

## **PARISHES LIAISON MEETING – 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

### **Neighbourhood Planning (to include the Community Right to Build)**

- 1.1 The Planning Authority is preparing a Neighbourhood Planning Protocol (NPP) to set out how the following new Neighbourhood Planning mechanisms introduced by the Localism Act will operate:
  - Neighbourhood Forum (applies to un-parished area of Bath),
  - Neighbourhood Plans
  - Neighbourhood Referendum
  - Neighbourhood Development Orders
  - Community Right to Build
- 1.2 The NPP will also include a review of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (Adopted 2007) and details of tree preservation order consultation. It will ensure that the Council is in a position to respond to the Localism agenda efficiently and coherently. In addition it should enable communities to understand the range of opportunities to interact with and take an active role in planning in their locality.
- 1.3 The Council's Cabinet will consider a draft NPP in Spring 2012 for public consultation. Public consultation on the draft is scheduled from April 2012, with adoption anticipated for June 2012.
- 1.4 Further information on the NPP can be found on the Council's webpage: [www.bathnes.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning). It includes details of:
  - Local consultation events to date (including focus group reports and presentation material)
  - Further information about Neighbourhood Planning
  - Details of national bodies who have received Government funding to support Neighbourhood Planning