

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Housing & Major Projects Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING DATE:	19th November 2013	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 2554
TITLE:	Recommendations Response to Boat Dwellers & River Travellers Task & Finish Group	
WARD:	All	
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1 THE ISSUE

1.1 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 At the Panel meeting on Tuesday 23rd July 2013 the Panel received a report and considered draft recommendations. The agreed documents were forwarded to Cabinet members for their considered response.

2 RECOMMENDATION

At the Housing & Major Projects Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel on the 19th November 2013, the Panel are asked to:-

2.1 Consider the Recommendations Response Table completed by Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning, Tim Ball; Wellbeing Cabinet Member Simon Allen, the Cabinet member for Sustainable Development Ben Stevens and Leader of Council Paul Crossley.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

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

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

4.1 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

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The full report for this review is attached at Appendix 1.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 Appendix 2 provides the Recommendations Response Table for this work

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 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

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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Background papers	Terms of reference agreed at the 22nd January HMP Panel meeting. Minutes from the 14th May Housing & Major Projects Panel Meeting Draft Memorandum of Understanding (Presented by Cllr Tim Ball at the 20th November 2012 Housing & Major Projects Panel meeting

	Minutes from the 23 rd July Housing & Major Projects Panel Meeting
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