Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Housing and Major Projects Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	18 th November 2014	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE: Saw Close Casino and Hotel, Bath		
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1 THE ISSUE

1.1 To provide the Housing and Major Projects PDS Panel with a short update on the Saw Close Casino and Hotel development.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note the progress with the scheme

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

3.1 The negotiation of the agreement is being funded from within existing Property Services capital budgets funded by capital receipt

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 Sawclose project is currently a conditional development agreement between the Council and the developer and adjoining landowner (the former clinic) Deeley Freed Penhalt (DFP)
- 4.2 The agreement is for a comprehensive development of the Sawclose area (excluding public highway) comprising, the former clinic, the private car park adjoining the clinic, the public car park, the former Regency Garage, the former Market PH (aka Regency Bars) and the former Gala bingo club.
- 4.3 It is for a development of a hotel, a Casino and two restaurants.
- 4.4 The development agreement between the Council and DFP was entered into on a conditional basis at the beginning of May 2014.
- 4.5 The current programme anticipates the contract between the Council and DFP becoming unconditional at the end of 2014.

- 4.6 Construction will then start on site (some minor off site works have already started) with practical completion anticipated mid-2016.
- 4.7 The comprehensive scheme includes a landscaped area in front of the retained and new buildings. It has been designed so that it will meld with the proposed public realm works for the Sawclose public highways.
- 4.8 The casino when operational will pay a substantial licence fee to the Council.

5 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The scheme has received planning permission

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Background papers	The consented planning application is Ref: 13/04234/EFUL and can be found on the Bath and North East Somerset Council planning portal at: http://isharemaps.bathnes.gov.uk/projects/bathnes/developmentc ontrol/	
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