the threshold for the trigger set by local partners, including the police and council.** A national threshold will fail to take account of local circumstances, where it may need to be higher or lower than the suggested three complaints.

Part 7 – Dangerous Dogs

- Local communities have suffered because police and councils have been left powerless to respond to growing concerns from residents about dangerous dogs and their owners. **The extension of dangerous dogs legislation to private land will help local partners respond to issues as they arise.**
- The LGA is aware of continued pressure for specific dog control notices to be included in the Bill. The LGA continues to have an open and productive dialogue with dog charities, however, we remain to be convinced that separate tools are necessary as no specific details have been provided on the gaps in the provisions provided by the Bill.
- The tools within the Bill also provide the opportunity for a more holistic approach where broader anti-social behaviour issues exist. However, we do recognise that past proposals for dog control notices did not require court approval and therefore would enable councils to respond quickly and with less resource.
- Educating the public about responsible ownership through all available avenues and **allowing councils to direct irresponsible owners to undertake training, can provide a greater protection for the public.**

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Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING	Economic & Community Development Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING DATE:	23 rd January 2014	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: N/A
TITLE:	B&NES Economic Strategy	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Appendix 1 : Framework for Review of Strategy</p> <p>Appendix 2 : Key Measures of Success – Monitoring Data</p> <p>Appendix 3 : Project Programme : Internal Timetable</p>		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 As part of promoting a co-ordinated approach to local services, the Public Services Board is supporting the closer integration of key strategies to deliver sustainable communities. Key among these are:
- Health & Wellbeing
 - Environmental Sustainability
 - Economic
- 1.2 In 2010 B&NES Council approved its first Economic Strategy, developed in conjunction with the B&NES Sustainable Growth Alliance (now called the B&NES Economic Partnership). The Strategy contains a number of strategic priorities and detailed actions and a commitment to review and refresh the document after a period of three years in 2013.
- 1.3 The Council has now commenced work on the refresh. The refresh provides an opportunity to take into account major changes in the economy over the past 3 years and the way public and private sector services are now provided. Our aim is to broaden the scope of the Strategy to reflect these changes and in particular actions that deliver wellbeing and reduce inequalities as well as growth in key employment sectors.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to :

- 2.1 Note the work being undertaken on the Economic Strategy and provide comment and feedback on the scope of the review.

- 2.2 Identify any strategic issues which should be considered for inclusion and/or require further investigation / development as part of the review or where stronger links could be made to other strategic plans.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 It is currently proposed to manage the review of the Economic Strategy within existing Council resources.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Economic Strategy is not a statutory function of the Council. However it is a key document which :

- Supports the Council's vision where everyone fulfils their potential; and a place with lively active communities and unique places and beautiful surroundings.
- Supports the objectives underpinning this vision, which are to promote independence and positive lives for everyone, create neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and building a stronger economy.
- Provides a context & rationale for bids to lever in external funding

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The present B&NES Economic Strategy was produced in 2010 and was to deliver a 16 year plan to be coterminous with the original B&NES Core Strategy. The strategy's main objectives are to:

- Increase overall productivity & average wage levels
- Build on niche strengths in key sectors to deliver a higher value-added economy
- Improve overall skills levels in the workforce

These are delivered through a plan which includes actions on:

- Skills development for residents and employers
- Increased business space
- Supporting start-ups and knowledge intensive sectors/ industries
- Improving inward investment across the District

- 5.2 However whilst the overall aims of the Strategy remain valid there is a need to :

- Widen its scope to embrace the whole economy and ensure that the impact and potential of the wider Visitor and Cultural sectors and their contribution to the quality of "place" are fully understood.
- Put wellbeing at the heart of the outcomes it seeks to deliver
- Take into account significant changes both locally and nationally including :
 - The socio economic impacts of the 2008 recession, changes to the Welfare System and Universal Credit, the increase in the age of retirement and the raising of participation age.

- The changes to external partnership relations with the demise of the Regional Development Agencies and Business Links and the creation of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP's). The LEP's through their Strategic Economic Plans will have access to significant funding streams and the West of England City Deal negotiated with government will provide a financial resource for investment in infrastructure to bring forward development which will provide employment and promote economic growth.

5.3 The Panel will be provided with a presentation which will scope the latest position on progress with the Economic Strategy review and links with other key strategies. As background to this the attached appendices set out :

- Appendix 1 : emerging framework for the Economic Strategy Review
- Appendix 2 : the latest monitoring data on the “Key Measures of Success” indicators included in the 2010 Strategy.
- Appendix 3 : Project Programme – internal timetable

6 RATIONALE

6.1 It is accepted that the present economic strategy has not yet fully addressed all the issues outlined above. In part this has been due to the greatly altered national picture and that that previously there was a focus on the creation and support of higher value sectors and employment opportunities. There is now a need to address the whole economy, the present socio economic and social inequalities / disparities and overall health and wellbeing as part of a “place” based approach.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The review of the B&NES Economic Strategy is being undertaken in conjunction with a cross service officer team from the Council. The Health & Wellbeing Board has agreed to set a sub-group to input into the review and it is intended to set up an external key partner group to guide the work moving forward.

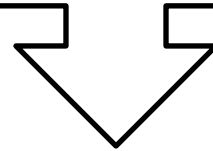
9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 Not applicable

Contact person	John Wilkinson 01225 396593
Background papers	B&NES Economic Strategy 2010 – 2026 http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Business/EconomicEnterpriseandBusinessDevelopment/economic_strategy1.pdf
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Our Vision is Bath and North East Somerset will be internationally renowned as an entrepreneurial 21st century place with a strong social purpose and a spirit of wellbeing, where everyone is invited to think big – a ‘connected’ area ready to create an extraordinary legacy for future generations



Economic Strategy

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ECONOMIC STRATEGY : KEY MEASURES OF SUCCESS – MONITORING DATA

Key Measure of Success	Target for 2013 Strategy review	Actual	Comment
Employment across B&NES	Increase of 1%	Decrease of 3% (loss of circa 3,000 jobs) (red indicator)	Same as Bristol but higher than the WofE average. Biggest industry losses: public sector / defence, business administration and support, manufacturing. Biggest industry gains: health, information and communications.
Employees located in Keynsham	Maintain levels	15% loss (loss of circa 1,000 jobs) (red indicator)	
Employees located in the Somer Valley	Maintain levels	Maintained (overall 11,000 jobs) (green indicator)	Jobs growth at Bath Business Park has offset job losses
Proportion of employment in SIC Industries J (information and communications) and M (Professional, Scientific and Technical)	Increase from 13% of employment to 14%	Static at 13% (10,400 jobs - 2011) (red indicator)	Losses in professional, scientific and technical, gains in information and communications
Job Seekers' Allowance Claimants	Remain static at 2% of resident population	2% of working population (May 2013) (green indicator)	
Proportion of Young People not in Education or Training	Reduction from 4.3% to 4.25%	4.45% (red indicator)	
Super output areas in top 20% of Index of Multiple Deprivation	Reduction from 4 areas to 3 areas in top 20%	5 areas still in top 20% (red indicator)	All areas in Bath
Gross weekly average earnings (workplace, Full Time)	Increase from 94% to 95% of GB average	97% of GB average (2012) (green indicator)	But B&NES figure still lowest in the West of England
Proportion of knowledge-based workers (NVQ 4+)	Maintain or increase from 35%	45% (2012) (green indicator)	
Proportion of working age population with at least NVQ 2+	Increase from 72% to 77%	79% (2012) (green indicator)	
Business births in-year	Increase by at least 8%	13% increase (2012) (green indicator)	Business closure rates have also increased
GVA per Worker (£41,000 benchmark – 2008)	Increase of at least 0.5% on benchmark	Reduction of 2.4% on 2008 benchmark (red indicator)	Based on latest available figure of £40,000 at 2010

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PROJECT PROGRAMME : INTERNAL TIMTABLE

MEETING	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Officer Working Group			13th	11th	3rd	?/?*	
Senior Management Team			14th		11th		
Informal Cabinet			31st		28th		
PD&S Panels			23rd		13th		
Cabinet							
Council							
Strategy Launch							

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The River Regeneration Trust

Strategic Plan 2014-2015

THE RIVER REGENERATION TRUST OBJECTS ARE:

To open up the river corridor and re-connect it with the local community; to promote and encourage leisure and sustainable development, creating homes, employment and lifestyle opportunities, whilst maintaining the heritage of the river; to bring about investment from the public and private sectors; to liaise with landowners and stakeholders to ensure their projects and aspirations reflect those of Bath and North East Somerset Council and its Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan; to meet the demands of Bath as a World Heritage Site; to assist in dealing with flood issues making the river corridor a safer place to live and invest; to protect biodiversity by maintaining and enhancing a healthy ecosystem.

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The River Regeneration Trust Strategic Plan 2014-2015

Aim

The overall aim of The River Regeneration Trust (TRRT) in 2014-2015 is to establish a presence in the Boathouse alongside Pulteney Weir in Bath and prioritise its activities to help facilitate and support the flood, safety and regeneration projects within Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES).

Objectives

TRRT will focus on seven key priorities in 2014-2015 in order to establish TRRT headquarters in a refurbished Boathouse, employ one administration staff, initiate TRRT Membership, facilitate opportunities of interest to B&NES and support existing regeneration and flood conveyance projects in Bath River Corridor. TRRT will use existing Trustees, Board Members and new staff as well as technical support and guidance from Council, Agencies and Stakeholders where required.

TRRT will continue to report to the Economic & Community Development Scrutiny Panel on TRRT Progress, B&NES River Strategy and support of John Wilkinson Major Projects and Economic Strategy. It will also contribute to the Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan to ensure riverside projects are informed of all things river including safety and visitor contributions. This will complement the WoE Local Enterprise Partnership and B&NES Sustainability Delivery Programmes.

TRRT will support Officers, Departments and Agencies secure regional, national and European funds for major projects and flood defence schemes, including state-of-the-art facilities for manufacturing and skilled employment associated with the Circular Economy, Payments for Ecosystem Services and Technology Strategy Board Innovation Awards.

Where we are, what we have done

TRRT has been incorporated as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee with an business account at Barclays and Legal Documents prepared by Jordans Limited and Bennetts Solicitors Attorneys & Notaries. We have seven Trustees and a growing number of Board Members who represent the key political standings, agencies and eventually other Stakeholders. We have delivered our first Scoping Study for B&NES on Broadmead Peninsula and are ready to procure refurbishment of the Boathouse at Pultney Weir using secured funds. We also contributed to the B&NES Task & Finish Group for Boat Dwellers and River Travelers'.

We have established key relationships with Richard Parry, CEO of the Canal & River Trust (CRT), and David Elliott Director of Environment & Assets for Wessex Water (WW) who along with the Environment Agency (EA) and Black & Veatch (B&V), we are planning major flood prevention and flood/drought management initiatives on behalf of B&NES Council. We have presented our B&NES River RoadMap to Cabinet, Councils, Officers and the peoples of Bath & Keynsham and have further plans to present to Saltford and other key Borough Councils. We are currently arranging with Mathew Smith and his Team establishment of a cobra-style panel of key Council and Agency representatives to respond to and facilitate a joined-up strategy for flood defence, flood conveyance and flood/drought prevention across the catchment. This will align with, not replace existing initiatives within and outside the Council and under the watchful and critical eye of B&NES Canal & River Champion and our Vice Chair, Councilor Dave Laming.

Strategic Priorities 2014-2015

TRRT will provide a 'pathfinder' Trust to complement the evolving Canal and River Trust and act as a demonstration 'flagship' for the B&NES River Strategy. It will direct best use of the River Avon catchment within B&NES through strategically placed, flood resilient, socially integrated, economically viable and environmentally beneficial projects for wildlife and river communities alike.

TRRT will assist B&NES and the core Agencies provide ways of living, working, resting and playing with flood risk and seek the creation of flood defence, flood conveyance and flood prevention assets in the Bath Avon catchment zone that are economically sustainable. It will also help the World Heritage City of Bath to adopt and fully connect with this immensely valuable river asset for current and future generations. Our current priorities for 2014-2015 are:

1. Establish the Boathouse as TRRT Headquarters
2. Employ one staff to administrate TRRT Headquarters and Memberships
3. Investigate Pulteney Weir lock gate, Bath Rugby & B&NES Moorings
4. Facilitate Bath East Marina & Waterside Sports Park/Meadowland
5. Facilitate Broadmead Environment Park and access road
6. Facilitate Avon Valley Marina, Constructed Wetlands & Water Ecology Park
7. Support Green Park Riverside flood conveyance scheme

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ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PDS FORWARD PLAN

This Forward Plan lists all the items coming to the Panel over the next few months.

Inevitably, some of the published information may change; Government guidance recognises that the plan is a best assessment, at the time of publication, of anticipated decision making. The online Forward Plan is updated regularly and can be seen on the Council's website at:

<http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>

The Forward Plan demonstrates the Council's commitment to openness and participation in decision making. It assists the Panel in planning their input to policy formulation and development, and in reviewing the work of the Cabinet.

Should you wish to make representations, please contact the report author or Jack Latkovic, Democratic Services (01225 394452). A formal agenda will be issued 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Agenda papers can be inspected on the Council's website and at the Guildhall (Bath), Hollies (Midsomer Norton), Riverside (Keynsham) and at Bath Central, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton public libraries.

Economic and Community Development PDS Forward Plan

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Anticipated business at future Panel meetings

Ref Date	Decision Maker/s	Title	Report Author Contact	Strategic Director Lead
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL: 23RD JANUARY 2014				
23 Jan 2014	ECD PDS	Community Safety: Anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill update	Sue Dicks Tel: 01225 477415	
6 Nov 2013 23 Jan 2014	HWB ECD PDS	B&NES Economic Strategy	John Wilkinson Tel: 01225 396593	Louise Fradd
23 Jan 2014	ECD PDS	Visitor Contribution	Tim Richens Tel: 01225 477468	
23 Jan 2014	ECD PDS	River Trust update	River Trust representative	
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL: 13TH MARCH 2014				
13 Mar 2014	ECD PDS	Licensing support for Community Safety	Andrew Jones Tel: 01225 477557	
13 Mar 2014	ECD PDS	World Heritage Site management plan and heritage sites visitors	Officer/s to be confirmed	

Ref Date	Decision Maker/s	Title	Report Author Contact	Strategic Director Lead
Before 14 Feb 2014	Cllr David Dixon, Cllr Dine Romero, Cllr Simon Allen	Policy Development & Scrutiny recommendations - Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy	Emma Bagley, Councillor Vic Pritchard Tel: 01225 396410,	Ashley Ayre
13 Mar 2014				
21 Mar 2014	ECD PDS			
24 Mar 2014	Wellbeing PDS			
E2566	EYCY PDS			
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL: 22ND MAY 2014				
22 May 2014	ECD PDS	Green Jobs in B&NES	Duncan Kerr	
22 May 2014	ECD PDS	Community Safety: Project 28	Sue Dicks Tel: 01225 477415	
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