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

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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, 17th July, 2014**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Thursday, 17th July, 2014 at 1.00 pm** in the **Council Chamber - 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, 17th July, 2014**

**at 1.00 pm 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 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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5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

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 OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Pages 5 - 20)

8. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE (10 MINUTES)

The Cabinet Member will update the panel on any relevant issues. Panel members may ask questions

9. STRATEGIC RIVER GROUP (15 MINUTES) (Pages 21 - 40)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Panel on the Strategic River Group (SRG) and Working Groups especially the River Safety Officers Working Group. The panel requested at its March meeting an update report and action plan on River Safety activities.

10. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT- UPDATE ON NEW TOOLS AND POWERS (20 MINUTES) (Pages 41 - 44)

This report invites the Panel to receive an update on the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, particularly the new tools and powers it introduces which affect anti-social behaviour. This follows up on previous briefings for the Panel in July 2012, March 2013 and January 2014”.

The Panel are asked to note and consider potential impacts of the provisions contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, particularly the new tools and powers affecting anti-social behaviour and to consider establishing a Task and Finish Group of Panel members to examine in full the implications of these new powers for the Council and its partners.

11. BATH WORLD HERITAGE SITE: UPDATE (20 MINUTES) (Pages 45 - 48)

This is an update report on World Heritage (WH) management in Bath. It concentrates on the forthcoming revision of the WH Site Management Plan, the work of the WH Enhancement Fund grant scheme and progress of the ‘Great Spas of Europe’ project.

12. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 49 - 52)

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.

**DRAFT MINUTES PENDING CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

**BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

Thursday, 29th May, 2014

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

**1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that mobile phones and tablets be switched to silent

**2 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

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

**3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

There was an apology for absence from Councillor Andrew Furse. Councillor Ben Stevens, who was due to attend to give a Cabinet Member Update, also sent an apology for absence.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Robin Moss, during discussion on the Fit for Life Strategy (Item 12), declared an interest as he was involved in the Keynsham Town Council Work Budget

**5 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

1.The Chair had allowed the item on parking spaces for the disabled at Keynsham Leisure Centre to be taken as Urgent Business. A Briefing Note had been circulated to Panel Members and a site visit had been held just prior to the meeting.

The Chair stated that the problems were not insoluble but the Panel was not the decision-making body to rectify the matter but could give an over-arching view. Reference was made to anti-social behaviour at the upper rear entrance to the Leisure Centre. He requested that Members e-mail their comments to him within the next 5 working days so that he could liaise with Councillor David Dixon as the appropriate Cabinet Member and hopefully provide a decision for the next meeting. The Divisional Director of Environmental Services responded to some of the

comments and stated that Councillor Caroline Roberts as Cabinet Member for Transport would also need to be involved.

Susan Charles (Access B&nes Group) made her statement on the matter expressing her concerns. Members commented on the problem. It was generally felt that at least a short term solution should be found, possibly by creating further spaces outside the Snooker Hall.

The Panel noted.

2.The Chair stated that the item on River Safety, which was due to be considered as Urgent Business, would be taken at the July meeting of the Panel.

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

Susan Charles (Access B&nes Group) had earlier made a statement under the item on Urgent Business relating to parking spaces for the disabled at Keynsham Leisure Centre

## **7 MINUTES: THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2014**

The Panel confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chair

## **8 CABINET MEMBER UPDATE**

The Panel noted the update report provided by Councillor Ben Stevens which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Comments and questions could be e-mailed to Councillor Stevens or left until the next meeting of the Panel.

## **9 B&NES ECONOMIC STRATEGY REVIEW : UPDATE REPORT**

The Divisional Director of Community Regeneration gave a power point presentation on the Economic Strategy which had a vision of B&nes being “internationally renowned as a “beautifully inventive” entrepreneurial 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”. A hard copy of the presentation was circulated to Members.

The Panel considered the report of the Divisional Director of Community Regeneration which recommended the Panel to note the current position in relation to the review of the Economic Strategy and the timetable for its report; and to note the overall framework for Economic Strategy Review and provide feedback on the proposed priorities and objectives. The report appended the framework for the Strategy Review, the aims and priorities under the 2 cross-cutting Core Values, and the programme for reporting to Cabinet on the Review.

The Panel discussed the matter and Members made various comments. These included:

- the importance of arts and culture
- the support for rural industry and apprenticeship schemes was complimented
- improvements to Broadband were appreciated which enabled people to work from home
- planning policies did not always help small enterprise and small developments which enrich the community
- adoption to climate change needed to be addressed
- more work was required on zero carbon housing which could be woven into the planning process
- controls were needed on waste management and recycling
- the “circular economy” was important and Keynsham for instance needed employment to be created and communities strengthened
- inventiveness and engineering such as that provided by Dyson was needed
- green power was not always supported but people needed to embrace new technology and a high tech approach
- the connectivity with small communities helps to create wealth at a local level
- lower productivity in the area compared to the West of England did not mean it was lower quality
- the area was becoming a global magnet for growth industries and where small businesses could grow
- the existing Partnership Group was Bath education heavy and there needed to be more of a balance between Bath and the rural area
- tourism was very important to the local economy but more was required to encourage visitors to stay longer than 1 day/night
- it was acknowledged that Bath was a successful City and cities contained the wealth but the balance needed to be addressed in urban areas
- in addition to small businesses, co-operative and “not for profit” enterprise needed support/funding

The Divisional Director of Community Development responded to some of the Members’ comments.

The Panel approved the recommendations in the report.

The Chair thanked the Divisional Director for his presentation and requested Members to send any further comments to him as soon as possible.

## **10 YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES - PROJECT 28**

The Developing Health and Independence Project 28 Manager gave a power point presentation on “Jessica’s Treatment Journey”. A hard copy of the presentation was circulated to Members. The presentation was introduced by stating that “DHI challenges social exclusion by supporting people to achieve their potential and contribute to the richness and wellbeing of their community. DHI is flexible, creative and person-centred in its approach, valuing each individual and their circumstances as unique”.

Jessica then outlined her experiences and the successful outcome from being part of Project 28.

The Panel considered a briefing report (as previously requested by the Panel) on Young People's Substance Misuse Services – Project 28.

Councillor Cherry Beath congratulated Jessica as regards the way that she had turned her life around.

Members commented on the report and presentation and asked various questions to which the Project 28 Manager responded. The Panel were generally impressed and wholeheartedly supported the work that was being done.

The Chair considered that the presentation was very useful and informative and thanked the Project 28 Manager for her report and presentation.

The Panel approved the report and therefore noted the good work carried out by Project 28 and the very successful outcomes it achieves for young people in Bath and North East Somerset.

## **11 GREEN JOBS IN B&NES UPDATE**

The Corporate Sustainability Manager gave a power point presentation updating Members on Green Jobs in B&nes. A hard copy of the presentation was circulated to Members.

The Panel considered the report of the Corporate Sustainability Manager on the potential for green jobs in B&nes, the work underway to exploit those opportunities and to safeguard relevant existing local businesses and jobs. It referred to a Green Deal Study that was commissioned in 2012 to identify how the Council and its partners could support local retrofitting delivery. If the retrofitting market developed at a rate sufficient to meet national carbon reduction targets, it could create an additional market value to B&nes of £10-20M/year and 120 additional jobs which is only a small part of the overall retrofit market.

Members asked questions to which the Corporate Sustainability Manager responded. Members made comments on the subject. It was stated that this was an opportunity to lead and be innovative and it fitted in well with the Economic Strategy Review. Low start-up costs for businesses would lead to more jobs. Reference was made to the Wessex Water site adjoining a Council landfill site and the benefits that could be derived. The Green Skills Academy between Norton Radstock College and the City of Bath College was welcomed. It was considered that entrepreneurs could not be dictated to and the Green Deal could store up problems for the future. There was sometimes a problem in obtaining a green gain and protecting a heritage asset. Solar panels on roofs was welcomed by one Member but it was queried whether the use of fields for solar energy could lead to the loss of agricultural use.

The Chair thanked the Corporate Sustainability Manager for her presentation and the Panel noted the report.

(NOTE: Councillors Cherry Beath and Dave Laming left the meeting after this item)



**12 FIT FOR LIFE STRATEGY (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS LEISURE STRATEGY)**

The Public Health Development Manager gave a power point presentation on “Fit for Life” – An Active Living Strategy which set out the priorities for B&nes for physical activity which have been determined using existing provision, consultation, research, other strategies and plans and emerging trends and issues. The Strategy showed the Council’s commitment to improving opportunities to get more people active and healthy and enable greater involvement from all sectors to develop services that provide and facilitate an active lifestyle for all B&nes’ residents. The vision for the Strategy was “to get more people more active, more often, leading to improved health and wellbeing and the creation of stronger, safer communities for all”. A hard copy of the presentation was circulated to Members.

The report provided by the Public Health Development Manager was considered by Members and requested the Panel to comment and approve the draft “Fit for Life” Strategy for further public consultation.

Members asked various questions to which the Officer responded. Comments were made by Members on the Strategy document. These included:

- it could be difficult to incentivise people to exercise and perhaps more could be done on this aspect
- allotments had a role to play in helping people to keep fit and perhaps one could be provided for disabled people in Keynsham if there is sufficient demand and appropriate funding
- the Council has a statutory duty to protect public health and wellbeing but people did not always have, or make, the time due to everyday commitments. This could be overcome by promoting sports clubs etc which could encourage people to associate more and motivate them to keep active on a routine basis
- the potential global savings could be indicated in the document
- people could derive a lot of benefit mentally as well as physically from participation with others in trying to maintain an active lifestyle

The Chair thanked the Officer for her presentation and approved the draft Strategy for further public consultation.

**13 PANEL WORKPLAN**

The Panel noted the future Workplan

The meeting ended at 4.25 pm

Chair(person) .....

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## **BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET**

### **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

Monday, 16th June, 2014

**Present:-** Councillors Robin Moss (Chair), Cherry Beath (Vice-Chair), Patrick Anketell-Jones, Brian Simmons, Andrew Furse, Dave Laming and David Martin

#### **14 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **15 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

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

#### **16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Geoff Ward had sent his apologies to the Panel.

#### **17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **18 POLICE: NEW OPERATING MODEL**

The Chairman informed the meeting that this was an opportunity for Avon and Somerset Police to talk to us, and answer questions, on the impact of the New Operating Model on Bath & North East Somerset.

The Chairman introduced Chief Superintendent Sarah Crew, from Avon and Somerset Police, and asked her to give a brief introduction on the new Operating Model. The Chairman informed the meeting that Sarah Crew would answer questions that had been submitted in advance of the meeting and then, time permitting, answer questions made on the day.

The Chairman also said that he would be accepting questions only, and not statements. If Councillors and public would want to make their statements then they could do that on Avon and Somerset Police website.

Sarah Crew took the Panel through the report, as printed in the agenda, explaining its background and proposals for the New Operating Model. Sarah Crew also introduced Chief Inspector Norman Pascal (Local Policing Area Commander) and Dave Harley (Head of Estates and Accommodation).

## Questions:

Councillor Robin Moss - 'If the Police station at Radstock is no longer used, can the building be made available for community ownership & use?'

Sarah Crew – 'I can't talk specifically for Radstock but we are absolutely committed to enable our buildings for community use.'

Councillor Cherry Beath –

'1) What do you see as the challenge in operating the new model?

2) Police presence in the City and outlying areas of the City, is very important, can you reassure us that this will not be diminished in the new operating model?

3) Can you outline the access available by the public / "opening hours" and plans for accommodation?'

Sarah Crew – 'I think that managing people through the change is one of the challenges. The next challenge is changing behaviour of people and embedding that into the new operating model. The third challenge would be to make another £23m as constabulary, and to make that before the end of 2017/18. This will be quite challenging to do though I am confident that we are taking the right approach to it.

Police presence in the city will not be diminished. There is no reduction in terms of local policing or patrol officers or PCSOs. There will be more officers on the streets with the new model. Not only that numbers will be safeguarded but they will be more visible.

Recently we started a review on how people are using offices and when the public needs offices and that gave us more understanding on opening hours. That ties in with the changes in our status.'

Councillor Andrew Furse - 'I want to raise questions as to the degree of accommodation facilities, the ability to run the city centre operation from there and the opening times that the public can get access to the police as a point of contact/front desk?'

The current one-stop shop does not have the facilities or the opening times under which the current police station operates, although its location is ideal. If other locations are being sought then the 'travel time' to and from the city centre needs to be considered.

I also need assurance that the new custody facility in Keynsham will not take officers and PCSOs away from city centre operation when dealing with individuals.'

Sarah Crew – 'In terms of accommodation in city centre – we just unveiled new Estate Strategy where it says 'where we close Police Station in the city centre, then we will open something else locally' to meet the needs of the community and population. That is the commitment of the PCC and Chief Constable. With intention to open custody centre in Keynsham there is no need to keep the building in Bath,

with custody suit, open considering financial challenges that we have. We are actively looking to carry out that pledge in every station that we close. Opening times – review that just took place showed that our current opening hours were confusing to the public. So, we are trying to be very clear in our new strategy in terms of which stations are open at what times. People can use Facebook, Twitter or email to contact us as well as phone.

Travel times were also considered. The way we designed the system is that visible local policing is actually visible local policing delivering the service to the community. That means for peak times we can detain the transport. We have detainee investigation teams in each of the custody centres and their task is to deal with detainee rather than taking patrol officers away from doing patrol.

We are investing in investigating support team so patrolling team can patrol in areas that need officers on the ground. You will probably see more of the PCSOs and police officers, not less.'

Councillor David Martin –

'1) How are neighbourhoods defined, and how will the Neighbourhood Manager work with communities, is this the same as PACT meetings?

2) What lessons are being learnt from the pilot projects?

3) What benefits will people see on the ground, especially in response to incidents?

4) How best can Councillors and local organisations such as Residents Associations and community groups get involved in local policing?'

Sarah Crew – 'We haven't changed the definition of neighbouring area, nor we changed how beat managers and PCSOs are aligned by areas. What we have done, we said we will work more closely together with the PCSOs and beat managers. There is no operational need for us to have PCSOs at 4am in the morning. The role of the neighbourhood manager is a dedicated role.

Lessons have been learned from the pilot project – the pilot in South Gloucestershire area had just finished and we will compare that experience with B&NES. The lessons so far are that we are working more as a team; we are sharing a lot more information. Much more joined up working. Also, we are seeing less and less delayed calls by having more people on streets.

I have been asked by B&NES if we could start doing the pilot now.'

Norman Pascal – 'I am keen to start this pilot in B&NES. It was a success in South Gloucestershire.'

Sarah Crew – 'There will be more people visible on the ground and it will be much more informed resolution. One of the feedbacks from local partners was that it is a lot easier to work with one neighbourhood manager.

How everyone else can get involved –the PACT meetings are absolutely a core to the way we do things and to respond quicker. There are opportunities for people

who represent communities to be critical friends to us, which is of real benefit to us. Also, cadet scheme gave us the opportunity to get in touch with younger people.

Councillor Michael Evans 1) Will there be any special provision for dealing with anti-social behaviour, particularly the sort of 'bad neighbour' situation which blights lives over long periods?

2) With the closure of large, remote suburban police 'fortresses', will the Force be taking the opportunity to get closer to the community and its needs by having small police posts where people gather, especially shopping centres, town centres, and some housing estates.

3) The opportunity to spread information and make contact via the Internet is a major plus in the modern environment, which the Police increasingly recognise. But does the Avon and Somerset Constabulary also recognise the need to provide the public with face-to-face contact in a predictable place, such as a Police Post (small office in a larger building such as The Hollies, Lewis House, or The Galleries shopping centre), or does it intend to make the public rely on remote contact by telephone, email etc ?

Sarah Drew - 'I spoke about some of our solutions to tackle anti-social behaviour, local policing and neighbourhood manager. One of our long-term solutions is to reduce the demand on our services. It is much better to identify problems before they become big problems and we deal with them early, so they do not become long-term issue. What we are doing now is something called Integrated Offender Management. We have done this quite successfully with certain types of offenders and we have seen massive reduction in crime. We are looking to take the same approach with offenders who cause long term and high impact anti-social behaviour and identify them much earlier in that path. Offender management is one way of doing that and neighbouring manager has a big role to play. The second aspects are victims. I dealt with chronic instances of anti-social behaviour and there will be a focus on how we deal with victims of anti-social behaviour. We will have to identify victims early so we can deal with the problem and look into ways how to help them.

It is our aim to get as close as possible to the community. If residents associations and Councillors want to help us with the new mode then we will be happy to have discussions.'

Dave Harley - 'The issue of police posts is that we have a lot of them across the area. We will be looking to get to the right size facilities for the new operating model.

When the property becomes available then it will be open, under the Localism Act, for community to bid on it. My issue is how much value I would get so I can invest in new ones. '

Adam Reynolds - In light of the recent 20MPH limits placed on multiple roads in Bath, I understand enforcement of these new restrictions is not going to be done by the police. Is there a way for community groups to help enforce these zones? In particular would there be a way for a community group to measure vehicle speed,

take video evidence and submit this to the police, not to prosecute the driver, but to have the police have a word with the driver?

Should speed violations be very high, what does a community have to do to get the council to start enforcing speed restrictions?

As an example, Chaucer Road (Bear Flat) has excessive speeding along it by parents (irony of this is ridiculous) dropping their children off in the morning at Beechen Cliff. This has been a 20MPH zone for years. Council has never enforced any of the speed restrictions along here.'

Norman Pascal - 'We don't have resources to enforce 20mph. However, we are having a number of schemes, like Community Speed Watch, which could identify individuals who were speeding in the area. Those individuals, once identified, would receive a letter from the police about speeding at those areas.'

Anne-Marie Jovicic Sas – 'Please can you ensure that published crime figures for Radstock (you will need to get the name right from our recent town council emails) are published on the police website on a year-by-year basis so that we can all make informed decisions about their interpretation?'

Sarah Drew - 'We just re-launched our website in order to make it more accessible and we will have year by year comparisons. You will receive personal response on this matter'.

Richard Daniel – 'The police can and do make a real difference to our city.

B&NES claims that walking & cycling are the priorities in transport terms.

Yet for pedestrians the pavements are too often used as an extension for car, van and lorry parking on or across.

Speaking to council they say contact the police, contacting the police say contact the council. Either way there is a lack of clarity to who is responsible and who will take action.

Will the police make a clear agreement for rigorous enforcement?

Cyclists are the most vulnerable road users, unlike drivers they do not have crush zones or a metal safety cage and unlike pedestrians are not provided with a safe space separated from the motor vehicles.

Yet it too commonly seems acceptable to vilify them, and sometimes the attitude and actions of drivers verge on bullying.

We were told at a Cycle Summit by Steve Mildren (now retired ) that if we reported bad or dangerous driving to the police that they would speak to the driver.

I rang 101 when a driver obviously made the point by very intentionally driving so close I could easily been knocked off, and the police said they could do nothing unless seen by an officer or witness and taken to court.

Personally I just wanted the driver spoken to.

Will the police reinstall the system where driver will be contact to be made aware of their actions if contacted by a cyclist?



The police have made a public point of targeting cycling on pavements.  
What are the numbers of cyclists in Bath that have been stopped or spoken to for cycling on pavements?  
What are the numbers of drivers that have been stopped or spoken to for driving dangerously in relation to cyclists?

When it comes to cycling on pavements the police need to look at the DfT figures which show that almost all injury on pavements is caused by vehicles not cyclists. Obviously really dangerous cycling on or off the pavement needs to be dealt with. Most of the time cycling on the pavement is safe if done slowly with care when there are not too many or no pedestrians.  
Until safe space for cycling has been built into our city the police need to be sympathetic to the most vulnerable road users, especially children, young people and women.

How many of the nearly one injury a week of a cyclist by a vehicles results in a prosecution?

Sarah Crew - 'There are number of issues raised. It is a problem and neighbouring manager, together with other agencies, will be looking into it.'

Norman Pascal - 'The parking issue is for Local Authority though obstructions are police issue and we will deal with it. In the past, people contacted neighbouring policing team with details of the vehicle in question, and the driver had a letter from us. I am more than happy to reinstate that.  
We are focusing on educating cyclist, not to penalise them but to protect them from those reckless drivers.'

David Redgewell - 'I hope you will continue your operations on Friday and Saturday nights and also that conversation with the British Transport Police is taking place considering that they are through their reconfiguration'.

Sarah Crew – 'From constabulary point of view we should only see enhancements in available resources for Friday and Saturday nights. Norman Pascal will give an assurance that commitment will continue.'

Norman Pascal – 'On Friday and Saturday nights we enhanced Police presence in Bath city centre and that will continue to be the case'.

The Chairman (on behalf of Paulton resident and Councillor Liz Hardman) – 'Question about use of technology as a method of improving policing. How modern IT technology could be used in areas with poor mobile reception and slow broadband speed? How will officers carry heavy IT equipment and body armour with them? '

Sarah Crew – 'The approach taken was about simple business methodology. We looked at the processes we needed to deliver to the community. We are also looking to equip our people with the right skills and abilities to do the job and make sure they are there at the time where mostly needed. We need to make sure that they have customer focused behaviour, public focused behaviour, to be able to deliver that in a way you would expect for service to be delivered and you need to give them the tools to be able to do the job. And that is where the technology comes in. In



previous times we haven't always given people the tools to work everywhere and do their job most effectively. So, within the work that I done, I tried to understand where we got it wrong in the past but I am also doing a lot of work on what technology we need for future. That will mean that our officers would not need to carry around laptops or similar heavy equipment. With standard mobile technology there is ability to give people information they need, where they are, to deliver better service to the public. We are looking into enhancing our technology but only to enable our people to do the job that we want them to do, for you. As far as body armour goes – it is an officer's choice on whether to wear body armour or not. There are some places and times when it's absolutely right for them to make risk assessment to wear it. There are other times when it's absolutely not necessary for people to wear it. It is up to a personal choice based on the risk assessment. It is not that everyone must wear it. Sometimes that body armour feels like forbidding members of the public to approach an officer. It is not a stipulation, it is a risk assessment'.

Councillor Andy Furse - 'I fully understand the issue with the current building; that the custody is not used and one of the floors is not used at all; and it is massively oversized building and maintenance heavy building for your needs - but what has been presented to the city at the moment, and what the residents think is that you will move to the One Stop Shop in Manvers Street. As a point of contact that is fine location but that in no way could meet the needs of your officers, at the city centre team, plus for the others who are with vehicles. My question is where your location would be if you have been looking for one and would it meet the needs of officers? It is the practicality of the location that I am most concerned for.'

Dave Harley - 'We have been looking for some time for the right location and we have been to a number of potential sites. The One Stop Shop location for the Stronger Safer Neighbourhood Team has been evaluated now. It is certainly not the place to run 'blues and twos' from there if you are going to respond, just for a couple of neighbouring vehicles. I guess the other aspect of it is anywhere right in the centre of Bath might be an issue considering the congestion in traffic, so closer to the outskirts of Bath would be more appropriate for 'blues and twos'. We did find a facility on Lower Bristol Road, but unfortunately, on that venue we were not successful. We are now looking into some other potential sites.'

Norman Pascal - 'The most important thing for me is that neighbouring police team, PCSOs, beat managers...have to remain in Bath city centre somewhere. Where that might be One Stop Shop, or else, it will have to be in the city centre. However, because we have to operate longer hours there has to be some negotiations on allowing us to set something to suit our and community needs. The 'blues and twos' brigades should be somewhere on outskirts of Bath. I do not think they need to be in the city centre, like how it was set for Bristol, for example.'

Councillor Dave Laming - 'I still believe that you should be on the ground and that we, the public, should see you. I cannot remember when was the last time I saw a police officer, or two of them, walking the streets of Lambridge and Larkhall. In terms of proportionality - I find it very difficult to compare Bristol and us. I find the perception of the police will diminish. What public consultation have you undertaken to convince the public that you are doing the right thing?'

Sarah Crew – ‘We have no intention of not having police presence in Bath. The second thing to say is about comparison to Bristol. Dave’s work is on all of our estates. The fact that we are opening that we are opening three very large buildings mean that all of our estates are looked at. Just because there are a number of police stations in Bristol and Somerset it doesn’t meant that we will have a number of police officers. Number of police stations in different areas is probably not the right thing to have. As far as usage of those three buildings goes, there is a mantra that we use – we operate as one team. You should expect the same level of service from each of the teams. You would be processed in the same way, whether you come from B&NES area, or South Glos. We want to be lot more flexibly to use our resources effectively.

In terms of the public consultation – we consulted quite widely to get to our service promise. Once we came up with it, we went to another public consultation to talk about ‘do you think this is right?’ and get our feedback. We consulted with as much possible as we can, even with the hard to reach communities. We are waiting for surveys in South Gloucestershire. It took some investment to do the consultation, around 5,000 people.’

Councillor Brian Simmons – ‘I accept that custody suits are a good idea as it release police officers to go back to. If we are looking for police basis, we have quite a lot of redundant public conveniences that could be used as police stations. In terms of the Anti-Social Behaviour team – I understand that you made some officers redundant and I was wondering if that means that you will shut down that team.’

Sarah Crew – ‘In terms of the local basis – my colleagues noted your comment. It is quite a good idea. In terms of the Anti-Social Behaviour – we are not making any reductions but we are trying to make it more standardised. We need to set how the ASB support is delivered in local area. In terms of reductions I can only think on one post, in Bristol, that was put in risk. And that is because we are investing that resource elsewhere.’

Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones – ‘In the new model it says – “...new research identified several persistently high demanding community hotspot areas across the force...” There is the potential when you focus police effort on one spot that you can raise tensions on the community in that area. How will you assure not to become heavy handed?’

Sarah Crew – ‘By solving the problem with the community. Our mantra with this is that we don’t want to come in and say “this is the way we want to solve the problems”. We want to come in, through the neighbouring managers in that area and talk to the community and partners, and using our tested ID Partners problem solving, together identify what the problems are and together identify what the resolutions are, and then share our response. The enforcement role of the Police has a part to play, but it is only a part, often as short term part. The way we prevent any kind of heavy handed policing is by being part of the partnership which involves the community and should be led by the community. Our ultimate role is to create the conditions where society and community thrive. We have got a part to play and be able to do that but, from my own experience, the best way to deal is to bring parties to the table, identify the problem and support the community to make their own decisions’.

Peter Duppa Miller – ‘I am not aware how your contracts in terms of engagements are but are you finding it difficult if the terms of engagements preclude moving your resources to work different hours and different days?’

Sarah Crew – ‘There are different terms and conditions for Police officers and Police staff. We have had a formal consultation with Unison and Police Federation. The process was slightly different for each in terms of length of consultation. They are lengthy processes but not difficult. In terms how easy for individuals that is, there is a need in managing that change for them, by explaining the business case. On that basis they were loud and clear by saying that when it was busy there was no enough people around, hence why we will be making changes in shift patterns. It is all on track and it will kick in soon. During the pilot some people volunteered to change their shift patterns without a proper notice.’

Peter Duppa-Miller – ‘Assuming that other forces around us are doing much the same with reduction of funding, etc., will the constabulary in future be able to draw on other forces in the case of major incident?’

Sarah Crew – ‘You are right to say that other forces are facing reduction in funding though not necessary their approach is the same as ours. However, in terms of our arrangements for what we call mutual aid, which is how we brigade together for public emergencies or major incidents or major investigations, those processes are well embedded and regularly tested. Whilst reductions were made across the board there is a regular oversight on national coordination level to brigade the resources at any given time. For the events like Olympics, like the upcoming NATO summit, we are able to brigade our resources when we need to. On a more medium term basis all forces are looking into ways to collaborate with other forces to deal with some of the highly complex but less numerous offences, for instance the investigation of homicide or counter-terrorism. We are all engaged to contribute to share resources.’

Peter Duppa-Miller – ‘The Connecting Communities initiative – how the new Model will mesh with this initiative?’

Norman Pascal – ‘From B&NES perspective – I see it in a way that neighbouring inspector and beat teams will be facilitating that process and it will stay the same.’

Peter Duppa-Miller – ‘When the Keynsham Connecting Communities takes place it will be neighbourhood manager for B&NES who will sit at the top table?’

Norman Pascal – ‘We haven’t moved to the new model into B&NES. Whilst we are still in the same model it will be the inspector for Keynsham. If we do move to the new model, then it will be neighbourhood manager.’

Peter Duppa-Miller – ‘How can Parish and Town Councils in B&NES help with this process?’

Sarah Crew – ‘Communication is really important. When people hear that police service will make reduction, it is easy to think that there will be reductions in a number of police officers. What we try to build here is that there are no reductions in PCSOs, beat managers, and we will be protecting neighbourhood policing and local

policing. The savings are coming from back office and in managerial reduction. My plea is to use the communication between us.'

Norman Pascal – 'We will engage with your local officers. They know exactly what we will offer and what the local needs are. I suggest for you to engage with local staff, beat manager, etc., and talk to them.'

Councillor Eleanor Jackson – 'I can appreciate old model has gone and thinking about appropriate model for the 21st century. But, people like police presence on streets. It occurs to me that you will need front desk presence in Radstock and Westfield and could I suggest that you can use Radstock Co-Operative store for front desk. Chief Executive of the Co-op thinks it would be very good idea.'

Sarah Crew – 'We will take that offer. Thank you.'

Councillor Vic Pritchard – 'Can you say what commitment you will have towards rural areas?'

Sarah Crew – 'Currently, our beat managers and PCSOs are committed to rural areas and we plan no changes, and no retraction at all. But we want to target the problems in rural communities and we will try to make the most efficient use of resources we have to be able to deliver our service promises. That is why we safeguarded resources to the cities and rural areas. The demand for cities is higher in certain days of the week but there are a lot of times when there is a demand in rural area, and we will bring our resources to tackle that issue. We are asking the public in NE Somerset if this is working.'

Norman Pascal – 'Sue Mountstevens actually put together the Rural Crime Team to focus purely that rural crime is not missed.

The Chairman thanked everyone who participated in the debate and in particular to Chief Superintendent Sarah Crew and her team.

The meeting ended at 4.50 pm

Chair(person) .....

Date Confirmed and Signed .....

**Prepared by Democratic Services**

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>		
MEETING:	<b>Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel</b>	
MEETING DATE:	<b>Thursday, 17th July, 2014 1.00 pm</b>	
TITLE:	<b>Strategic River Group</b>	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<p><b>List of attachments to this report:</b></p> <p>Appendix 1: Strategic River Group structure and membership</p> <p>Appendix 2: Update report River Safety Group</p> <p>Appendix 3: draft Canal &amp; River Trust Annual Report 2012/13</p>		

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the panel on the Strategic River Group (SRG) and Working Groups especially the River Safety Officers Working Group. The panel requested at its March meeting an update report and action plan on River Safety activities

B&NES has recognised the importance of the River Avon in its draft Core Strategy and Green Infrastructure Strategy. It has worked closely with a range of stakeholders to ensure that the area makes the most of its economic, environmental, cultural and social value.

A River Corridor Scrutiny Day took place in May 2012, building on the work of the

River Corridor Group. The PDS Panel Recommendation was accepted by the Cabinet, the rationale being: “This Administration is keen to ensure that any future developments near or related to the River will not “turn their back” on the river, but see the river as the excellent asset it is, and enhance the river frontage for public access”

In addition on 16 January 2014 Full Council accepted a motion to set up the Strategic River Group chaired by the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development: “Under the leadership and guidance of the Council’s Strategic Director for Place to urgently form a Round Table Working Group from the top level decision makers of the Canal & River Trust, the Environment Agency, Wessex Water, The River Regeneration Trust, and Senior Officers from this Council to discuss the river on a wider basis including flooding issues and proposed flood mitigation projects and other aspects such as usage.”

The Strategic River Group was formed in March 2014 (Appendix 1 structure and membership of SRG) and has met twice so far in March and May with next meeting due on 18<sup>th</sup> July

The group is made up of Senior Officers from Wessex Water, Environment Agency, Canal & Rivers Trust and from B&NES the Director of Place, Divisional Director for Environmental Services, Divisional Director for Community Regeneration, other council officers, the River Champion, The River Regeneration Trust and is chaired by Cllr Ben Stevens Cabinets Member for Sustainable Development

Within the SRG there are 5 working groups:

- Waterside Communities
- Economy
- Water Management
- Connectivity
- Leisure

And there are two cross cutting themes, Health & Safety and Green Infrastructure

## **River Strategy**

One of the recommendations of the River Corridor Scrutiny Day in May 2012 was the need for a River Strategy. There have been a number of recent reports and studies which would be used to inform the strategy

To move the River Strategy forward it has been agreed there is a need for a River co-ordinator and currently there are discussion between Wessex Water, Environment Agency and B&NES on funding the post

## **River Corridor Fund**

At Cabinet meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June the Community Regeneration Capital Programme 2014-15 was approved which included the River Corridor Fund of £340K, which included identified edge protection safety works at Widcombe

## **River Safety Officers Working Group**

The River Safety Officers Working Group is made up of Avon Fire & Rescue, Avon & Somerset Police, Canal & Rivers Trust, RoSPA, B&NES Officers

The last meeting took place on 5/6/2014, quarterly meetings have been set up and will report back to the Strategic River Group

Appendix 2 Update report for ECD outlines current actions being progressed by the River Safety Group. For those actions to be progressed by B&NES, costs will be covered by existing budgets.

The Environment Agency has undertaken an inspection of access ladders within the canalised section of the River Avon within Bath. The majority of these ladders are in a good state of repair although it is noted that they are not designed to allow public access and egress from the river.

Through work carried out as part of the Enterprise Area masterplan it has been suggested that attaching timber battens to the steel sheet piling might improve egress from the river in an emergency situation as well as improving the river edge visually and the biodiversity of the river. The Environment Agency are supportive of this approach and idea of setting up a trial area is being discussed.

## **Kennet & Avon Canal Annual Report 2013/14**

B&NES provides funding to K&A Canal as part of a legal agreement which was set up as a condition of a significant Heritage Lottery Fund bid in 1996 for the restoration of the canal.

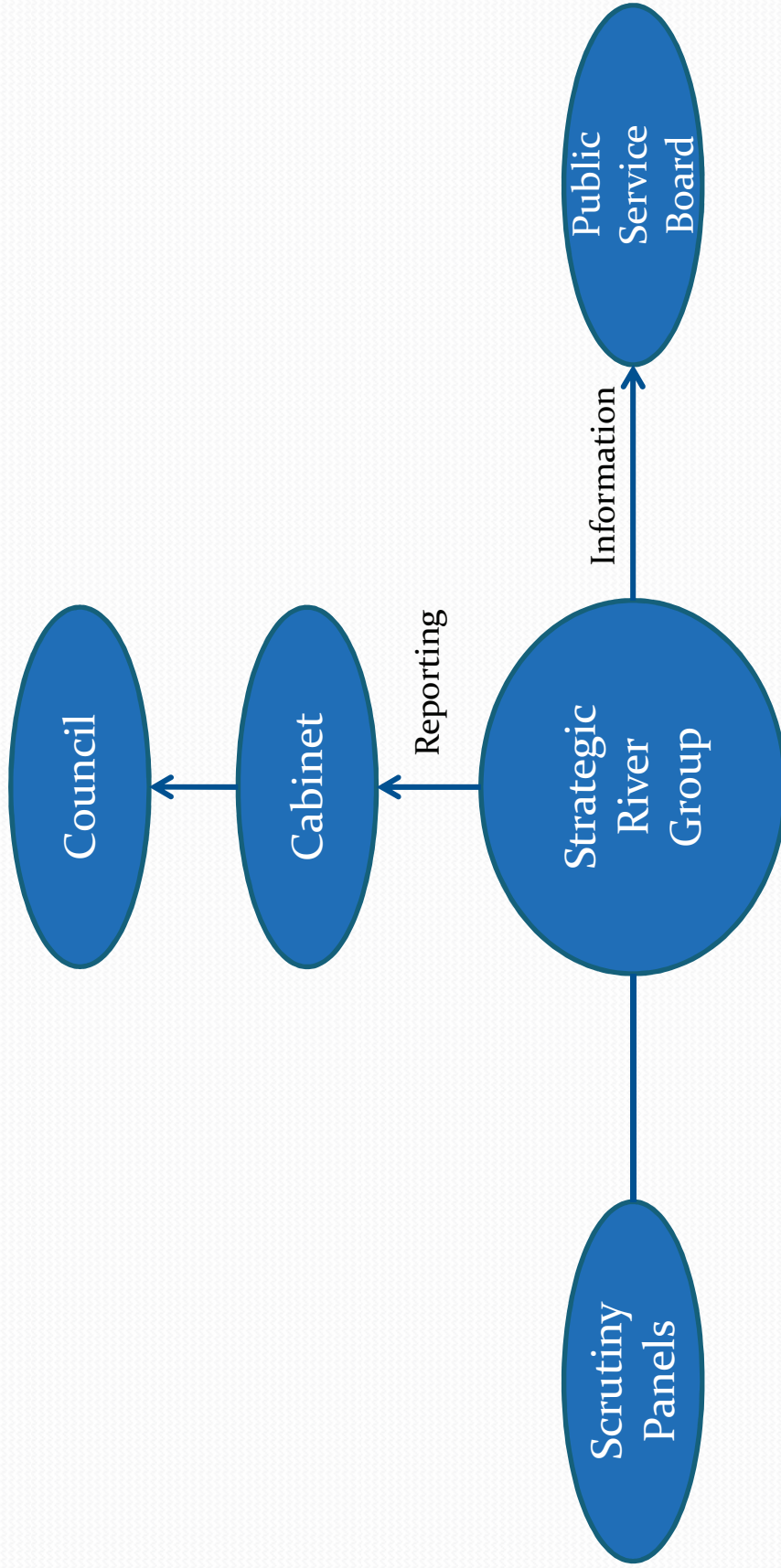
As part of this agreement CRT are required to produce an annual report, which summarises maintenance and operation expenditure on the K&A Canal. A draft copy of this is attached as Appendix 3.

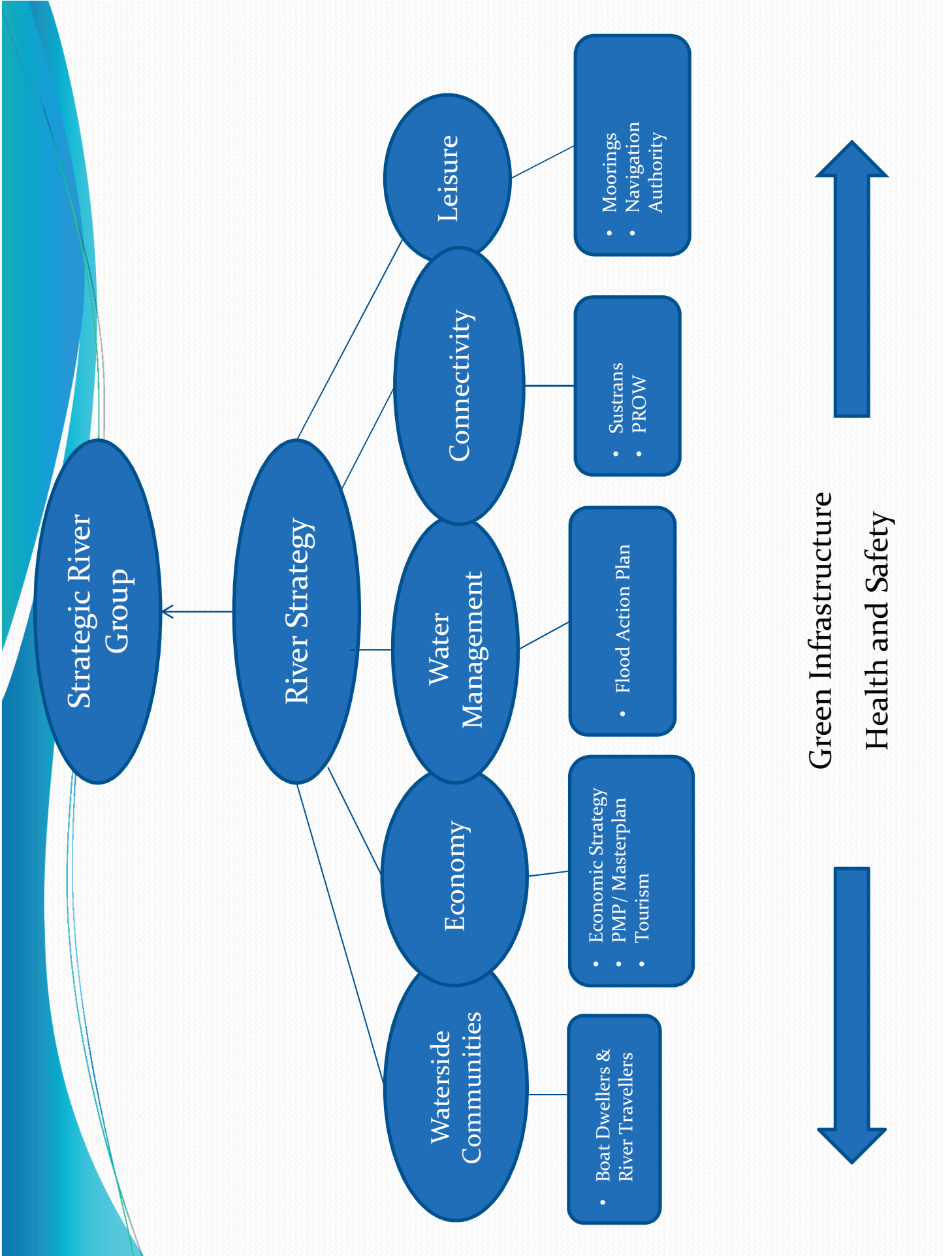
Over 7,500 hours of volunteer involvement was recorded for 2013/14 in the B&NES section of River Avon and K&A Canal

For the current financial year 2014/15 CRT propose to invest £700,000 on River Avon Navigation Improvements on the Bath to Hanham section of the river. This has no financial implications for B&NES.



# Strategic River Group Governance Structure









# Membership

- Cllr Ben Stevens, Chair (B&NES)
- Cllr Dave Laming, River Champion(B&NES)
- Louise Fradd (B&NES)
- Matthew Smith (B&NES)
- John Wilkinson (B&NES)
- Tim Hewitt (B&NES)
- Mark Minkley (B&NES)
- David Crowson (Environment Agency)
- Richard Rutter (Canal & River Trust)
- Dan Green (Wessex Water)
- Geoff Dunford (The River Regeneration Trust)

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## Update for the Economic and Community Development PDS Panel on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014

The table below summarises the current actions being progressed by the River Safety Group:

Item	Comments	Actions	Action Owner	June update
Life-belt housings- <i>management</i>	There is evidence that some life-belt stations on the south side of the River Avon are not being actively managed and are empty.	B&NES agreed to identify landowners and send a joint letter to landowners providing advice on how to manage life-belt stations.  Letter will incorporate partner logos to demonstrate multi-agency support for this approach.	B&NES	Letter drafted and agreed. To be sent in July 2014.
Life-belt housings- <i>information</i>	Provide contact details on life-belt stations so that public know who is responsible for managing it and who to call if equipment is missing.	B&NES will arrange this on housings that it is responsible for managing. Landowners will be requested to do this in letter (see above).	B&NES	Proof of new life-belt station sticker has been finalised and will be added to B&NES managed stations in July 2014.
Educational initiatives	Ensure that educational initiatives about safety near rivers continue to engage the student community.	Avon Fire and Rescue Service intend to refresh their water safety campaign 'Don't let river water be your last drink' in partnership with Bath Spa University and University of Bath.	Avon Fire and Rescue Service Student Community Partnership	Agreement reached that current campaign would continue for the present. A focus group with students will be convened in September 2014 to devise a new campaign. This will be facilitated by the Student Community Partnership.
Educational initiatives	Ensure that promotional material linked to 'Don't let river water be your last drink' campaign is displayed in licensed premises.	Licensing Officers will distribute material during enforcement visits.	B&NES	Completed.
Signage	Provision of new permanent warning signage at entrance points to northern River Avon path.	New design to be commissioned and consulted upon.	B&NES	New design has been finalised after consultation. Will be erected at 8 locations along northern River Avon path following fencing repairs in July 2014.
Grab lines	Existing grab lines have been replaced by the Canal and River Trust in 2012 but need to consider how these are maintained in the future.	Arrange for grab lines to be checked along stretch between Churchill Bridge and Windsor Bridge in 2014.	Canal and River Trust	A survey has been completed of the existing grab lines in 2014 and little was found to be wrong with the condition of the existing lines. Options report to be submitted to Strategic River Group meeting of 18/07/2014 for consideration of who should maintain grab lines in the future.
Inspection ladders on certain sections of the riverbank	The ladders are not designed to allow public access and egress from river. Are any improvements possible?	The Environment Agency has committed to:  -carry out an internal Public Safety Risk Assessment (PSRA) and share the results of this investigation with the key stakeholders	Environment Agency	This is on track to be completed in December 2014.

<p>Collation of data about river-related incidents</p>	<p>Recognition that there is no central point for collation of data about water related incidents.</p>	<p>-carry out a visual inspection by boat of the ladders along the whole of the Bath flood defence scheme</p> <p>-produce a plan showing where these ladders are located and share this with the emergency services and Bath and North East Somerset Council</p> <p>-investigate installing a system to highlight these ladders from the bank for the emergency service purposes only. We wish to make it clear that these ladders have not been designed for public safety purposes. However we agree with the general consensus that the current ladders should not be removed</p>	<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>This has been completed and a report has been produced which is currently being discussed between the partner agencies and will be discussed further at the Strategic River Group.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>This is being explored and an update will be provided at the next River Safety Group meeting.</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>Avon Fire and Rescue Service has completed a scoping project to locate B-lines and buoys within vandal-proof cabinets along the River Avon.</p>	<p>The River Safety Group was very supportive of this idea and requested that it be escalated to Strategic River Group for further discussion.</p> <p>Next step will be the creation of a prototype cabinet to evaluate the viability of this idea.</p>	<p>B&amp;NES</p> <p>Avon Fire and Rescue</p>	<p>Initial investigations have shown that this is going to be difficult to achieve locally. The River Safety Group is exploring the use of the national Water Incident Database (WAID) system as a means to achieve this.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to SRG meeting of 18/07/2014 for consideration</p>

# **(Funding Partner Logos to be Added as Header)**

## **The Kennet and Avon Canal Heritage Lottery Fund Partnership (HLFP)**

**ANNUAL REPORT** *(Draft: Rev3: 4 July 2014)*

**April 2013 to March 2014**

### **Executive Summary**

This report summarises maintenance and operation expenditure on the Kennet and Avon Canal, as divided by Local Authority Area, for Business Year 2013/14. The report sets out information that fulfil the Trust's reporting obligations that are set out in the HLF (Restoration of the Kennet and Avon Canal) agreement.

### **Role and Objectives of the Canal and River Trust**

The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) was established in July 2012 and has responsibility for canals, rivers, docks and reservoirs, along with historic buildings, archives and three waterway museums, including the National Waterways Museum.

These valuable assets are recognised as a national treasure and a local haven for people and wildlife, and they are held and managed by the new Trust on behalf of the nation. The principal role of the Trust is to care for this unique legacy, holding it in trust for the nation in perpetuity.

The Canal and River Trust has been working hard during the last twelve months to develop and refine its long term strategy, recognising that the Trust has a different focus and to British Waterways.

Guided by the Trust's new Chief Executive, Richard Parry, the organisation is under-going a significant change in emphasis to ensure that this longer term strategy is achieved.

The Trust recently unveiled its key values that will provide the context for all of its future work; Excellence, Openness, Caring, Inclusive and Local.

## **Funding**

Funding streams remain as reported in the 2012/13 summary, noting that the Trust is becoming increasingly engaged with raising money from individual donors and sponsors. Income is derived from the following sources:

- individual donors and corporate sponsors;
- commercial income including revenue from the licensing of boats, moorings and angling; and revenue from property and utilities;
- grants from the other organisations e.g. HLFP; and
- a 15 year contract with government.

Many individuals and organisations are supporting the Canal and River Trust on both local and national levels. The Trust has been able to raise funds to address local, specific issues. For example, locally, the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust recently made a significant donation toward funding flood damage repair works on the River Kennet.

With respect to grants and contributions from other organisations, the Trust is similarly continuing to explore new opportunities all of the time. For example, the Trust hopes to secure funding via West Berkshire Council (the Bellwin emergency relief works fund) to rebuild lengths of public towpath that were washed away during winter floods.

The Trust is proactive in utilising its property assets and joint venture vehicles to bring forward land to deliver regeneration, wider benefits to the community and to attract private sector investment. As a charitable trust, all net rental income and capital receipts generated from our property estate and other commercial activities are used to maintain the waterways.

## **Waterway Partnership**

As reported in 2012/13, as part of the Trust's governance arrangements, 13 local partnerships have been established to help the Trust shape strategic plans. The Partnerships guide the Trust's decisions about spending and help develop local engagement, external funding while championing the interests of the waterways

The three year strategic action plan for the Kennet and Avon Waterways will be published shortly. This plan was developed in consultation with the waterway's many partners and stakeholders (see Draft Plan in Appendix).



## Kennet and Avon Canal: Key Statistics

The following tables summarise key statistics about the Kennet and Avon Waterways:

Canal length in each area		km
Reading	R Kennet - London St to Fobney lock	3
Reading	Fobney Lock to boundary	2
West Berks		43
Wilts		65
B&NES	Boundary to R Avon	9
B&NES	R Avon to Hanham Lock	18
<b>Total</b>		<b>140 km</b>

In addition to the towpath there are numerous engineering, environmental and heritage assets which are managed and maintained by CRT;

Eng Assets	Wilts	B&NES	West Berks	Reading	Total
Locks	57	12	34	3	106
Bridges	90	42	78	12	222
Aqueducts	8	2	2	0	12
Tunnels	3	2	0	0	5
Reservoirs	0	0	0	0	0

	B&NES	Wiltshire	West Berks	Reading
<b>Conservation Areas</b>	5	8	8	0
<b>Non stat wildlife sites</b>	Entire canal corridor	10 approx	14 approx	4
<b>SSSI</b>	5 (in or adjacent)	3	6	0
<b>Permit holder moorings</b>	26	41	36	2
<b>Visitor moorings</b>	17	28	12	0
<b>ANOB</b>	Cotswolds AONB	North Wessex Downs AONB	North Wessex Downs AONB	
<b>Heritage Sites (See Appendix 2)</b>	1 World Heritage Site 5 Grade II* 2 historic Parks and Gardens 6 Grade II 1 Scheduled and Grade 1 Aqueduct	1 Scheduled lock flight 1 Grade 1 Pumping Station 1 Historic Battlefield 1 Grade II* 9 Grade II	1 Scheduled Lock 2 Scheduled and listed Locks 7 Grade II 1 Grade II*	

## **Expenditure - Kennet & Avon Waterway April 2013 to March 2014**

CRT has undertaken an analysis of what was defrayed on the K&A Waterway in 2013/14 on activities ranging from lock repairs and vegetation management to bank and weir maintenance.

In 2013/14, the cost to the Canal and River Trust of operating and maintaining the Kennet and Avon Canal was just over £4 million. This compares to a total invoiced contribution from the Councils of £295,410.

CRT also analysed what should be spent on the waterway if sufficient revenue resource were made available, a model it refers to as 'Steady State'. This model however does not take in to account the expenditure it would need to spend on arrears to reach a position at which 'Steady State' could be adopted. In comparison, the 'Steady State' model suggests that a budget of £5,516,640 + RPI would be needed each year to maintain the waterway within the three funding council areas. The Council contributions therefore make a significant step toward bridging the gap between the waterway budget and the Steady State figure.

Maintenance works along the canal are prioritised every year, taking account of factors such as public safety, structural condition, amenity and usage. This being the case, the proportion of total expenditure in each Local Authority area varies from year to year, depending on current priorities. Note also that each of the Local Authority areas is different in both length and number of principal assets (bridges, locks, aqueducts, culverts etc) that fall within its boundaries (see Key Statistic information, above).

The figures below have been abstracted from the Canal and River Trust's accounting system. As such, they will be largely accurate with the exception of possible cost coding errors that may not have been identified and corrected.

### **Bath and North East Somerset**

A length of approximately 27 kilometers of the Kennet and Avon Waterways falls within the Bath and North East Somerset Local Authority area. Note however that of this 27km, the Canal and River Trust only owns approximately one third. The River Avon section is generally in riparian ownership, with the exception of the locks and associated structures.

Over £215k was spent within the B&NES area during 2013/14. Similar to previous years, a significant portion of this expenditure was river related. Flooding events during the winter required a concerted tidying up effort and around £40k was spent on spot-dredging to reopen the locks.

Routine vegetation management cost over £20k, including £16k on grass cutting and £6k on hedge trimming. A further £20k was spent on tree management. Weston Cut benefitted from a nationally funded campaign of offside vegetation management; the channel is now clear of overhanging vegetation. Associated dredging works removed around 30 bicycles from the channel.

Waste disposal and recycling accounted for approximately £12k of expenditure within the Bath and North East Somerset area.

Works to the towpath adjacent to Cleveland House have improved drainage; volunteers were successfully engaged with this project and there continues to be a strong volunteering base in Bath (**Figure 1**). Volunteer Lock Keepers are now an integral feature of the Widcombe Lock flight and a section of waterway around Deep Lock has been adopted.

Further afield from the City, nearly £7,000 has been spent on the continuing restoration of Claverton Pumping Station, an important local visitor attraction. Works have been entirely undertaken by skilled volunteers, saving the Trust significant maintenance costs.

The Canal and River Trust has recorded 7,500 hours of volunteer effort in the Bath and North East Somerset area for the year 2013/14.



**Figure 1: Volunteers, Saltford, River Avon**

## Wiltshire Council

A little over one million pounds has been spent on the 65km of waterway and towpath within the Wiltshire Council area in 2013/14, including routine vegetation works.

Bank protection works and associated towpath reconstruction remain the most significant area of expenditure in Wiltshire. Notable projects from 2013/14 include works between Bradford on Avon and Widbrook (£90k) and Milkhouse Water, Pewsey (£71k).

Large scale offside tree management works have been undertaken, notably at Muir Hill (between Dundas and Avoncliffe Aqueducts).

Annual grass cutting cost approximately £38k and waste management and recycling cost £29k.

Volunteers play an important role in the operation and maintenance of the Kennet and Avon Canal in Wiltshire. Notably, a very strong group of volunteers are present in Bradford on Avon and have contributed enormously to the upkeep of the canal.

The Canal and River Trust has recorded over 13,500 hours of volunteer effort in the Wiltshire Council area for the year 2013/14.

## West Berkshire Council

Over £990,000 has been spent in the West Berkshire area (a navigation length of approximately 43km) during 2013/14. Lock Repairs contributed to around half of this total, with major works undertaken in Hungerford and at Tyle Mill.

Around £34k was spent on routine grass and hedgerow management.

Other significant expenditure was made toward towpath and bank repairs, both planned and unplanned.

Planned works included the towpath west of Newbury (**Figure 2**, below), toward Guyer's Lock (£70k). Unplanned works have arisen in the Burghfield area (west of Reading, see **Figure 3**, below) where flood water significantly damaged the towpath and canal embankments. Repair work commenced in 2013/14 and has continued into Business Plan 2014/15.

The Canal and River Trust has recorded just under 1,000 hours of volunteer effort in the West Berkshire area for the year 2013/14.





**Figure 2: Planned Bank Protection Works and Towpath Reinstatement, Newbury**



**Figure 3: Flood Damage and Overtopping, Burghfield**

## Planned Future Works

The Canal and River Trust operates a three year rolling programme for more significant works. The works programme is subject to variation and is updated to account for unforeseen arising works; for example repairs to flood damage. Major works (generally works that will cost in excess of £100k) are part of a National programme; therefore works arising on other waterways can have an impact on the Kennet and Avon programme.

At present, significant forthcoming works on the Kennet and Avon Waterway are as follow:

### Year 2014/15:

- Dog Head Stakes Weir replacement and associated navigation improvements, £500k – due on site late summer 2014 (Newbury, West Berkshire)
- River Avon Navigation Improvements (installation of weir booms and signage, landing stage improvements – tall mooring bollards and canoe ramps, installation of electronic warning system etc.), £700k in – due on site October 2014 (Bath to Hanham, B&NES)

### Year 2015/16:

- Seend Wharf Bridge, abutments stabilisation and bridge refurbishment works, £250k (Seend, Wiltshire)
- Dredging schemes – exact locations to be agreed but currently Avoncliff £100k (Wiltshire)
- Sheffield Lock Refurbishment, £300k (West Berkshire)
- Biss & Semington Aqueducts Refurbishment, £75k for design development and £425k for construction. Note aspiration for 50% HLF contribution to fund works to these Listed structures (Semington and Trowbridge, Wiltshire)

### Year 2016/17:

- Dredging, Long Pound £600k (Devizes to Wootton Rivers, Wiltshire)
- Dredging, Crofton, £300k (near Marlborough, Wiltshire)
- Pewsey Embankment Moorings (bank protection and wharf brick work repairs), £500k in (Pewsey, Wiltshire)
- Pewsey and Milkhouse, protection of embankments from badger damage, £300k (Pewsey, Wiltshire)

In addition to the above major schemes, the Waterway will be continuing with its programme of bank protection and towpath improvement works.

Much of the work that the Canal and River Trust does has a strong emphasis on maintaining or enhancing the natural environment. All of the bank protection works referenced in this report are undertaken in an environmentally sensitive way that protects and enhances the emergent reed fringe and provides connectivity for flora and fauna at the water's edge. An insight into this work is well provided in the following linked YouTube video that was filmed and edited by one of volunteers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71aiWage1IU&feature=youtu.be>

## **Summary**

CRT continues to recognise the importance of the contributions made by each of the HLF funding partners. Without this support the gap between current expenditure and 'Steady State' would grow and inevitably non-essential activities such as vegetation maintenance and towpath refurbishment could be reduced in scope or curtailed.

A loss of amenity would be counter-productive to all parties involved; the Canal and River Trust remains committed to working constructively with its Partners.

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**Kennet and Avon Waterways,**

**July 2014**

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<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>	
MEETING	<b>Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel</b>
MEETING	<b>17<sup>th</sup> July 2014</b>
TITLE:	<b>Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act- update on new tools and powers</b>
WARD:	<b>All</b>
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<b>List of attachments to this report: None</b>	

**1 THE ISSUE**

1.1 This report invites the Panel to receive an update on the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, particularly the new tools and powers it introduces which affect anti-social behaviour. This follows up on previous briefings for the Panel in July 2012, March 2013 and January 2014”.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note and consider potential impacts of the provisions contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, particularly the new tools and powers affecting anti-social behaviour.
- 2.2 To consider establishing a Task and Finish Group of Panel members to examine in full the implications of these new powers for the Council and its partners.

**3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

3.1 Whilst many of the proposed powers in the Act are designed to streamline existing provisions, the new approach represents a significant change in the way that councils and other agencies work to tackle anti-social behaviour. As a minimum this will have implications for staff training in using the new powers.

- 3.2 There may also be new community requests or suggestions for using the new powers. As a result, the exact resource implications for the Council are unclear at present. However, only one of the new powers set out (the Public Spaces Protection Order) is the specific responsibility of local authorities. This means that the resources of local partners including the Police and RSLs can be brought to bear on a wide range of concerns about anti-social behaviour.
- 3.3 Implications will be carefully monitored and information sought from other councils on their approach. Any new financial resource needed would require either managing of a budget to absorb these costs or a potential further decision in line with the council's budgetary processes.

## 4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 This report is being prepared under the powers provided to the Council to undertake Scrutiny roles. The Crime and Disorder Act requires councils to work in partnership with others on community safety issues. There are potentially significant impacts for the quality of life of local residents arising from anti-social. The new legislation itself gives some specific powers to Councils as set out in this report.

## 5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 On the 13th of March 2014 the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 received Royal Assent. The Act introduces a wide number of changes, particularly to the tools and powers available to the partner organisations who tackle anti-social behaviour. A presentation to the Panel at its previous meeting set out these new powers in some detail and so the changes are briefly summarised below

- A new, civil **Injunction to Prevent Nuisance and Annoyance**
- An order "on conviction" to prevent anti-social behaviour, **the Criminal Behaviour Order**
- A power for the Police to **Disperse People** for up to 48 hours, 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.
- A new absolute **ground for possession** of secure and assured tenancies where anti-social behaviour or criminality has already been proven by another court.
- A new **Community Remedy**, which will allow victims of anti-social behaviour to choose from a "menu of sanctions" when using informal community resolutions and conditional cautions. The victim must be consulted on the sanction to be offered to the offender and given the option to choose an appropriate sanction from the menu.
- 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. The Police have recently completed a pilot Community Trigger

Scheme in the Mendip District and it is expected that the preliminary evaluation of this will be available to report to the meeting.

- The extension of **Dangerous Dogs** legislation to private land
- **Community Protection Notices** and **Public Spaces Protection Orders**. More detail on these is set out below

5.2 These changes are being phased in. For example, whilst the Community Remedy and dangerous dogs provisions, have gone “live”, Injunctions, Criminal Behaviour Orders, Dispersal Powers, Community Protection Notices and Public Space Protection orders have not at time of drafting this report. The most recent Government statement on this suggests that this will happen later this year and that this will be supplemented by detailed Guidance on the use of the new powers.

5.3 **Community Protection Notices** and **Public Spaces Protection Orders** are worthy of particular note as they are potentially broad in scope and streamlined in execution, as below:

- **Community Protection Notices** are designed to stop a person, business or organisation committing behaviour which has a detrimental effect on local quality of life. The behaviour must be both unreasonable and of a “persistent and continuing” nature. A written warning must be issued informing the perpetrator of problem behaviour and requesting them to stop. Breach of a Notice then becomes a criminal offence. Examples cited by Home Office as potentially suitable for such orders include stopping a named person from allowing their dog to foul a communal garden, or stopping a group of people regularly taking the same route home late at night whilst drunk, making noise and waking their neighbours.
- **Public Spaces Protection Orders** are designed to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space. This is the only power in the new suite of tools which may only be issued by Councils, rather than other agencies such as Police and RSLs. Councils must consult with the Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner and other relevant bodies before making such a Notice: an order can last for only up to 3 years Failure to comply with an order is an offence. Examples given by the Home Office to show where the order could be used include preventing groups from using a public square as a skateboard park, and preventing dogs fouling a public park or being taken into a children’s play area with that park.

5.4 Both Community Protection Notices and Public Spaces Protection Orders allow for fixed term penalties of up to £100 on breach.

5.5 Public Spaces Protection Notices, in particular, replace a series of very specific provisions with mechanisms that can be applied generically to suit local concerns and problems. For example, local issues which had in the past to be dealt with through specific legal routes (such as “Gating Orders” and “Designated Public Places Orders”) can now be dealt with through the generic Public Space Protection order. The Council therefore has under this provision the power to address a wide range of problems which occur in public spaces. The Council merely has to be satisfied on reasonable grounds that (i) the activities have had a

detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and (ii) it is likely that this will continue.

- 5.6 As they can be exercised to meet a range of objectives, Public Spaces Protection Notices will become part of its overall “toolkit” for responding to local needs, to be considered by all services when responding to local concerns. It will be important therefore, to ensure that the powers are used to address clear and specific problems as identified in legislation, supported by relevant evidence. In many cases, the most appropriate course of action may not be to use the legal powers but to instead use other approaches such as local engagement and education.
- 5.7 Discussions are currently taking place between Council, Police and RSLs as to the exact way of addressing these changes, how to manage the transition period between the old and new systems and how to co-ordinate the totality of powers across partners in the most effective way.

## **6 RATIONALE**

- 6.1 It is considered appropriate that this Panel receive an update on this legislation given previous reports and the fact that the Bill has now received Royal Assent. It is also considered that a Task and Finish Group would give the opportunity for local members to consider the new powers in more depth at an early stage.

## **7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 None

## **8 CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 This report has been drafted in consultation with the Council’s Public Protection Service, the Cabinet member- Neighbourhoods and the Strategic Director-Resources. The Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer have had the opportunity to comment on this report

## **9 RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>None</i>
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<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>	
MEETING:	Economic and Community Development PDS Panel
MEETING DATE:	17 July 2014
TITLE:	Bath World Heritage Site: Update
WARD:	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> None	

## **1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 This is an update report on World Heritage (WH) management in Bath. It concentrates on the forthcoming revision of the WH Site Management Plan, the work of the WH Enhancement Fund grant scheme and progress of the 'Great Spas of Europe' project.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 This is an information item. The panel are asked to note the contents of this report.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Although there are no financial implications as a result of this report, it should be noted that the Council contributes £25k per annum to the World Heritage Enhancement Fund, details of which are included in the main body of the report below. This amount is included within approved budgets.

## **4 THE REPORT**

### Introduction

- 4.1 This report follows an earlier submission to this panel in January 2013. The previous report was made on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inscription of Bath as a WH Site, and laid out the history of WH status in Bath and the benefit which subsequently accrues to the city. This report adds detail by providing an update on progress with management planning, with the Enhancement Fund Grant scheme and with the Great Spas of Europe project.

### The Bath World Heritage Site Management Plan

- 4.2 All WH sites are encouraged to have a management plan. This key document describes what the outstanding universal value of the site is and the mechanisms and actions in place to maintain this. Bath was one of the first sites to adopt a

plan in 2003 and this plan was revised in 2010. Work is now underway to provide a third edition by 2016.

- 4.3 WH management in Bath is overseen by a steering group comprised of key stakeholders with an independent chairperson. The Council is the major steward of the site and takes the lead by employing a WH Manager and providing a secretariat to the Steering Group.
- 4.4 Renewal of the management plan starts with a process of assessment of the performance of the previous document. The 2010 plan contains 71 actions and is monitored annually. Progress against this has been solid, with approximately half (49%) of the actions completed mid-way through the plan period. It should be noted that the actions are a mixture of long term aspirations and quick wins and 100% achievement is unlikely within the plan period. It should also be noted that in most cases the Steering Group and WH Manager do not directly undertake the actions, but rather influence or support others.
- 4.5 The new plan will roll forward any actions which remain valid and unachieved, and will undertake work with stakeholders and with the public to identify new issues. As an example of new issues which arise, 'fracking' was nowhere on the agenda in the 2010 plan and has quickly risen to become one of the major potential threats to the values of Bath as a WH Site.
- 4.6 The timetable for the replacement plan is for a stakeholder event to be held in Spring 2015, with full public consultation to follow in the summer and adoption by Full Council in November 2015. Budgets are in place to complete the work and no new funding is sought.

#### World Heritage Enhancement Fund

- 4.7 The WH Enhancement Fund was established in 2009. It is a small grant scheme, run in partnership between the Council and Bath Preservation Trust. It aims to initiate and organise minor enhancements to Bath's heritage, assist and encourage others to undertake such work, and organise volunteers for the same purpose.
- 4.8 The Council contributes £25,000 per year to the Fund, the Bath Preservation Trust pay £5,000 and other income sources include any unspent expenses of the Steering Group Chairman and private donations. In a review of the Fund in 2012 it was assessed that the fund had completed 21 projects with another 24 earmarked or on-going. Rarely will the Fund meet 100% of costs, and instead it will seek to lever in contribution from others. It had received £120,000 from funding partners by 2012 and turned this into over £400,000 of work.
- 4.9 The Fund will often address schemes which the Council and other agencies cannot. For example, over 50 items of historic street furniture have been cleaned or repaired, including 19 of the 1827 Bath Turnpike boundary markers and 27 historic lamp posts, as well as emblazoning 44 city coats of arms on those lamp posts including gold leaf work. 21 historic incised street names have been restored. At least four projects included restoration of listed structures on the Council's 'at risk' register.
- 4.10 Working at its best, the Fund will facilitate community action, helping people to achieve enhancement works and giving them the ability to unlock further funding.

In 2013 the Fund worked with congregation members at St.Mary's Church, Claverton to restore Ralph Allen's Mausoleum. The Fund contributed £5,000 toward a £20,000 sum raised by the members. This in turn unlocked £47,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and extensive repair was possible. In another example, the Fund supported Bath City College Masonry Students in piecing together damaged statues which were lost from the Corridor, Bath and returning them to that shopping arcade. This action contributed to local education and craft skills, conserved the historic environment and added to the economic vitality of a retail area.

- 4.11 The work of the Fund is widely publicised annually in a newsletter. We piggy-back on the Bath Preservation Trust's annual mailing of its AGM papers ensuring that 1,100 copies are distributed at very low cost. Copies are also sent to Bath Ward Councillors and other important stakeholders.

#### The Great Spas of Europe

- 4.12 As reported in January 2013, Bath is engaged in a project entitled the 'Great Spas of Europe'. In 2007 the Czech Government approached UNESCO with a proposal to have three of their spa towns inscribed on the WH list for the contribution that spas had made to European culture. UNESCO welcomed the idea, but asked that the very best examples of spas across Europe be identified to demonstrate this cultural contribution. Subsequently a group with the working name 'Great Spas of Europe' was formed and Bath sits (by merit) within that group.
- 4.13 The group numbers 16 spas, from 7 countries, although it is likely that an assessment process will subsequently reduce this number. The project has reached a stage where an initial application form for a trans-national bid is about to be submitted to UNESCO and if all proceeds well this could lead to a second WH inscription for the city by 2017.
- 4.14 It is important to look at why Bath would want to invest time, money and effort in pursuing a second WH nomination. Firstly, this represents the formation of an elite group of spas. Robust assessments already undertaken demonstrate Bath warrants its place at this table and Bath does not want to be viewed as a second class spa destination. Secondly, our existing inscription is predominantly issued on the basis of architecture and archaeology, not on the cultural use of the hot springs. It is highly unlikely we would ever pursue a second nomination on this basis ourselves, but here we can take the opportunity of riding on the coat-tails of a project led by others which potentially achieves those aims.
- 4.15 The benefit of a spa based inscription would mostly be realised through tourism and tourism marketing. Bath already generates an estimated £380m of tourist income per year, but investment in the future is vital. Our unique spa offer as the UK's only hot springs places us at the centre of emerging 'wellness' tourism and the WH inscription validates this offer. Another benefit is that central government will be required to back our bid to UNESCO and if they do so it becomes increasingly difficult for the same government to endorse 'fracking' actions which might subsequently jeopardise the hot springs which may be awarded WH recognition.
- 4.16 Finally, 'side benefits' of this work are already being realised. Our understanding of the historic relationship between healing and the landscape ('therapeutic

landscapes’) and the current potential to capitalise on this has greatly increased. We also have seen examples from partners spa towns of what a ‘spa quarter’ might encompass, should we wish to create such a concept in Bath. Plus we have a ready-made network of partners with whom to work alongside on any European funding streams which might arise.

## 5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendation is not considered necessary in this instance.

## 6 EQUALITIES

6.1 This is an information report, which is not considered to contain implications warranting completion of an Equality Impact Assessment.

## 7 CONSULTATION

7.1 No consultation has been undertaken for this information report.

## 8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 (No decision is sought).

## 9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report.

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<b>Background papers</b>	World Heritage Site Management Plan (2010-2016): <a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/worldheritage">www.bathnes.gov.uk/worldheritage</a>  World Heritage Enhancement Fund newsletter 2012, 2013, 2014: <a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/tourism-and-heritage/world-heritage/world-heritage-news">http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/tourism-and-heritage/world-heritage/world-heritage-news</a>
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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.

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# Economic and Community Development PDS Forward Plan

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

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17 Jul 2014	ECD PDS	Strategic River Group and River Safety working group update (15 minutes)	Cathryn Humphries Tel: 01225 477645	
17 Jul 2014	ECD PDS	Community Safety: Changes in Anti-Social Behaviour legislation (20 minutes)	Sue Dicks Tel: 01225 477415	
17 Jul 2014	ECD PDS	World Heritage Site (20 minutes)	Tony Crouch Tel: 01225 477584	
<b>ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL: 25TH SEPTEMBER 2014</b>				
25 Sep 2014	ECD PDS	Community Safety: Safe Zones	Sue Dicks Tel: 01225 477415	
25 Sep 2014	ECD PDS	Delivery of the apprenticeships scheme	Officer to be confirmed	
<b>ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL: 20TH NOVEMBER 2014</b>				
20 Nov 2014	ECD PDS	Connecting Families update	Paula Bromley Tel: 01225 396984	

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<b>FUTURE ITEMS</b>				
	ECD PDS	Avon and Somerset Police - New Operating Model	Andy Thomas Tel: 01225 394322	
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