

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

CABINET

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Wednesday, 12th September, 2012

Present:

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

47 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair was taken by Councillor Paul Crossley, Leader of the Council.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

48 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair drew attention to the evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda.

49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Jo Farrar, Chief Executive, declared that as the owner of a property in Bath Western Riverside, she had a personal interest in item 16 on the agenda (Core Strategy) but this was not pecuniary and so she would not be required to leave the meeting at that point.

51 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was none.

52 QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

There were 14 questions from the following people: Councillors Eleanor Jackson (3), Michael Evans (2), Vic Pritchard (3), Mathew Blankley, David Martin; and members of the public Rae Harris (2), Ian Barclay and Simon Whittle.

[Copies of the questions and response, including supplementary questions and responses if any, have been placed on the Minute book as Appendix 1 and are available on the Council's website.]

53 STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

Pamela Galloway made a statement relating to the 6/7 Buses Campaign [*attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes*] in which she appealed to Cabinet to maintain the bus service. She made reference to the elderly, those with health issues and those who needed to be able to access essential services who would be disadvantaged by a reduction in the service.

George Bailey made a statement relating to the Frome/Radstock Branch Line [*attached as Appendix 3 to these minutes*] in which he thanked Councillor Roger Symonds for attending a recent meeting to explore the issues. He expressed optimism that the project would be well supported by all the local councils, partnerships and communities.

54 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor David Dixon, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th July 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

55 CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

There were none.

56 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

The Economic and Community PDS Panel had previously made recommendations to Cabinet relating to Retaining Graduates. Councillor Cherry Beath thanked the Panel for the work they had done, and for their recommendations. She said that the Cabinet had already published its response to the Panel's recommendations.

57 SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

The Cabinet agreed to note the report.

58 PROPOSED SHARED USE TRACK BETWEEN BATHWICK STREET AND POWLETT ROAD, BATH

Julie Trollope (Chair, Bathwick Estate Residents' Association) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 4 and on the Council's website*] asked the Cabinet to consider the risks of making the narrow passageway shared use. She had concerns about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists because of the hazards along the route.

Cynthia McNally (Bathwick Estate Residents' Association) reminded the Cabinet that the passageway was busy for much of the day and asked them to refuse to convert it to shared use.

Alun Morgan in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 5 and on the Council's website*] explained that shared use would be a hazard to both pedestrians and cyclists. He asked Cabinet not to agree the proposals.

Hugh Dowson in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 6 and on the Council's website*] made a number of observations about safety, consultation and consideration for other users. He asked the Cabinet to satisfy themselves about all these issues before taking the step to make the path shared use.

Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones in an *ad hoc* statement said that he approved of the alternatives to car use but said that there was a perceived hierarchy which put pedestrians first and cyclists second; so he hoped that cyclists would dismount to show consideration to pedestrians. He was concerned that the path exited straight onto a pavement at both ends.

Councillor Tim Warren in an *ad hoc* statement stressed that the path was too narrow to be shared use.

Councillor Roger Symonds in proposing the item, said that the proposal was for shared use, not as a cycle path. There had originally been a petition of 100 signatures asking for it to be designated as shared use. He observed that both the ward Councillors were supportive of the proposals. He referred to the comments made by a number of people about the width, and said that the 3 feet width was guidance only. Before recommending the path for shared use, the highway engineers had fully considered all the safety issues. He referred to appendix 2 of the report, which gave the consultation results.

Councillor David Dixon said that he was pleased to second the proposal. It had been requested by local residents who had submitted the original petition. He asked Councillor Symonds however to ensure that the pathway would be resurfaced.

On a motion from Councillor Roger Symonds, seconded by Councillor David Dixon, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To REFER the Cycle Track Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

59 CONCEPT STATEMENTS FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF MOD SITES AT FOXHILL, WARMINSTER ROAD AND ENSLEIGH IN BATH

Matthew Wheeldon (Governor, Combe Down Primary School) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 7 and on the Council's website*] made some proposals, relating to primary school provision, which he felt would bring major benefits for the communities of Foxhill and Combe Down. He asked Cabinet to ensure that future developers did not make decisions about the provision of education in these communities.

Jo Davis (GVA Planning Consultants on behalf of Skanska) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 27 and on the Council's website*] made comments relating to the problems of phased delivery, the delivery of education, and environmental impact. She said that her clients took the view that the

Concept Statements would prohibit a commercially viable redevelopment from delivering the required community infrastructure

Alan Langton (Trustee, Bath Preservation Trust) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 8 and on the Council's website*] said that the Trust was very pleased that many of the points they had raised had been incorporated into the latest draft. He emphasised the concerns that the housing potential must not be overstated, or else the sites would lose quality and amenity when developed. He recommended a switch to low rise, high density housing for the Ensleigh site.

Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones in an *ad hoc* statement reminded Cabinet that he had previously said that the Ensleigh Concept statement was not sustainable. He had now read the submission from the Bath Preservation Trust and was confirmed in his view.

Councillor John Bull in an *ad hoc* statement expressed concern at recent successful attempts by developers to reduce the affordable housing element from 30% to 25% or even 20%. He said that the Labour Group wanted to avoid this and encouraged the Cabinet to stand firm on this requirement.

Nigel Dann, a resident of Foxhill, in an *ad hoc* statement agreed with Councillor Bull. He felt that most developers would try to wriggle out of the parts of the statements which would be beneficial to the local community. He therefore wanted to see a master plan which would prevent this from happening.

Councillor Tim Ball in proposing the item, observed that the proposals did not constitute a Supplementary Planning Document. They were concept statements. He reminded those present that the Council did not own the 3 portions of land in question. He agreed with Councillor Bull that the Council must stand firm on the 35% affordable housing requirement, despite recent government statements about this.

He referred to the comments made about sustainability and the environmental impact and promised to take into account all the submissions received.

He also promised to give consideration to the need for education places, especially given the recent mini population boom.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal. He agreed that the provision of 35% social housing on the sites would be crucial. He promised that Cabinet would carefully consider the schools provision, especially in the light of the population increase.

Councillor Cherry Beath felt that the Concept Statements were robust and that they had benefitted from the public consultation. She wanted to see positive and distinctive aspects to each site, and emphasised that it was crucial for each site to integrate fully within the city and its surrounding community.

Councillor Beath asked the proposer and seconder to consider an amendment to the effect that an extra point would be added at the end of the Planning Obligations sections in all three Concept Statements, to read: "Financial contribution towards provision of replacement employment provision to be allocated within the Bath area".

The proposer and seconder of the motion accepted the amendment.

Councillor Roger Symonds said that it was not clear how the Council could influence the development. He agreed with others that integration of the Foxhill development into the nearby community would be crucial. He emphasised the loss of jobs in the

Foxhill area as a result of the MoD closure. He also agreed that a school must be provided in Combe Down, not least for local families but also to ensure the viability of the local shops.

Councillor Tim Ball thanked all the speakers for their contributions. He felt that it would be essential to protect both housing and employment on the 3 sites.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Ball, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

(1) To ENDORSE the amended Concept Statements for Development Control purposes and for incorporation into the Placemaking Plan Options; and

(2) To AGREE that an extra point be added to all three of the Concept Statements at the end of the Planning Obligations sections, to read: "Financial contribution towards provision of replacement employment provision to be allocated within the Bath area".

[Note: Clause (2) above was the result of an amendment proposed by Councillor Cherry Beath and accepted by Councillors Tim Ball and Paul Crossley]

60 BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE SITES ALLOCATION PLAN

Judith Chubb-Whittle (Chair, Stanton Drew Parish Council) in a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 9 and on the Council's website]* opposed the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list.

Patrick Harrison (Chelwood Parish Council) in a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 10 and on the Council's website]* opposed the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list.

Mary Walsh (Joint Chair, Whitchurch Village Action Group) in a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 11 and on the Council's website]* opposed the inclusion of the Woollard Lane site in the list.

Christine Saunders (Whitchurch Village Action Group) in a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 12 and on the Council's website]* opposed the inclusion of the Woollard Lane site in the list.

Paul Baxter (Stanton Wick Action Group) made a statement opposing the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list. He stressed that all the sites should be reconsidered, now that the criteria had been amended.

Chris Ree (Stanton Wick Action Group) in a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 13 and on the Council's website]* opposed the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list.

Jennie Jones (Stanton Wick Action Group) in a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 14 and on the Council's website]* opposed the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list.

Sue Osborne (Stanton Wick Action Group) in a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 15 and on the Council's website]* opposed the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list.

Simon Whittle (Stanton Wick Action Group) in a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 16 and on the Council's website]* opposed the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list.

Karen Abolkheir (Stanton Wick Action Group) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 17 and on the Council's website*] opposed the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list.

Clarke Osborne (Stanton Wick Action Group) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 18 and on the Council's website*] opposed the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list.

Phil Townshend (Stanton Wick Action Group) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 19 and on the Council's website*] opposed the inclusion of the Stanton Wick site in the list.

Ken Sutton (Bath Old Road Action Group) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 20 and on the Council's website*] opposed the inclusion of the Bath Old Road site in the list.

Cllr Eleanor Jackson in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 21 and on the Council's website*] made a number of observations and recommendations for Cabinet to consider.

Richard Fox (a local farmer) referred to the site off Mill Lane, Radford and said that there were access issues, lack of mains water and flood risk. He appealed to Cabinet to remove the site from the list.

Rosemary Collard (Snapdragons Nursery) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 22 and on the Council's website*] reminded Cabinet that unless the 3 relevant sites were removed, the Council would face a judicial review from 3 local action groups.

Alyson Lampard (Resident of Whitchurch) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 23 and on the Council's website*] appealed to Cabinet to remove the Woollard Lane site from the list.

Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones in an *ad hoc* statement felt that the site allocation plans had been a failure. He warned the Cabinet not to seek a solution with one large site. Many small sites would better meet the need of the travelling population and would cause less disruption to local communities. He observed that the site in Lower Bristol Road was already running and suggested that Cabinet should go ahead with that site without further delay.

Councillor Geoff Ward in an *ad hoc* statement said that the site allocation plan had been handled badly and had blighted the lives of a number of small communities. He felt that the report being considered by Cabinet did not live up to the promises that 3 sites would be removed from the list.

Tracey Cuthbert (a resident of Twerton Travellers Site) in an *ad hoc* statement explained the history of the site and said that she and her family had been very happy there for 2 years. Her children had made friends at school and the teachers had been very supportive. She appealed to the public to tolerate travellers on well managed sites in the area.

Councillor Tim Ball, in proposing the item, referred to an update report which had been placed in the public gallery before the meeting [*and which has been attached to these minutes as Appendix 24 and on the Council's website*]. He explained that there had been a perfectly good reason for removing the 17 sites – they had all been rejected for planning reasons. He moved the recommendations but added a further paragraph, which would have the effect of removing a further 3 sites from the list going forward.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal. He said that this Council was the only one in the country with no sites at all. He promised to evaluate all suggestions put forward. He thanked the planning officers for their hard work in bringing the issue to the current point.

Councillor Simon Allen asked the proposer and seconder to consider an amendment to the effect that the Cabinet would make progress on a planning application at Lower Bristol Road for gypsy and traveller pitches.

The proposer and seconder agreed to accept the amendment.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Ball, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To NOTE that a post consultation 'stock take' of the Gypsies and Travellers Site Allocations Plan preparation process is underway which entails:

- responding to the issues arising from the Preferred Options consultation;
- ongoing assessment of the 6 sites previously consulted on;
- assessment of new sites suggested through the Call for Sites, including a review of the existing unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller sites;
- a review of the site selection process which will be used to review existing sites and assess new sites (see draft in Appendix 3);
- review of major development sites, as part of the Core Strategy review, to assess opportunities for Gypsy and Traveller sites;
- a review of capacity outside the Green Belt, including opportunities for provision in neighbouring local authorities;
- an update to the assessment of need for pitches to establish the level of need for 5 and 10 year supply of sites in accordance with Planning for Traveller Sites; and
- ongoing engagement with neighbouring local authorities in accordance with the duty to cooperate.

(2) To NOTE the progress of the ongoing site assessment work conducted following the public consultation (see paragraphs 5.12 to 5.26); and

(3) To CONSULT on the results of the stock take referred to in (1) above before preparing a Draft Plan.

(4) To AGREE that in light of the additional evidence arising from the ongoing assessment of sites as summarised in paragraphs 5.14 to 5.26 to the report, and based on an evaluation of these sites against the selection criteria in Appendix 3, the following sites should no longer be pursued as potential sites for allocation as gypsy or traveller pitches in the site allocations Development Plan document: Site GT2: Old Colliery Buildings, Stanton Wick; Site GT4: Former Radstock Infants' School Canteen; Site GT14: Land near Ellsbridge House, Keynsham; and

(5) To AGREE that whilst the Council is progressing the DPD in light of the absence of any authorised permanent sites within the District the Council should progress a planning application at Lower Bristol Road for gypsy and traveller pitches.

[Note: Resolution (5) above was proposed as an amendment by Councillor Simon Allen which was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the main motion].

61 ADOPTION OF "MY NEIGHBOURHOOD - A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING PROTOCOL FOR BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET"

Alan Langton (Trustee, Bath Preservation Trust) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 25 and on the Council's website*] felt that the revised protocol had introduced greater balance. He was pleased to see references to enforcement and to heritage assets. He did however feel that there should be a reference to the World Heritage Site if the document was to be fully fit for purpose.

Councillor Tim Ball in proposing the item, said that this would be the first of many papers to be considered by Cabinet as a result of the Localism Bill. He particularly referred to paragraph 4.9 of the report, which showed that the document had achieved national recognition as good practice.

Councillor David Bellotti seconded the proposal.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Ball, seconded by Councillor David Bellotti, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To ADOPT the My Neighbourhood: A Neighbourhood Planning Protocol for B&NES as the Council's policy on Neighbourhood Planning and community engagement in planning superseding the existing Statement of Community Involvement for Planning (2007); and

(2) To DELEGATE responsibility to the Divisional Director (Planning & Transport), in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing, to make final graphic and minor textual amendments prior to publication of the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol.

62 B&NES CORE STRATEGY: INSPECTOR'S PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

Alan Langton (Trustee, Bath Preservation Trust) in a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 26 and on the Council's website*] warned that it might become necessary to accept that the anticipated housing numbers could not in fact be delivered but he emphasised that the Trust recognised the need for housing development in Bath and would be happy to act as a 'critical friend' on preparatory work on housing numbers before and during the consultation phase.

Councillor Geoff Ward in an *ad hoc* statement observed that there was an urgent need to make progress on the Core Strategy. He felt that given the urgency of the work in hand, the Planning Department was understaffed.

Councillor Vic Pritchard in an *ad hoc* statement asked how the Council would deal with the situation that, having no Core Strategy in place after March 2013, it would be unable to defend planning appeals.

Councillor Tim Ball in proposing the item thanked the Bath Preservation Trust for always providing helpful, constructive comments. In response to Councillor Geoff Ward, he observed that the urgency was caused by the fact that the Cabinet had inherited the situation. He therefore confirmed that the Planning Department would be working only on the Core Strategy and the Gypsy/Travellers Sites, so as to ensure that those critical policies were delivered.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal. He agreed that, to avoid the problems described by Councillor Vic Pritchard, it was essential to adopt a Core Strategy. He observed that it had been unhelpful of government to announce an

extra 20% burden on Councils half-way through the process. He was determined that this time, the Council would be able to answer all the Inspector's concerns.

Councillor David Bellotti supported the paper.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Ball, seconded by Councillor David Bellotti, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To NOTE the brief for the review of the Core Strategy; and

(2) To AGREE the revised Local Development Scheme.

63 LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND WEST MAJOR SCHEME

Councillor Tim Warren in an *ad hoc* statement said he was delighted with the proposals.

Councillor Roger Symonds in proposing the item, said that the Council had been allocated £3.1M by government to use towards sustainable transport. He intended to use it to promote car clubs, and to work with schools and universities. It would be applied both to active leisure and travel to work.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal.

On a motion from Councillor Roger Symonds, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To ACCEPT the LSTF award by the DfT;

(2) To AGREE that the projects outlined in Appendix A of the report be implemented in accordance with the grant conditions; and

(3) To APPROVE the capital budgets set out in the report for inclusion in the Capital Programme.

64 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Roger Symonds, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To ENDORSE the ESCC Strategy, further to adoption by the ESP Board, in order to support the work of the ESP and demonstrate the Council's leadership.

65 FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARE POLICY

Councillor Paul Crossley moved the recommendations. He congratulated the officers who had worked on the policy documents.

Councillor Simon Allen seconded the proposal. He stressed that if a child could not be supported by its parents, then it was important that the wider family and friends should be helped to provide care.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Simon Allen it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To APPROVE the draft Bath and North East Somerset Family and Friends Care Policy.

66 YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2012-13

Councillor Paul Crossley observed that this was an annual report, required by law. He was delighted to note the excellent work taking place in the authority to work with young people. He explained that he wished to amend the wording of paragraph 3.3 of the report, to the effect that after the words “within budget”, a full stop would be inserted and the rest of the sentence would be deleted. He further intended to move the recommendations with the addition of a new clause, to the effect that work would be done to ensure that the next version of the Plan would have more detail on education and training for young people in order to reduce re-offending rates and prevent young people at risk of offending in the first place.

He moved the amended recommendations.

Councillor Cherry Beath seconded the proposal. She looked forward to the development of the Restorative Youth Justice Team.

Councillor David Dixon said that the report showed how much more could be achieved by working in partnership with other agencies.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Cherry Beath, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To AGREE that the Youth Justice Plan fulfils the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998;

(2) To RECOMMEND the Youth Justice Plan to Council for adoption as part of the Council’s Policy and Budget Framework and submission to the Youth Justice Board; and

(3) To AGREE that work will be done to ensure that the next version of the YJP has a much more detailed plan on education and training for young people as a means to reduce re-offending rates and prevent young people at risk of offending in the first place.

67 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN 2011-2015

Councillor Paul Crossley said that the Plan was self-explanatory and robust. He recommended the plan for approval.

Councillor Dine Romero seconded the proposal.

Councillor David Bellotti referred to paragraph 3.3 of the report and said that he would ask for further information on how the decision had been reached to make provision for primary education on the Bath Western Riverside from 2022, when the need would arise from 2015.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Dine Romero, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To APPROVE the Primary and Secondary School Organisation Plan 2011-2015; and

(2) To APPROVE the proposed strategy for the provision of school places within the plan period up to 2015 and over the longer term within the Core Strategy Plan period.

68 DETERMINATION OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE TO ALTER THE LOWER AGE LIMIT AT CAMERTON CHURCH SCHOOL

Councillor Paul Crossley expressed his delight at the remarkably good news for Camerton School and moved the recommendations.

Councillor Dine Romero seconded the proposal.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Dine Romero, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To AGREE that the lower age limit of Camerton Church School be altered from age 4 to age 3 by the addition of Early Years provision to commence on 1 October 2012.

69 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH JUNE 2012

Councillor David Bellotti moved the recommendations. He referred to paragraph 5.6 of the report, which showed that current borrowings were £120M expected to peak at £170M which was less than the £204M inherited by the administration.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To NOTE the Treasury Management Report to 30th June 2012, prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Code of Practice; and

(2) To NOTE the Treasury Management Indicators to 30th June 2012.

70 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, CASH LIMITS AND VIREMENTS - APRIL 2012 TO JULY 2012

Councillor Vic Pritchard observed that the £1.8M designated for gypsy/Traveller sites in the current year would not be spent; and asked Cabinet therefore to vire a substantial amount to be used for affordable housing.

Councillor David Bellotti moved the recommendations. He explained that there had been an overspend on transport because, as the Park and Ride sites become successful, less people are parking in the centre of Bath. However he expected that there would be a satisfactory situation by the end of the financial year. He observed that £0.5M had been allocated for affordable housing, and expressed the hope that this might be increased in the next round.

Councillor Tim Ball seconded the proposal. He responded to Councillor Vic Pritchard by pointing out that £1.8M capital borrowing was not the same as cash in hand. He

said that until the size of the site was known, it was not possible to determine the cost.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Tim Ball, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- (1) To ASK Strategic Directors to continue to work towards managing within budget in the current year for their respective service areas, and to manage below budget where possible by not committing unnecessary expenditure, through tight budgetary control;
- (2) To NOTE this year's revenue budget position as shown in the report;
- (3) To NOTE the capital expenditure position for the Council in the financial year to the end of July and the year end projections;
- (4) To AGREE the revenue virements listed for approval in the report; and
- (5) To NOTE the changes in the capital programme listed in the report.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Chair _____

Date Confirmed and Signed _____

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