

## **Motion - River Avon Flooding**

To be moved by Councillor Dave Laming  
B&NES Canal & River Champion

### **This Council:-**

- Note and recognise the seriousness of flooding throughout the District.
- Recognise that the people look to this council to take action to minimise the risk from flood waters and debris.
- Recognise that homes and businesses have been damaged and in some instances destroyed due to these flood waters and debris.
- Note that on Christmas Eve the City of Bath came very close to a serious flooding incident and other areas of the District have also been subjected to very serious flooding. This is becoming more frequent and is considered the highest category of flood risk by the Environment Agency.

### **Council resolves:**

1. To recommend that the Cabinet sets up a Working Group/Committee who can take control when a flood emergency is imminent or occurs.
2. To ask the Cabinet to urgently create a Working Group with The River Regeneration Trust as the facilitator and joined by Canal & River Trust, Wessex Water the Environment Agency and Senior Officers to bring forward a co-ordinated approach to flood risk, flood defence, flood conveyance and flood prevention.
3. To draw up a Flood Strategy that is future proofed and aligned with existing and planned regeneration, flood defence and flood conveyance measures.
4. To ensure that the Flood Strategy is a vital component of the B&NES River Strategy and can support B&NES in its role as Lead Local Flood Authority.
5. To urge Cabinet, as part of the 2014/15 budget and the MTSRP, to bring forward sufficient funds to establish the Working Group/Committee and provide them with resources to prepare the Flood Strategy and facilitate powers and duties to help control and manage flooding.