

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	24 May 2012
TITLE:	Community Safety Plan: Police performance update and Business Improvement District (BID) - Night Time Economy
WARD:	ALL
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 In 2011 Bath's Business Improvement District (BID) was launched by Future Bath Plus to strengthen the management of the city centre. The scheme works in partnership with the Council and Police to deliver a high quality Bath night time economy that is safe and enjoyable for all.
- 1.2 This report invites the Panel to hear about how the BID consolidates work already underway with the Taxi and Street Marshals, Police, CCTV and radio links.
- 1.3 The Police will also provide a 2011/2012 performance update to highlight the progress made over the last twelve months in particular; improved victim satisfaction, reduction in crime and results on the work with prolific offenders.
- 1.4 The Panel will be invited to an open question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to agree that it receives and comments on a presentation setting out the progress made of the BID and Police performance over the last twelve months and, identify areas of support where the Panel can influence.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 Projects in the BID are managed by Future Bath Plus and funded by 620 Bath Businesses along with voluntary and in-kind contributions. The Panel will hear how some of these projects support and impact upon the night time economy.
- 4.1 The Panel will receive a presentation on the police performance 2011/2012 that will provide a local overview of overall service satisfaction and, reduction in serious acquisitive crime.

4.2 The BID arrangements and the role of Night Watch scheme will be explained - a new scheme building customer trust and confidence in having a safe night out in Bath.

4.3 There will be an opportunity also to consider

- How these work closely with the Police, Businesses, Council and the Community Safety Team, to deliver visible solutions that make those who visit and live in Bath feel safe
- How the Police will continue to support the night time economy
- How the BID will support local priorities and work with businesses in both the daytime and evening economy to reduce the number of thefts and anti-social behaviour issues.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 The presentation relates to the work of Avon & Somerset Police and Future Bath Plus BID and are subject to their risk assessment processes.

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, Policy and Partnerships; 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) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication

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Background papers	Link to BID Annual Review - http://www.bathbid.co.uk/dbimngs/BID%20Annual%20Review.pdf
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