

Cabinet Meeting 6th May, 5.00pm

Item 12 – Public Realm & Movement Strategy

Question to cabinet from Caroline Kay, Chief Executive, Bath Preservation Trust:

Thank you, Chairman, for the opportunity to speak – the Trust found itself unexpectedly out of time for an advance submission because of the bank holiday.

The Bath Preservation Trust welcomes Cabinet consideration of the PRMS but is concerned about timescale and the incorporation of consultation. The recommendations imply that the strategy will be redrafted to take account of consultation comments, Council comments, creation of a funding strategy and revision to the action plans. Given the nature of this recommendation, we would like to ask Councillor Gazzard as to:

- a) whether he can give an indication of when he and Councillor Gerrish are likely to be in a position to approve the final version,
- b) what work will be taking place in advance of that approval, and
- c) how interested parties, such as the B-P-T will be involved in that work.

For example, we note that concept design consultants appear to be being approached in advance of the final PRMS being adopted. We should therefore like to seek reassurance that consultants will be given clear instruction to consult interested parties who are in a position to contribute to their understanding of the historic environment in order to ensure that appropriate recognition is given to the World Heritage Site and its Values, as well as the historic environment of the many conservation areas in Bath.