

Review Title: <b>Boat Dwellers &amp; River Travellers Task and Finish Group Review</b>
Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel: <b>Housing &amp; Major Projects Policy Development &amp; Scrutiny Panel</b>
Panel Chair & Vice Chair: <b>Cllr Appleyard &amp; Cllr Hartley</b>
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**Process for Tracking PD&S Recommendations - Guidance note for Cabinet Members**

The enclosed table lists all the recommendations arising from the above Policy Development & Scrutiny Review. Individual recommendations are referred to the relevant named Cabinet Members (or whole Cabinet in the case of a whole Cabinet referral) as listed in the '**Cabinet Member**' column of the table. In order to provide the PD&S Panel with a Cabinet response on each recommendation, the named Cabinet member (or whole Cabinet) is asked to complete the last 3 columns of the table as follows:

**Decision Response**

The Cabinet has the following options:

- **Accept** the Panel's recommendation
- **Reject** the Panel's recommendation
- **Defer** a decision on the recommendation because a response cannot be given at this time. This could be because the recommendation needs to be considered in light of a future Cabinet decision, imminent legislation, relevant strategy development or budget considerations, etc.

**Implementation Date**

- For 'Accept' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be implemented.
- For 'Defer' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be reconsidered.
- For 'Reject' decisions this is not applicable so write n/a

**Rationale**

Use this space to explain the rationale for your decision response and implementation date. For accepted recommendations, please give details of how they will be implemented.





Recommendation	Cabinet Member	Decision Response	Implementation Date	Rationale
<p>Strategy and the Gypsy and Travellers Strategy work but would be important in their own right.</p> <p><b>1.4 That the Council continues to establish an open- ended dialogue between boat dwellers and the Council, to establish clear communication channels.</b></p> <p><b>This should investigate whether improvements can be made to:-</b></p> <p><b>a.) Our current B&amp;NES Website, to improve access to key information for Boat Dwellers, for example; greater advertisement of the Council Connect service.</b></p> <p><b>b.) Relations with the Canal &amp; River Trust. (such as the opportunity to use of their notice boards to advertise Council services)</b></p> <p><b>c.) The communications between local Ward Councilors and Boat Dwellers resident in their wards.</b></p> <p><b><i>Financial Assessment.</i></b></p>	<p>Cllr Dixon</p>			

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<p>There are no direct and specific financial implications at this stage. However, any costs associated with the specific delivery of the in-depth study/ review such as during the consultation/ engagement stage of the work could also look to the funding available through the agreed River Corridor Fund allocation.</p> <p>Therefore consideration will need to be given to the amount of officer time from all departments, functions and teams to achieve this. There is also the possibility that future resources could be shared with our neighbouring local authorities such as Wiltshire Council who currently have a dedicated officer for liaising with their local Boat Dwellers.</p>				
<p><b>Recommendation 2</b></p> <p><b>B&amp;NES Council should not support recommendations to endorse the Canal River Trust Mooring Strategy, until and unless we have been assured they are compliant with their legal obligations under the Equality Act and will not conflict with Council policy.</b></p> <p>This would need to be timely to feed into the current Mooring Strategy that is being developed and before there is any endorsement</p>	Cllr Tim Ball			

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<p>of the draft Memorandum of Understanding developed between the Council and the Canal &amp; River Trust which was presented to the Housing &amp; Major Projects Panel in November 2012.</p> <p><b>Financial Assessment:</b></p> <p>No direct financial implications as can be met within existing resources.</p>				
<p><b>Recommendation 3</b></p> <p><b>Future B&amp;NES Council spatial planning requirements to deliver more dwellings, which have so far been increased through major housing developments, should also include the needs of people living on the waterways in Bath &amp; North East Somerset.</b></p> <p>This should include the following:-</p> <p><b>3.1 Further Investigations to determine the feasibility of all major developments along the river or canal incorporating a pontoon landing stage with ready access to potable water and 240volt power as well as in close proximity to a public footpath, highway and waste disposal for use by River Travellers</b></p>	<p>Cllr Tim Ball</p>			

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<p><b>(RU3 &amp; RU4) for a maximum 2-day stay and policed by Canal &amp; River Trust as part of an approved Mooring Strategy in B&amp;NES. These will also serve as short-stay visitor moorings.</b></p> <p><b>3.2 Request that all off-line marina and mooring basin developments incorporate a maximum 14-day stay pontoon for River Travellers (RU3) for a minimum of three average length narrow boats as part of the planning approval process and policed by Canal &amp; River Trust as part of an approved Mooring Strategy in B&amp;NES. These are in addition to short-stay visitor moorings.</b></p> <p><b>3.3 Determine whether all off-line marina and mooring basin developments can could reasonably be required to include a minimum of 10% of total berths to be allocated to Boat Dwellers whether or not they are RU1, RU2, RU4 or RU5.</b></p> <p><b>3.4 To determine the scale and scope of the need and numbers of types of moorings and establish the current and further demands of moorings in the B&amp;NES area.</b></p> <p>This will need to be timed to feed into the</p>				

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<p>current Mooring Strategy which is currently being developed.</p> <p><b>Financial Assessment:</b> No direct financial implications as can be met within existing resources. Therefore consideration will need to be given to the amount of officer time from all departments, functions and teams to achieve the above investigations.</p>				
<p><b>Recommendation 4</b></p> <p><b>The findings within this report support the work of the River Corridor Group’s future vision of regenerating the river. We recommend that the planned future B&amp;NES River Strategy includes:-</b></p> <p><b>4.1 The consideration of the needs and issues of our local Boat Dwellers and River Travellers within its initial evidence base.</b></p> <p><b>4.2 Representation from the Housing &amp; Major Projects Panel on The River Regeneration Trust (formerly the River Corridor Group) to ensure clear lines of communication between the Council and the</b></p>	Cllr Stevens			



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<p><b>Trust.</b></p> <p><b><i>Financial Assessment:</i></b>                      No direct financial implications as can be met within existing resources.</p>				