

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING	Council	
MEETING DATE	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	
TITLE:	Save our 6/7 Bus – petition for debate	
WARD:	Larkhall, Walcot	
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## **1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 A petition has been received – “Save our 6/7 Bus” - containing approximately 2500 signatures. In line with the Council’s petition scheme, if a petition containing signatures of more than 1% of the electorate who live, work and study in Bath & North East Somerset is received, it triggers a debate at Council.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That a debate takes place.

## **3 THE REPORT**

- 3.1 The text of the petition reads as follows;

### **Save our 6/7 Bus**

*We call on B&NES Council to reinstate the funding and reverse the cut to the route of the 6 and 7 bus serving Larkhall and Fairfield Park. The removal of a regular connection between Larkhall and Fairfield Park has a damaging impact on the community. Without this link or any access to the London Road and Walcot, local people, especially the elderly and those without a car, have no effective way of getting to these destinations without an unnecessarily long trip involving two buses or struggling to use the inadequate Council minibuss service.*

- 3.2 Council, if it wishes, can make recommendations to Cabinet but cannot amend executive policy.
- 3.3 The lead petitioner, Councillor Lin Patterson, will address Council at the start of the item.

## **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are none associated with this debate; any proposal arising from this would be presented for decision with full financial implications.

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<b>Background papers</b>	The petition
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