

Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

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Roman Baths and Victoria Art Gallery Accreditation

The Roman Baths Museum and Victoria Art Gallery will be renewing their Accredited status in 2024 and require the relevant policies and plans to be signed off for the Accreditation return.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development

Decision published: 14/05/2024

Effective from: 22/05/2024

Decision:

To approve the following plans and policies for the Arts Council England's Accreditation Standard return:

- o Victoria Art Gallery Forward Plan 2024 - 27
- o Collections Development Policy – Victoria Art Gallery
- o Documentation Policy – Victoria Art Gallery
- o Collections Care and Conservation Policy – Victoria Art Gallery
- o Collections Development Policy – Roman Baths Museum
- o Documentation Policy – Roman Baths Museum
- o Collections Care and Conservation Policy – Roman Baths Museum
- o Access Policy – Heritage Services

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Amanda Hart

Somer Valley Links, Strategic Transport Corridor Project

The Somer Valley Links project covers travel between Midsomer Norton, Westfield and Radstock and Bath/Bristol along the A37, A362 and A367. It aims to develop better infrastructure to provide more options to travel sustainably – whether walking, wheeling (using a wheelchair or mobility scooter), cycling or using the bus.

The proposals aim to:

- Improve bus stops
- Extend bus lanes and improve junctions
- Create new cycling and walking routes
- Introduce mobility hubs – places where people can switch between different types of transport easily.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 08/05/2024

Effective from: 16/05/2024

Decision:

(1) To delegate approval to the Executive Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the s151 Officer, to formally accept grants from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority relating to this scheme.

(2) To approve a capital budget of £1.744m to develop the Full Business Case (FBC), with final preliminary and detailed designs for the scheme; this comprises £1.414m CRSTS grant and £330k match funding from developer contributions.

Wards affected: Bathavon South; Clutton & Farmborough; High Littleton; Mendip; Midsomer Norton North; Midsomer Norton Redfield; Odd Down; Paulton; Peasedown; Publow with Whitchurch; Radstock; Westfield.

Lead officer: Kate Hobson

Sustainable Construction Checklist Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Review and Update of Energy Summary Tool 1

Policy SCR6 of the LPPU sets out energy use standards that new residential development is required to meet. The Sustainable Construction Checklist SPD sets out the information that applicants are required to submit in order to demonstrate compliance with the energy use standards in the policy. It is proposed to amend the SPD to enable the Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) to be used for applications for schemes of up to 25 dwellings (including a maximum of 9 flats). Currently SAP can only be used for minor applications of up to 9 dwellings, with the more complicated PHPP (Passivhaus) tool required for schemes of 10 dwellings or more. The proposed amendment to the SPD will be subject to public consultation.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Sustainable Development

Decision published: 25/04/2024

Effective from: 03/05/2024

Decision:

(1) To approve the amendments to the Sustainable Construction Checklist Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

(2) To approve the updated version of Energy Summary Tool 1.

(3) To delegate authority to the Head of Planning to make any editorial changes, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Sustainable Development, prior to consultation on the amendments to the Sustainable Construction Checklist SPD.

(4) To authorize officers to undertake public consultation on amendments to the Sustainable Construction SPD.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Richard Daone

Aequus Shareholder Reserve Matters Decisions

Aequus, the Councils wholly owned Company has presented its business plan for approval of the Shareholder for its next business plan period 2024-27 alongside other Reserve Matters for approval to appoint the next non-executive Chair to the Board.

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 28/03/2024

Effective from: 27/03/2024

Decision:

The Leader as Shareholder;

- Approves the Aequus Business Plan for the period 2024/25 to 2026/27 as set out at Appendix 1 subject to a review by the Board within 6 months following the appointment of the chair and an updated plan being produced.
- Approves the Aequus Non-Executive Remuneration be set at £5,000 per Annum for a Non-Executive Director and £12,000 per Annum for the Non-Executive Chair.
- Approves the Appointment of Sally Higham as Non-Executive Chair with effect from 7th May 2024 for a first term of 4 years.
- Approves to delegate the Shareholder function role on the Brunel Partnership Board to the chair of the Avon Pension Fund Committee

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Simon Martin

Minor Adaptations Options Appraisal

Decision to in-house the Minor Adaptations Service from 1 October 2024 and to facilitate safe transition of the service through a six-month direct award for the current service.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Services.

Decision published: 26/03/2024

Effective from: 25/03/2024

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that the Minor Adaptations Service is in housed from 1 October 2024 and that to facilitate safe transition of the service a six-month direct award is issued for the current service.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Natalia Lachkou

School Term and Holiday Dates 2025/26 Academic Year

Following consultation to fully approve the school term and holiday dates for the 2025/26 academic year.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Decision published: 25/03/2024

Effective from: 04/04/2024

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees to approve the Council's preferred calendar of school term and holiday dates and to recommend these to all schools for the 2025-26 academic year.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Josephine Rees

Adoption of Waste Strategy – Towards Zero Waste 2030

The Council's original Zero Waste Strategy was adopted in July 2005 and although it has been revised and updated at intervals since, requires a full update.

The Towards Zero Waste 2030 strategy reflects the latest information available and provides an assessment of the key drivers for the period to 2030.

Adoption of the new strategy will focus on working with residents to maximise reducing waste, reuse and recycling, making our neighbourhoods cleaner and greener, and delivering objectives of the climate and nature emergency.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services

Decision published: 19/03/2024

Effective from: 27/03/2024

Decision:

To adopt the new Waste Strategy – Towards Zero Waste 2030.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Sarah Alder

Review of Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey Report 2023

To review the findings and recommendations of the results of the independent survey commissioned to establish whether or not there is any significant unmet demand for Hackney Carriages in the City of Bath that is unmet.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services

Decision published: 11/03/2024

Effective from: 19/03/2024

Decision:

- (1) To agree that the number of vehicle licences in Zone 1 remains at 125.
- (2) To agree that the limitation policy remains in place.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: John Dowding

Bath and North East Somerset Council School Organisation Plan 2023 – 2029

The School Organisation Plan 2023 – 2029 outlines the current level of mainstream and Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school provision in the Authority and projected pupil numbers up to admissions in September 2027 for primary age and 2029 for secondary age pupils. Estimated pupil numbers and places likely to be required as a consequence of future planned housing development expected to be delivered within the Adopted Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan period up to 2029 are also outlined.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Decision published: 04/03/2024

Effective from: 12/03/2024

Decision:

- (1) To approve the proposed strategy for the provision of school places within the 2023–2029 Plan period.
- (2) To agree that the finalised School Organisation Plan 2023–2029 can be published on the Bath and North East Somerset Council website.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Helen Hoynes

Beaumonts Children's Home, Padleigh Hill, Bath

This property has been let to Action for Children and their lease is ending so the Service are tendering for the commissioned service. Rather than granting a lease at a market rent, which means the cost to the Council is increased, the proposal is to grant a lease at nil rent. As this would represent a disposal at undervalue a Single

Member Decision is sought to endorse not only the lease for this property but also for other properties on the scheduled list.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development

Decision published: 04/03/2024

Effective from: 12/03/2024

Decision:

To grant a lease at a nil/nominal rental where a commissioned service is being procured and a lease is being granted to the service provider for the property/service.

Wards affected: Odd Down

Lead officer: Gwynne Davies

B&NES Council Response to Bristol City Council Publication Draft Local Plan

Bristol City Council published the Publication Version of its Local Plan in November 2023 for public consultation. Communities in Bath and North East Somerset have a physical and functional relationship with the Bristol City Council administrative area. As such Bristol's Local Plan deals with a range of cross-boundary strategic issues. Through the Duty to Co-operate Bath and North East Somerset Council is also required to engage with Bristol City Council on an ongoing and constructive basis. As part of this process it is important that Bath and North East Somerset Council comments on and responds to the Bristol Local Plan, Publication Version. This report seeks endorsement of the proposed response.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Sustainable Development

Decision published: 26/02/2024

Effective from: 05/03/2024

Decision:

(1) To endorse the comments set out in Appendix 1 of the report as this Council's response to the Bristol Publication Draft Local Plan.

(2) To agree that B&NES Council should continue to engage constructively, and on an ongoing basis, with Bristol City Council on the preparation of its Local Plan in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Richard Daone

Midsomer Norton and Westfield Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Links

The Midsomer Norton & Westfield Walking, Wheeling & Cycling Links (WWCL) project is part of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) programme, aiming to deliver interventions supporting modal shift into public transport and active travel (walking, wheeling, and cycling) modes across the region. Specifically, this project will provide high quality walking, wheeling, and cycling links within the Midsomer Norton and Westfield area, providing better and more genuine travel choices, and supporting a decrease in private car dependency for local journeys.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 20/02/2024

Effective from: 28/02/2024

Decision:

- (1) To include the Midsomer Norton & Westfield Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Links scheme as a separate project within the CRSTS programme, following the rebaselining in summer 2023.
- (2) To delegate authority to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the s151 Officer, to formally accept grants from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority relating to this scheme.
- (3) To approve the capital budget of £180k to develop the Full Business Case (FBC) for the scheme.
- (4) To agree that the provisional capital budget for the scheme is £1.25m for delivery/ construction, as reflected in the Council's budget-setting report (February 2024).

Wards affected: Midsomer Norton North; Midsomer Norton Redfield; Westfield

Lead officer: Kate Hobson

44AD Art Charity - Extension of Lease at Below Market Value

Extension of lease and rent abatement 4 Abbey Street, Bath.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Resources

Decision published: 20/02/2024

Effective from: 28/02/2024

Decision:

To delegate approval to the Head of Corporate Estate, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Resources, to progress an extension to the period of abated rent for 4 Abbey Street to 44AD for three years from the date of a decision and to delegate the approval of heads of terms for the lease, at less than open market value to regeneration purposes. This is on the basis that the benefit of the charitable arts use of the space outweighs the need to achieve best consideration in this case.

Wards affected: Kingsmead

Lead officer: Cleo Newcombe-Jones