

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Housing & Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny
MEETING DATE:	23 rd July 2013
TITLE:	E2554: Final Report and Recommendations Boat Dwellers & River Travellers Task & Finish Group
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1 THE ISSUE

1. At the Housing and Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (HMP) on Tuesday 20th November 2012 the Panel received an update on Boat and Mobile Home Dwellers from the Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning, which included a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Council and the Canals and River Trust.
2. The Panel were asked to consider if they wished to undertake any policy review work on this matter and if they would support the MOU. It was agreed at this meeting that there were a number of issues that still needed further investigation and that the Panel should undertake some Task and Finish Group work to explore some of these issues further and report back to the Panel in May 2013.

2 RECOMMENDATION

At the Housing & Major Projects Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel on the 23rd July 2013, the Panel are asked to:-

- 2.1 Consider and make any further comments on the findings for the final Boat Dwellers & River Travellers report.
- 2.2 consider the recommendations response table which will be received by Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning, Tim Ball & Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods David Dixon, Wellbeing Cabinet Member Simon Allen and the Cabinet member for Sustainable Development Ben Stevens and make any further comments.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The review was completed within the resources available to the Housing & Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel.

4 THE REPORT

4.1 The full report for this review is contained Appendix 1 attached.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

6 EQUALITIES

Equalities issues were considered by the Panel as part of their work in formulating the scope of this proposed investigation and further equalities work was undertaken during the course of consultation and formulation of the final recommendations.

Appendix 3: Provides the full Equalities Impact Assessment for this work

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 *Ward Councillors; Cabinet Member; Parish Councils; Town Councils; Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups;; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies;; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer*

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 *Social Inclusion; Sustainability; Property; Young People; Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations*

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 and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	Terms of reference agreed at the 22 nd January HMP Panel meeting.

	<p>Minutes from the 14th May Housing & Major Projects Panel meeting</p> <p>Draft Memorandum of Understanding (Presented by Cllr Tim Ball at the 20th November 2012 Housing & Major Projects Panel meeting</p>
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