

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>			
MEETING:	Economic & Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel		
MEETING DATE:	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2011		
TITLE:	<b>Community Safety Plan: Water Safety</b>		
WARD:	ALL		
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>			
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Appendix One: Avon Fire and Rescue Water Safety briefing paper for Bath & North East Somerset			

## **1. THE ISSUE**

1.1 In January 2011 Avon Fire and Rescue Service gave a report to the Panel on the work they do to raising awareness of Water Safety and reducing risk. This report invites the Panel to hear an update from Avon Fire & Rescue and Council representatives on the improving situation, and recommendations for the future which will generate an open question and answer session.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The Panel receives a presentation from Avon Fire and Rescue summarising the progress on water safety in Bath & North East Somerset and identifies where further support can be generated by the Council and other agencies.

2.2 The Panel receives a presentation outlining the work that is in progress by the Council, Avon and Somerset Police and RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) to risk assess the River Avon between Churchill Bridge and Windsor Bridge, Bath.

2.3 The Panel hear details of awareness and prevention activities and about the impact of those activities on the level of incidents since January 2011.

2.4 The Panel is asked to note the progress over the last 12 months from key partners and the widespread engagement in this issue.

2.5 The Panel is asked to identify examples of work across Bath and North East Somerset to reduce water safety risk.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The recommendations suggested by RoSPA could have financial implications for the Council and other stakeholders. At present no Council funding has been allocated for this purpose. These recommendations are

currently being considered with our key partners and potential sources of funding identified.

#### **4. THE REPORT**

4.1 This report will allow the Panel to note Community Safety progress to date and identify potential improvements for the future based upon the reports of key partners about their joint working.

4.2 The presentation will review previous educational campaigns and also highlight new programmes that are scheduled for 2011/2, to make sure that any local concerns are addressed.

4.3 The presentation will look at the success of Community Safety awareness campaigns in reducing incident rates, and also illustrate safety improvements suggested by RoSPA that could significantly reduce the risk presented by the river infrastructure.

#### **5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

5.1 The presentation relates to the work of Avon Fire and Rescue and is subject to their risk assessment processes.

5.2 This presentation also covers the work of Bath & North East Somerset Council and is subject to the council's own risk assessment processes.

5.3 This presentation refers to the work of RoSPA and is subject to their risk assessment processes.

#### **6. EQUALITIES**

6.1 Promoting equality and opportunity for all groups and individuals across the six equality strands and promoting community cohesion is integral to this work. Specific consideration will be given to any equality impacts regarding water safety measures when these are finalised.

#### **7. CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report, The Section 151 Officer has cleared it for publication.

7.2 This multi-agency report has followed the recommendation of the Panel in that Strategic Director (Service Delivery) and Divisional Director (Environmental Services) have had the opportunity to input to this report and the Strategic Director has cleared it for publication.

#### **8. ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

8.1; Health & Safety; Community Safety, Section 17 and 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998; Total Place; Other Legal Considerations

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<b>Background papers</b>	Presentation at the meeting by Denis McCann, Sue Tilley and Cathryn Humphries  Briefing paper
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