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Dear Member

Parishes Liaison Meeting: Wednesday, 15th June, 2011

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Parishes Liaison Meeting**, to be held on **Wednesday, 15th June, 2011 at 6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Keynsham Town Hall**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Ann Swabey
for Chief Executive

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Parishes Liaison Meeting - Wednesday, 15th June, 2011

at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber - Keynsham Town Hall

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman of Council, Councillor Peter Edwards will chair the meeting.

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

The Chair will announce any items of urgent business accepted since the agenda was prepared

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2011
(Pages 5 - 12)

To adopt the minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record.

6. CABINET MEMBERS INTRODUCTION

Cabinet Members are invited to introduce themselves to the meeting and to give a brief summary of the remit of their portfolio.

7. UPDATE ON THE CORE STRATEGY (Pages 13 - 14)

A briefing note is attached. The Divisional Director, Planning and Transport (David Trigwell) will attend the meeting to answer questions.

8. UPDATE ON THE PARISH CHARTER

The Strategic Director for Service Delivery (Glenn Chipp) and the Secretary to the Local Councils group (Peter Duppa-Miller) will give a joint presentation on the current status of the Parish Charter.

9. SMALL GRANTS SCHEME (Pages 15 - 16)

A briefing note is attached. The Funding and Programme Manager (Susan Bowen) will attend to answer questions.

10. UPDATE ON THE PARISHES ON-LINE PROJECT

The Team Leader, Systems GIS (Martin Laker), will attend to give a demonstration of the latest developments with this project.

11. BATH TRANSPORT PACKAGE - THE WAY FORWARD

Councillor Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport, will explain how the new Cabinet intends to make progress.

12. SALE OF MOD LAND - UPDATE (Pages 17 - 18)

A briefing note is attached.

13. A AND B ROADS SPEED LIMITS SURVEY STUDY (Pages 19 - 22)

A briefing note is attached.

14. BATH WESTERN RIVERSIDE - PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 23 - 24)

A briefing note is attached.

15. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 19th October 2011.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Ann Swabey who can be contacted on 01225 394416.

Bath and North East Somerset Council

PARISHES LIAISON MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held

Wednesday, 16th February, 2011, 6.30 pm

Councillors: Sarah Bevan (Chair), Charles Gerrish (Cabinet Member for Service Delivery) (Cabinet Member), Malcolm Hanney (Cabinet Member for Resources) (Cabinet Member), Vic Pritchard (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Housing) (Cabinet Member) and Francine Haerberling (Leader of the Council), Neil Butters, Sally Davis, Brian Simmons, Martin Veal

Representatives of: Bathford, Bathampton, Batheaston, Camerton, Chew Magna, Chew Stoke, Claverton, Clutton, Combe Hay, Compton Dando, Dunkerton, Englishcombe, Farmborough, Freshford, Keynsham, Marksbury, Monkton Combe, Salford, Stanton Drew, Timsbury, Wellow, Whitchurch, Ubley

Eric Potter – Chairman of the B&NES Local Councils Association

Peter Duppa-Miller – Secretary of the B&NES Local Councils Association

Also in attendance: John Everitt (Chief Executive), Glen Chipp (Strategic Director for Service Delivery), David Trigwell (Divisional Director for Planning and Transport), Andy Thomas, Graham Sabourn, Sara Grimes, Kelvin Packer

31 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair of Council, Councillor Sarah Bevan, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

32 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from representatives of Batheaston, Publow with Pensford and Salford Parish Councils.

Apologies had also been received from Councillors Rob Appleyard, John Bull, Victor Clarke, Paul Crossley, Nathan Hartley, Eleanor Jackson and Christopher Watt.

34 URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was no urgent business.

35 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2010

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

36 B&NES COUNCIL EMPTY PROPERTIES POLICY

The Associate Director for Housing and Health (Graham Sabourn) introduced this report. He informed the meeting that there were 500 empty properties within the authority which had been empty for more than six months. The small number of 'anti-social' properties (which owners had no intention of bringing back into use) could cause nuisance issues. However, they could be the subject of an enforcement order. The department were due to conduct a kerbside survey of empty properties over the next few months.

A representative from Saltford asked what level of resources was being allocated to this work and was informed that a part-time officer had been allocated to co-ordinate the work on empty properties. There were two potential government funding streams which could be accessed – one relating to properties brought back into use by councils and the other which was directed at housing associations. The Council was actively encouraging the local housing associations to bid for that money.

A representative from Englishcombe enquired about a property in their village which had been damaged by fire and was lying empty as the owner was now in a home. The officer offered to meet with the parish council and discuss the options that could be pursued, which might include enforcement.

A representative from Keynsham asked whether the number of empty properties within the authority was above or below the national average and was informed that it was lower. The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Housing (Vic Pritchard) commented that the policy was a useful tool in bringing empty properties into use, although it is not having a significant effect on the authority's housing deficit.

37 B&NES COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

The Corporate Sustainability Officer (Sara Grimes) introduced this report and updated the meeting about the Council's proposed partnership with Bath Community Energy (BCE), a registered not-for-profit community enterprise which aims to install renewable energy sources e.g. solar, wind and hydroelectric power. One example was the proposed hydro project at Bathampton Weir. She informed the meeting that, based on the planned initial tranche of 1.5MW of renewable energy technologies, including wind, solar PV and hydro, Bath Community Energy plan to generate an average of around £400,000 per year over 20 years (i.e. more in later years than early years) for re-investing back into local communities. This would be through a combination of interest payments to local investors and distribution of surplus profits via a community fund. The actual level of funds will depend on the success of local share offers and the scale, technology and performance of projects implemented.

The officer also informed the meeting that the Council was seeking to encourage more parishes to join the Local Energy Champions Scheme. She updated the members about the Sustainable Energy Plan which was being developed for Keynsham in association with The Converging World and also the Home Electricity Monitor Loan Scheme.

A representative from Dunkerton asked whether landowners had been approached by BCE as well as private companies about developing three potential sites for solar farms. The Corporate Sustainability Officer offered to meet with the councillor to discuss this. A representative from Combe Hay asked whether the officer was in a position to confirm the Secretary of State for Energy's recent statement that the feed-in tariff would not be available for projects greater than 50Kw? The officer replied that the decision may be made to prevent solar farms being eligible for the feed-in tariff by the end of July 2011. A representative from Saltford asked whether their community hall, (which had a south-facing roof) would be eligible for a feed-in tariff if solar panels were installed and was informed that it would.

38 THE OUTCOME OF THE HIGHWAYS WINTER MAINTENANCE REVIEW

The Service Manager for Highways and Parking (Kelvin Packer) introduced this item and thanked those stakeholders who had responded to the review. He stated that three main issues were raised by parishes: more grit bins, additional salting routes and advice about the legal position with regard to self-help and snow clearance. He reported that some new grit bins had been approved, that an additional 7 miles of salting routes had been added to the existing routes. The Council now routinely salts 38% of the network. A leaflet had been produced giving guidance on self-help to support parishes and residents when dealing with severe weather. The policy for winter maintenance would be presented to the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel on March 24th.

The Cabinet Member for Service Delivery (Charles Gerrish) thanked the officer for his work and that of his team and congratulated them for producing a balanced report which had been based on clear criteria.

A representative from Combe Hay thanked the officer for the report and leaflets and asked whether, if there was a further cold snap this spring, the arrangements for bagged salt would be brought forward from next winter. The officer replied that they were planning to develop the bagged salt service over the summer months, but that if there was a further cold spell, a judgement would be taken depending on the severity of the weather.

A representative from Stanton Drew said that their parish had requested a grit bin as it was almost impossible to get out of the village during the cold spell. The officer replied that the situation would be looked at again, but any adjustment to the criteria would require the Council to provide bins at many other sites. The officer stressed the difficulties involved in refilling bins during snowfall conditions. The crews who drive the gritters are normally employed on road works/highways maintenance during the daytime and were also subject to driver's working hour restrictions. This

limits the resources available. In the period of snowfall before Christmas, the operatives were asked to refill more than 500 bins.

A representative from Dunkerton praised the work of the highways team during the winter in keeping the main routes open. He welcomed the bagged salt distribution during the summer, which would mean that parishes would be well prepared for the onset of winter. He asked which routes would be affected if the supplies ran out and was informed that the Highways Department would publish the priority routes on the website. The representative welcomed the use of local farmers and asked how their parish could implement that idea. Their parish was also looking at buying a mini-gritter which would fit on the back of a Land Rover and was seeking help with funding from the Council. The officer informed the meeting that the Council had developed a network of farmers who used their tractors in bad weather to reach the places impassable to a gritter. The officer asked that if any parish or town council knew of farmers who would want to participate in the service, they should contact the Highways Department. With regard to the parish's plan to buy their own gritter, he said that the service could not commit the funds at present but would be willing to listen to any suggestions that could improve the service.

A representative from Batheaston asked whether the Council would consider supplying a pile of salt for the village handyman to keep the pavements clear. The officer replied that this practice could cause problems as the salt might solidify in a heap and become a hazard to cyclists, anybody with a visibility impairment and also could block drains. The Cabinet Member for Resources (Malcolm Hanney) added that the Council was unfortunately already under pressure to cover more services.

A representative from Bathampton asked where the bagged salt would be delivered and what would be done to prevent it being stolen. The officer replied that they needed to organise the distribution carefully at times when there was lower pressure on the service. They also needed to identify proper storage places to ensure the salt was available for highway purposes.

A representative of Keynsham Town Council asked why the pavements around the sheltered housing developments in the town were not cleared of snow and ice and was informed that many of the pavements were owned by the housing associations which were therefore responsible for clearing them. The officer added that salt from the bins could be used to treat footways. The Council salts and clears snow from a number of strategically important footways across the district.

39 THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE B&NES TRANSPORT COMMISSION

The Strategic Director for Service Delivery (Glen Chipp) introduced this item and explained that the purpose of the Transport Commission is to help the authority to develop an overall transport strategy to support sustainable growth, increase capacity and improve air quality. It was hoped that an integrated system would help to protect the city's heritage. With regard to the membership of the commission; experts were being recruited along with local representatives of the right calibre who would act as a critical friend. The commission would examine the major transport schemes, including HGV movements, parking, public transport and cycling. More details of the commission would be published shortly.

40 THE FUTURE ORGANISATION OF B&NES COUNCIL

The Cabinet Member for Resources (Malcolm Hanney) introduced this item and informed the meeting that the Council were planning for a 30% reduction in government funding over the next four years. However, the Council had managed to achieve a balanced budget in recent years and had £23m in reserve. Savings of £15.5m were required in 2011/12 of which £7.3m would come from efficiency savings, bringing the total of efficiency savings over the period 2007/12 to £25m. Actual cuts were £2.6m or about 1% of gross expenditure with very limited impact on frontline services, particularly for the vulnerable. Council tax rates had been frozen. With regard to the impact on employees, 150 posts would be lost during 2011/12 out of a total planned reduction of 300 posts over the next 3 years. Of these only 73 were redundancies (67) or early retirements (6); there were only 24 compulsory redundancies. The Council were much better placed than most councils as a result of forward planning and past prudence.

The Council are planning £200m capital investment over the next 5 years including Keynsham Town centre regeneration (£33m) as well as more investment in the public realm, infrastructure, leisure in Bath, affordable housing and schools.

The Council was in close partnership with the PCT and were working with the emerging GP commissioning consortium. The social care costs are currently within budget and not overspent. In addition, the West of England was a major generator of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and it was hoped that this would serve to attract government and private sector investment in the region.

Overall, for 2011/12, Bath and North East Somerset was in a much better position than most other councils, but by 2013/14, the financial situation would be more concerning. Academies would be in place, there would be benefits changes and the joint health and social care provider would be independent. Councils would move increasingly to become 'core' or commissioning organisations which will impact on the overall structure, particularly affecting support services. In conclusion, Councillor Hanney informed the meeting that the budget had been passed by full Council on 15th February with no material cuts to frontline services.

A representative from Saltford asked whether the capital being raised was achieved by selling properties or by increased borrowing. Councillor Hanney replied that the Council will be increasing borrowing but will also be developing a partnership for the Commercial Estate working with an organisation(s) which shares the Council's vision for the future. It was planned to invest in the public realm, which will enhance the City centre and Council's retail property interests. The retail sector in Bath is currently relatively healthy with a constant demand for shop premises. In addition, the local knowledge and creative industries are now larger than tourism and retail combined, so there are many opportunities for growth. The corporate estate itself generated £14m income and was worth well over £250m.

A representative from Bathford asked whether the funding for the Bath Transport Package would come from resources or asset sales. Councillor Charles Gerrish replied that the final submission for the Transport Package would be in the autumn.

The government had made it clear what share they expected from the Council towards the project and so £9m has been allocated out of capital as B&NEs' contribution. Councillor Hanney added that this would have no impact on reserves.

A representative from Batheaston commented that the Council had decided arbitrarily to withhold money from the Batheaston youth club contrary to the guidelines in the Parish Charter. Councillor Hanney replied that the Council had to prioritise certain areas. Money had been allocated to Radstock and Keynsham youth projects and that there was other funding which could be bid for, including possibly through Community Empowerment. The representative from Batheaston repeated that the parish council had not been consulted and that the club would close at the end of March. The Chief Executive (John Everitt) added that there was a shift in how the Council delivered youth services and that there were reasonable sums available to parishes for this purpose. He assured Batheaston Parish Council that an officer would be in contact about this issue.

41 REVIEW OF THE PARISH CHARTER

The Strategic Director for Service Delivery (Glen Chipp) introduced this item and informed the meeting that the review had originally been planned to go out for consultation in November, but the publication of the Localism Bill with its impacts on planning, enforcement and accountability had changed the background to the Parish Charter. The latest version of the charter will reflect the developments in the Localism Bill and will be sent out for consultation with the expectation that it will return to the June Parishes Liaison meeting. The Secretary to the B&NES Local Councils Association (Peter Duppa-Miller) informed the meeting of the documents that would be sent out to parishes as part of the consultation.

A representative from Compton Dando enquired whether information about the new enforcement process would be included within the consultation papers and was informed that the parish council would need to raise any enforcement issue on behalf of the complainant in order to be kept informed of any progress.

42 THE LOCALISM BILL

The Group Manager for Partnership Delivery (Andy Thomas) introduced this item and detailed the main proposals outlined in the Bill. The changes would affect the Parish Charter and he encouraged parishes to respond to the current consultation on the proposed changes. The impact on planning would be a key issue for parishes, especially regarding the neighbourhood development orders. The Chief Executive added that the Bill allows for elected Mayors and a return to the committee system in local government. The new Council will be considering these governance options after the May local elections.

A representative from Combe Hay commented that there seemed to be a lack of clarity over the definition of not only 'community' and 'neighbourhood' but also 'local' and 'council'. He asked whether it was the intention that the Local Planning Authority will, in rural areas, consider the 'neighbourhoods' to be the Parishes. The Divisional

Director, Planning and Transport Development (David Trigwell) replied that that was how he had interpreted the phrase, although very large parishes could possibly split up into neighbourhoods.

A representative from Keynsham asked whether the Council was concerned about the costs of the Community Right to Challenge. The Chief Executive replied that they were cautious of this and would monitor it carefully.

It was agreed that an update on the progress of the Localism Bill would come to the June Parishes Liaison meeting.

43 DRAFT CORE STRATEGY - PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Divisional Director for Planning and Transport Development (David Trigwell) introduced this item and informed the meeting that, as the consultation had closed on 3rd February, it was early days in the analysis process. 1500 representations had been received, with a large proportion of those concerned with rural issues. The evidence so far supports the Council's planning strategy instead of the now-defunct Regional Spatial Strategy. A strong local strategy would enable the Council to head off predatory planning applications. It was hoped to submit the Core Strategy to the Planning Inspectorate before the election and hold the Examination in Public in September.

With regard to the concerns about sites for Gypsies and Travellers, the officer informed the meeting that the member of staff who had been dealing with this area had left and was yet to be replaced. A representative from Clutton asks whether there was a target date for the appointment of someone to deal with the issue. The officer replied that there was no date at present as they had to find a person with the right specialist skills. However, once someone was in post, the parishes would be informed.

A representative from Englishcombe expressed concern about predatory planning applications. He asked for update on progress with Western Riverside and the proposed MOD land sale. The officer informed the meeting that the Council were in talks with the MOD with regard to appropriate developments on brownfield sites. He was pleased to report that the Western Riverside development had started.

A representative from Bathford asked about the green belt policy and the World Heritage Site buffer zone and how they were dealt with in the Core Strategy. The officer replied that there would be a full analysis of these issues which would be publicised at the end of March.

A representative from Claverton asked about the process regarding legal compliance for the Core Strategy. The officer replied that if the document goes forward with no significant changes, it will pass to the stage of Examination in Public. However, if major issues are raised which were outside the scope of delegation then it could not be progressed at this time and it would have to go back to the Members. Any representations about the Strategy would go to the Inspector who examines all responses.

44 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair announced that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday June 15th 2011.

She informed members about the Chair’s Charity Ball which would take place on 1st April in aid of the Neonatal Unit at the RUH and Quartet Community Funding.

The Chair also brought the members’ attention to the display of Parish Plans which was in the Guildhall reception lobby outside the Chair’s office.

Peter Duppa-Miller informed the meeting that there were 28 images on display, with a further 4 ready to be hung.

He also notified that meeting that the Community Resilience Manual had been issued by the Business Continuity Planning Manager (Richard Look) to all parishes.

The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

Prepared by Democratic Services

Parish Liaison meeting – Wednesday 15th June

Core Strategy update

The Council submitted its Core Strategy and associated documents to the Secretary of State on 3rd May 2011 for independent examination. The submission Core Strategy comprises the draft Core Strategy and the schedule of proposed changes that emerged through the Draft Core Strategy consultation (which closed on the 3rd February 2011). A hard copy of the main submission documents has been sent to all Parish Councils. These documents are also available to view at the deposit stations (main Council offices and all libraries). The submission and supporting documents are also available to view on the planning policy website:

www.bathnes.gov.uk/corestrategy

Simon Emerson BSc DipTP MRTPI is the Inspector appointed to conduct the examination to determine whether the Core Strategy is sound and it is anticipated that the hearings will take place in September 2011. Simon Emerson was the Inspector who conducted the Examination into the Bristol City Council Core Strategy. The Programme Officer, Chris Banks, will act as the contact point for any person who has made representations on the Draft Core Strategy, and as a liaison between the Inspector, the Council and examination participants. His contact details are as follows:

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Placemaking Plan

The Placemaking Plan is in the early stages of preparation and work will commence in earnest in the autumn following the examination of the Core Strategy. It is anticipated that formal public consultation (the 'issues and options' stage) will take place in the spring of 2012, although collaborative work with communities will take place up to this time.

The Placemaking Plan will provide more detail than the Core Strategy, including the allocation of sites for development and reviewing the detailed development management policies. It is designed to be responsive to the qualities and challenges of different places throughout the district, and has three core objectives:

- To safeguard and enhance the values and assets of places.
- To provide viable development opportunities to ensure the delivery of the Core Strategy
- To engage with communities through a collaborative approach

Local Development Scheme

Retrofitting & Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Work has now commenced on this SPD which will provide guidance to applicants and Development Management on the application of the Core Strategy climate change related policies on retrofitting and sustainable construction. It is currently anticipated that formal public consultation will take place in the autumn of this year and the SPD will be adopted in spring 2012.

World Heritage Site Setting SPD

Work has also commenced on this SPD which will supplement the Core Strategy policy to enable effective management and protection of the Bath World Heritage Site Setting. It will inform and provide a steer for Development Management, the public and implementation of local planning policy. It is currently anticipated that stakeholder and public consultation will take place in autumn 2011 with adoption in spring 2012.

Localism Bill

The Council is currently considering how best to respond to the provisions of the Localism Bill including the introduction of Neighbourhood Plans and will discuss the way forward with Town & Parish Councils.

Parish Liaison Briefing Note LSP Performance Reward Programme Small Grants Funding Programme

Background

Performance Reward Grant (PRG) £1.3m has been paid by government due to completion of the Local Area Agreement (LAA 1)

LAA 1 (2007-2010) was a 3-year agreement between the Council, partners and Government that set out key outcomes for our local area.

The LAA was managed and monitored by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). LSP partners were responsible for delivering the targets.

The funding has been split in to two categories, £1million has been ring fenced to be invested in delivery of the LSP aims through the following Theme Partnerships:

- Community Safety Partnership
- Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership
- Environmental Sustainability Partnership
- Sustainable Growth Alliance Partnership
- Children's Trust
- Health & Wellbeing Partnership

The Small Grants Funding Programme has a fund of £300k available for investment in local communities.

Purpose of the Small Grants Funding Programme – This Fund is for projects that support the delivery of the [Sustainable Community Strategy](#) by building capacity in the community. These projects will enable community groups to gain the confidence and skills to participate more fully in society and to involve the local community in having a voice in local decision making.

Funding amount – The total budget is £300,000 over 2 years. There is a 50/50 capital and revenue split. This means £150,000 will be available for capital expenditure and £150,000 for revenue expenditure. Each application can be up to £5,000. Applications can be for capital expenditure, revenue expenditure or a mixture of both:

Capital expenditure is money spent on buying assets such as buildings, vehicles, office furniture, computers and equipment; works involving new construction or refurbishment.

Revenue expenditure is running costs such as staff salaries, training and travel costs, rent and rates, maintenance, insurance and office stationery.

Funding Criteria

Projects are invited which can demonstrate how they influence and make a difference to their local communities e.g.

- increasing the capacity within communities for volunteering opportunities,
- improving local technology or increasing the infrastructure for communication networks,
- working to improve the capacity of local business within the communities,
- supporting families or members of a disadvantaged group (e.g. older people, those with mental or physical disabilities) to become more involved in the community and improving their lifestyle.

This list is not exhaustive but provides a guide to the type of projects which can be awarded funding from this programme.

Organisations applying:

- must have a formal constitution / set of rules, though they do not need to be registered charities;
- must demonstrate evidence of community support;
- can do so at any time throughout the lifetime of the programme;
- must acknowledge Bath & North East Somerset Council support where possible;
- agrees that the ways in which the grants have been spent may be publicised, including on the Council's website;
- will be required to complete a monitoring and evaluation forms to show how, and when, results have been achieved as a result of receiving this money;
- will be required to return any unused funding to Bath & North East Somerset Council if it is not spent within a year;
- accepts that no grants will be awarded for a project which is already funded;
- will need to provide bank account details - grants cannot be paid into an individual (personal or business) account;
- understand B&NES Council will not process incomplete, or illegible, applications or those where the requested supporting documentation is missing. Any incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant unprocessed and as such will not be put forward for consideration for a grant until returned completed;
- are encouraged to apply in partnership with other groups, but one group will be required to take a lead for contact and payment purposes.

The fund opened for receiving applications on 1 April 2011.

Further information on the fund, together with full guidance and application form can be found on the website by visiting cef@bathnes.gov.uk, or by contacting the Funding and Programmes Team on 01225477278 or 01225477669 email cef@bathnes.gov.uk.

Susan Bowen
Funding and Programmes Manager
Policy and Partnerships
7 June 2011

**Parish Liaison Meeting
15th June 2011**

MOD Sites in Bath

Background

1. The Parish Liaison Meeting on the 9th June 2010 received a verbal update on discussions with the MOD regarding the future uses of their sites at Warminster Road, Foxhill and Ensleigh and the potential relocation of the 2800 staff that work there.
2. An MOD Bath Sites Working Group had been established and has continued to meet to keep the situation under review.

Current Position

3. By December 2011, 1,300 DE&S MOD posts will have co-located to the Abbey Wood complex in South Gloucestershire. As part of the ongoing Strategic Defence Services Review (SDSR) the MOD have indicated their intention of moving the remaining 1500 Central Administration posts to Abbey Wood.
4. This would release all three MOD sites for development. Currently the anticipated time frames are:
 - Warminster Road (4.34ha))
 - Foxhill (18.7ha)) 2013
 - Ensleigh (10.0ha)) Post 2018
5. Council Officers are continuing to liaise with the MOD over the future uses of their sites and it is understood the MOD have commenced discussions with the Homes & Communities Agencies over the disposal of their land.

Economic Impact

6. The Council is anxious to understand the potential economic and transportation impact of the proposed relocations and have asked for information on:
 - Postcode data for staff currently working on the three Bath Sites; initial data has been received which indicates that approximately 45% live within the boundaries of B&NES
 - The numbers of staff by function/type/grade
 - Local supply chain information; initial data is currently being analysed
7. It is anticipated that the majority of staff will transfer to Abbey Wood but Council Officers are seeking to establish the numbers of “non-mobile” staff who may need assistance in obtaining re-deployment.

8. A further meeting of the MOD Bath Sites Working Group is programmed for the 14th June and an update will be given at the Parish Liaison Meeting.

Development & Regeneration
June 2011

Briefing Note

Intended Consultations relating to the changes to the A and B roads speed limits

The Speed Limit Review of A & B roads has been completed, with a list of recommendations for speed limit changes across a number of roads in question. A summary of these recommendations was tabled at a previous Parish Liaison meeting (a further copy of this list is available if required).

Implementation of recommended changes is dependent on available funding. A sum of £25k is provisionally available in the current financial year to implement changes. Costs of amending or introducing speed limits include signage, and electrical supply where signs need to be lit, plus staff fees for design and consultation, legal fees, and costs of statutory advertisement associated with the Traffic Regulation Order required to amend or introduce a speed limit.

The £25k available will only fund a small proportion of the total list of recommendations, therefore the Design Group have been asked to prioritise the speed limits on a cost/benefit basis (the benefits measured on the likelihood of reducing casualties), and progress these in the current financial year. The prioritisation exercise is being carried out at present. Once identified, the relevant Parishes and elected members will be notified, and the proposed amendments will be promoted in the normal way, through informal and formal consultation with the Police, Parishes, local elected members etc, and public advertisement.

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Ward	Parish	Road	Section	Existing Limit	Proposed Limit	85%ile	Mean speed	Additional measures
Salt,Newton,Corston	Salford,Newton St Loe,Corston	A4 Bristol Road (Salford Hill to The Globe r/a)	E1	60	50	46	40.5	Extend 30mph limit to existing advisory limit
BAN	Bathford	A4 Bathford (Box Road Gardens to Box Bridge)	K	60	50	50.4	44.7	50 roundels, white lining measures
Twerton	Newton St Loe	A36 Lower Bristol Road (east bound approach to Bath)	A	60	No change	44.6	37	Advanced limit signing prior to the 30mph limit
Publow & Whitchurch	Publow	A37 Hursley Hill (from Ley-by to Penford 40 limit)	C	60	50	50.9	43.7	None
High Littleton	Farrington Gurney	A37 Bristol Road, Farrington Gurney (Village extents)	L	40	30	32.4	25.7	Gateway treatment
High Littleton	High Littleton	A39 Wells Road, Hallatrow (extend 30mph limit)	B	30	Extend 30			Extend 30 limit to cover Rosewell and Highbury Rd
High Littleton	High Littleton	A39 Hallatrow Hill (from Highbury Hill to Rosewell)	C	60	50	43	36	None
High Littleton	High Littleton	A39 (from High Littleton to Barrow Vale Farm)	E	60	50	45.8	38.2	None
Farmborough	Marksbury	A39 Bath Road, (from New Inn PH to Marksbury)	I	60	50	44.9	39.4	None
Farmborough	Corston	A39 Wells Road (from Corston to A4 junction)	P	60	50	41.9	36.2	None
High Littleton	Farrington Gurney	A362 Radstock Road (from Farrington Fields junction to Old Mills)	C	60	50	43.6	37.4	None
BAN	Kelston	A431 Kelston Road (from Floyd Farm to Kelston village)	B	60	50	44.5	42.7	Road markings:- roundels, edge lines
BAN	Kelston	A431 Kelston Road (Kelston village to Kelston Knoll)	D	60	50	42.1	37	Road markings:- roundels, edge lines. Extend 40 limit
BAW	Englishcombe,Combe Hay	A367 Fosseyway, (from recycling centre to north of Tunley)	C	60	50	48	38	None
Chew Valley South	Ubley	A368 Bath Road, Ubley (from N Somerset boundary to Ubley Saw Mill)	A	60	50	45.8	39.7	None
Chew Valley South	Ubley, Compton Martin	A368 Bath Road, Barrow Well (east of Cleave Hill)	C	60	50	46.8	40.6	Road markings:- roundels, white lines
Farmborough,Clutton	Chelwood, Marksbury	A368 Chelwood (between Chelwood village and Marksbury village)	M	60	50	51	44.5	Road markings:- roundels, warning signs
BAS	South Stoke,Hinton Charterhouse	B3110 Midford Road (at junction with Old Midford Road)	D/E	30/40	Extend 30			Extend 30 limit north of Old Midford Road junction
Timsbury, Farmborough	Timsbury, Farmborough	B3115 Hayeswood Road, Timsbury (from A39 junction to Timsbury)	A	60	50	45.5	39.2	None
BAW	Camerton, Dunkerton	B3115 Tunley Hill (from Meadgate East to Tunley Farm)	B	30	40	35.3	38	Tunley Hill length in Section C increase to 40mph limit
BAW	Dunkerton	A367 junction	C	60	50	49.4	41.3	Gateway treatment, road markings
Keynsham East	Keynsham	B3116 Wellsway, Keynsham (south of Keynsham to Burnett 40)	C	60	50	49.5	43.2	Road markings:- roundels, white lines
Farmborough	Compton Dando	B3116 Burnett Hill (Burnett to A39 junction)	E	60	50	51	45	Road markings:- roundels, white lines
Chew Valley North	Chew Magna	B3130 Chew Road, Chew Magna (from Newbridge Hse to Winford Road)	A	60	50	41	36.4	None
CYN,Clutton, P&Whit	Chew Magna,Stanton Drew,Publow	B3130 Stanton Road, Chew Magna (Sandy Lane junction to A37 junction)	E	60	50	46.2	39.6	Road markings:- roundels, white lines
Paulton, High Littleton	Paulton, High Littleton	B3355 Hallatrow Road, Paulton (from west of Butts Lane to Winford Road)	B	60	50	46.4	40.6	None
MSN Redfield	Norton Radstock	B3355 Silver St, Midsomer Norton (from The Gables to Somerset boundary)	F	60	50	42.1	35.9	Road markings:- roundels, edge lines
Lansdown	Lansdown	Lansdown Road, Bath (section past Park and Ride site)	C	60	50	53.4	46.4	Road markings:-roundels, white lining(central hatch), VAS
Lansdown	Lansdown	Lansdown Road, Bath (extend 40 to limit of MOD site extents)	D/E	30/40	Extend 40			Extend 40mph limit west of Ensieigh MOD entrance
BAW, Twert	Newton St Loe, Twerton	Pennyquick, Bath (from A4 junction at The Globe to Poolernead Rd junction)	A	60	50	42.8	37.2	Signing, lining improvements

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Progress on Bath Western Riverside project

1. Bath Western Riverside (BWR) is by far the largest single development opportunity in the Bath area, and is thus a key component in the Council's housing strategy. Outline planning permission for the majority of the residential part of BWR was granted on 23rd December 2010. The permission was accompanied by a S106 Agreement and this, together with the Conditions attached to the permission, will govern the manner in which the total of around 2000 residential units and ancillary uses will be developed over a period of possibly 10-12 years. The outline permission puts in place an approved Master Plan, together with Design Codes designed to secure the highest possible quality of development on this key strategic site. Further applications can be expected on a phased basis for the approval of the design details of the development (the "Reserved Matters").

2. In parallel with the outline permission detailed above, full planning permission was also granted on 23rd December 2010 (also subject to a S106 Agreement) for the initial phase of just under 300 residential units at the extreme eastern end of the BWR site. This was submitted as a free-standing application in order to allow Crest Nicholson to make the earliest possible start on site, and whilst various detailed matters are still the subject of negotiation between Officers and the developers, the development is now well advanced on site.

3. The initial stage of BWR now being implemented includes the principal vehicular access from Pinesway, and a significant number of Affordable Housing units (which are being provided by Crest Nicholson in partnership with Somer Housing Trust). The development also begins a phased package of infrastructure improvements in the area surrounding the BWR site, including decontamination of this former industrial land, highway improvements, enhanced public transport provision, improved access to the river, and in due course a replacement for the Destructor Bridge which links Upper and Lower Bristol Roads via Midland Road. The development of this first part of BWR represents an important step towards the successful delivery of the scheme as a whole.

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