

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 19th February, 2013

Present:- **Councillors** Simon Allen, Patrick Anketell-Jones, Rob Appleyard, Sharon Ball, Tim Ball, Colin Barrett, Gabriel Batt, Cherry Beath, David Bellotti, Sarah Bevan, Mathew Blankley, Lisa Brett, John Bull, Neil Butters, Bryan Chalker, Anthony Clarke, Nicholas Coombes, Paul Crossley, Gerry Curran, Sally Davis, Douglas Deacon, David Dixon, Peter Edwards, Michael Evans, Paul Fox, Andrew Furse, Charles Gerrish, Ian Gilchrist, Francine Haerberling, Alan Hale, Katie Hall, Liz Hardman, Nathan Hartley, Steve Hedges, Eleanor Jackson, Dave Laming, Malcolm Lees, Marie Longstaff, Barry Macrae, David Martin, Loraine Morgan-Brinkhurst MBE, Robin Moss, Paul Myers, Bryan Organ, June Player, Vic Pritchard, Liz Richardson, Manda Rigby, Caroline Roberts, Nigel Roberts, Dine Romero, Will Sandry, Brian Simmons, Kate Simmons, Jeremy Sparks, Ben Stevens, Roger Symonds, David Veale, Martin Veal, Geoff Ward, Tim Warren, Chris Watt and Brian Webber

Apologies for absence: **Councillors** Les Kew and Douglas Nicol

71 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure, as set out on the agenda.

72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Lew Kew and Doug Nicol

73 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Council's Monitoring Officer gave specific advice regarding declarations of interest in relation to the budget report.

Councillor Lorraine Morgan-Brinkhurst MBE declared an 'other' interest in agenda item 8 as the Council's representative on Bath Tourism Plus, as non-executive Director on Sirona Care and Health and as a member of the Bath in Bloom Committee.

Councillor Geoff Ward declared an 'other' interest in agenda item 8 as an Environmental Health practice professional.

Councillor Eleanor Jackson declared an 'other' interest in agenda item 8 as a Friend of Victoria Hall.

74 MINUTES - 8TH NOVEMBER 2012

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Eleanor Jackson, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of 8th November 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman made the following announcements;

1. He passed sympathies to those Members who had recently lost family members, mentioned the recent death of former mayor of Bath Ray Roseworn and asked the Council to stand in silence as a mark of respect following the recent death of former Councillor and Honorary Alderman Gordon Wood.
2. He checked that everyone had received copies of the supplementary information that had been circulated following the despatch of the agenda.
3. He asked everyone to turn their phones to off/silent and reminded members of the public that some Councillors were accessing their meeting papers on their iPads.
4. He referred to the agenda timings and asked everyone to keep contributions relevant and not to repeat comments already made.
5. He stated that he would announce a comfort break between 8pm and 9pm if the meeting did not appear to be near its conclusion by then.

76 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

77 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Statements to the meeting were made by the following people;

- Joanna and Beinn Wright and Mani Campion-Dye made statements in support of a skate park on the east side of Bath and presented a petition of 572 signatures. In response to a question from Paul Crossley as to whether the community would work with the Council to help raise funds, Joanna Wright responded that her husband was an ex-skater and would be happy to do so, as would many others in the community. Councillor John Bull referred to the site next to Lambridge training ground which Joanna Wright had mentioned as a possible site for a skatepark and asked whether they had approached Bath Rugby about it. Joanna Wright responded that it would be an ideal site on the right side of the road but they hadn't approached anyone about it yet. Councillor Bryan Chalker asked who had signed the petition and what kind of responses they had received from people. Joanna Wright responded that there were only 2 people had refused to sign due to concerns about noise. Generally people were positive – the key issue was about siting it in the right place. The statements are available online and copies have been placed on

the Minute book. The petition was referred to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

- David Redgewell from the South West Transport Network made a statement calling for the Council to work with the new Police Commissioner regarding the night bus network. He called for a co-ordinated approach with Bristol regarding night services in the south east Bristol area, eg; Brislington for which B&NES was the contract holder, and wanted consideration of buses until 3am. He also asked for a joined up approach for areas such as Whitchurch which is served by both Bristol and B&NES. The statement was referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport.

78 MEDIUM TERM SERVICE & RESOURCE PLANNING 2013/14 - 2015/16 & BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2013/14

The Council considered a report setting out the Cabinet's draft medium term financial plan, and revenue and capital budgets for the 2013/14 financial year together with a proposal for a Council tax level for 2013/14.

In addition to the reports circulated with the agenda, all Councillors received a copy of the draft minute of the Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) Panel meeting held on 11th February with the Panel's comments on the budget proposals. Councillors also received Appendix 6 – Formal Council Tax Setting resolutions (incorporating precepts from Parishes, Fire and Police), Cabinet's amendments from the 13th February Cabinet meeting and an Equalities update from the Monitoring Officer.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Francine Haeberling, it was **RESOLVED** that the Council suspends Council rule 42, Content and Length of Speeches, for the duration of this debate so as to enable variations to be permitted to the length of speeches by the Cabinet Member for Community Resources, the Conservative, Labour and Independent Groups and the Chair of the Resources Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel. During the debate, a motion was received from Councillor Paul Crossley that the meeting continue until 10.20pm in accordance with Council rule 48. This was accepted by the meeting.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

RESOLVED

1. To approve:
 - a. The General Fund net revenue budget for 2013/14 of £123.632m with no increase in Council Tax, and the savings proposals in Annex 2, Appendix 5, **with the exception of the proposed savings in Early Years and Children's centres of £273k and the substitution to balance the budget of funds received in the final settlement as a result of the redistribution of unallocated funding from the New**

Homes Bonus (£174k) and by drawing an additional £99k from the Council's Financial Planning Reserve and with the additional sum of £25,000 to establish a hardship fund for residents of Bath & North East Somerset Council to meet their Council tax costs on their main residence in the Council area for up to 6 months in the event that it becomes uninhabitable as a result of flood or fire. Funding of £25k to be made available for this purpose for 2013/14 with this amount being drawn from the Council's Financial Planning Reserve.

- b. That no Special Expenses be charged other than Town and Parish Council precepts for 2013/14.
 - c. The adequacy of reserves at Appendix 2 Table 9 with a risk-assessed level of £10.5m.
 - d. The individual service cash limits for 2013/14 summarised at Appendix 2 Table 5 and detailed in Annex 1.
 - e. That the specific arrangements for the governance and release of reserves, including invest to save proposals, be delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Resources and the Chief Executive.
2. To include in its Council Tax setting, the precepts set and approved by other bodies including the local precepts of Town Councils, Parish Councils and the Charter Trustees of the City of Bath, and those of the Fire and Police Authorities.
3. To note the Section 151 officer's report on the robustness of the proposed budget and the adequacy of the Council's reserves (Appendix 2, Annex 2) and approves the conditions upon which the recommendations are made as set out throughout Appendix 2.
4. That in relation to the capital budget the Council:
 - a. approves a capital programme of £59.036m for 2013/14 and notes items for provisional approval in 2013/14 and the programme for 2014/15 to 2017/18 as shown at Appendix 2, Annex 3 including the planned sources of funding .
 - b. approves the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as shown at Appendix 2, Annex 4
 - c. approves the Capital Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 2 Table 7.
5. To note the approach to Community Assets as set out in Appendix 2, Annex 6 and supports the progression of the Quick Wins identified in this Annex.
6. To note the Policy Development & Scrutiny review of Medium Term Service and Resource Plans and instructs the relevant officers to finalise these in

consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and in light of feedback from the PD&S reviews, and in line with the approved cash limits.

7. To agree the Council's proposed pay policy statement as set out at Appendix 5.
8. To approve the technical resolutions that are derived from the budget report, and all figures in that report, including the precepts for towns, parishes and other precepting bodies as set out in Appendix 6.
9. **To request that Cabinet, in order to retain the vital facility of public toilets in Weston, explores all alternative opportunities, including the new Tesco development, other community and commercial buildings and secures alternative facilities prior to the closing of the existing public toilets; and further that the heritage of the Larkhall Square toilets, dating back to 1907, and their strong links to Bath's World Heritage status should be recognised.**
10. To request that Cabinet review the arrangements for providing discretionary Council tax discounts in the above cases as part of the 2014/15 Council Tax Base setting process.
11. **To request that Cabinet implement additional free short-stay parking in Ashton Way car park or the Labbott car park for the duration of the period whilst the town hall car park is closed due to the town centre redevelopment and to allocate up to £100,000 from the Financial Planning Reserve to implement this.**
12. **To agree that the Early Years and Children's Centre savings in Years 2 and 3 are still subject to a detailed plan and would require a Budget vote in future years and that officers be instructed to provide a report to the Early Years Children and Youth PDS Panel to allow further consideration of the implications of these savings and for potential alternative options to be reviewed.**

THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX FOR 2013/14 AS INDICATED ABOVE AND ACCORDINGLY RESOLVES:

13. That the 2013/14 expenditure is funded as follows;

	Total £
2013/14 Gross Expenditure	303,498,010
2013/14 Income (service income and specific grants)	180,605,987
Core Funding:	
Revenue Support Grant	31,106,126
Retained Business Rates	20,261,686
Use of Reserves	14,191
Collection Fund Surplus	168,000
2013/14 Gross Income	232,155,990
Council Tax Requirement (excluding Parish Precepts)	71,342,020

14. That it be noted that

- a. on the 2nd January 2013 the Divisional Director of Finance (as authorised section 151 officer) agreed 59,360.17 Band D property equivalent as the Council Tax Base for the year 2013/14 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 35(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- b. The amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate is given as Annex 1 (1). *[Annex 1 (1) gives Band D Tax base by parish]*

15. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the 2013/14 financial year in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, as amended:

- a. **£305,542,728** (=£303,498,010 (gross expenditure) +£2,044,718 (Parish precepts)) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the 1992 Act. *[This is the gross expenditure incurred in performing functions and charged to the revenue account, contingencies for revenue, any financial reserves to be raised, financial reserves to meet prior year deficit not yet provided for, any amounts transferred from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with section 97(4) of the Local Government Finance 1988 Act, and any amounts transferred from general fund to collection fund under section 98(5) of 1988 Act.]*
- b. **£232,155,990** (gross income) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the 1992 Act. *[This is the income estimated to accrue which will be credited into the revenue account for the year in accordance with proper practices, any amounts transferred in the year from the collection fund to the general fund in accordance with section 97(3) of the 1988 Act, any amounts which will be transferred from the collection fund to the general fund pursuant to a direction under section 98(4) of the 1988 Act and will be credited to the revenue account for the year, and financial reserves used to provide for items in Section 31A(2)]*
- c. **£73,386,738** being the amount by which the aggregate at 15(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 15(b) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the 1992 Act as its **Council Tax requirement** for the year;
- d. **£ 1,236.30** being the amount at 15(c) above divided by the amount at 14(a) above, calculated in accordance with Section 31B of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year. *[This is the average Council tax including B&NES and parish precepts]*

- e. **£ 2,044,718** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the 1992 Act. *[This is the total of parish precepts]*
- f. **£1,201.85** being the amount at 15(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 15(e) above by the amount at 14(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates. *[This is the B&NES Council tax only excluding parish precepts]*
- g. The amounts given by adding to the amount at 15(f) above the amounts of special items or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 14(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate are given at Annex 1 (3). *[Annex 1 (3) gives the Band D Council tax for each area **including** the parish precepts]*
- h. The amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 15(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the 1992 Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands are given in Annex 1 (4). *[Annex 1 (4) shows the B&NES and parish Council Tax for all bands.]*

Precepting Authorities

- 16. That it be noted that for the year 2013/14 the Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset has determined the amount in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

17. Avon and Somerset Police Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£112.02	£130.69	£149.36	£168.03	£205.37	£242.71	£280.05	£336.06

- 18. That it be noted that for the year 2013/14 Avon Fire Authority met on 8th February 2013 to determine the amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

19. Avon Fire Authority Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£42.68	£49.79	£56.91	£64.02	£78.25	£92.47	£106.70	£128.04

20. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts 17, 19 and 15(h) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the 2013/14 financial year for each of the categories of dwellings shown, as listed in Annex 1 (5).

21. On average (for a Band D, 2 adult household) the Council Tax for 2013/14 will be as follows:

<i>Reference Band D 2012/13 £</i>		£ Band D 2013/14	% Increase on 2012/13
1,201.85	Bath and North East Somerset Council	1,201.85	0.00
33.62	Average Parish Precept	34.45	2.47
62.77	Avon Fire Authority	64.02	1.99
168.03	Avon and Somerset Police Authority	168.03	0.00
1,466.27	Total Tax charged	1,468.35	0.14

[Overall annual increase in average Band D Council Tax is £2.08]

22. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2013/14 is not determined to be excessive in accordance with principles approved under section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(Notes:

1. *The above motion was carried with 38 Councillors voting in favour, 24 Councillors voting against and 1 Councillor abstaining from voting.*
 - a. *An amendment to wording was suggested on behalf of the Labour group by Councillor Liz Hardman, seconded by Councillor John Bull, which was accepted by the mover and seconder of the motion. This wording is incorporated in bold in paragraph 1a. and paragraph 12 of the resolution above.*
 - b. *A further amendment to wording was suggested by Councillor Bryan Chalker on behalf of the Independent group, which was accepted by the mover and seconder of the motion. This wording is incorporated in bold in paragraph 9 of the resolution above.*
 - c. *A further amendment to wording was suggested by Councillor Liz Richardson on behalf of the Conservative group, which was accepted by the mover and seconder of the motion. This wording is incorporated and underlined in paragraph 1a and paragraph 10 of the resolution above.*
2. *An amendment was moved on behalf of the Conservative group by Councillor Marie Longstaff, seconded by Councillor Tim Warren. This wording is incorporated in bold in paragraph 11. The amendment was carried with 31 Councillors voting in favour, 30 Councillors voting against and 2 abstentions.*

3. *An amendment was moved on behalf of the Conservative group by Councillor Tim Warren, seconded by Councillor Alan Hale, to move the recommendations as printed with an amendment to paragraph 2.4 (a) to add the words "subject to the reduction of the provisionally approved proposal concerning gypsy and traveller sites by £1m and an allocation of an additional £1 million for full approval to the Highways Structural Maintenance programme. The amendment was not carried with 25 Councillors voting in favour and 38 voting against and no abstentions.*
4. *An amendment was moved by Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones, seconded by Councillor Martin Veal, on behalf of the Conservative group to request Cabinet to give serious consideration to various measures regarding access to the Victoria Art Gallery and whether Discovery card holders could continue to get free access with an increased fee for the Discovery card and proposals to include admission to the combined Roman Bath and Fashion Museum entry ticket. The amendment was not carried with 25 Councillors voting in favour and 38 voting against and no abstentions.*
5. *An amendment was moved by Councillor Martin Veal, seconded by Councillor David Veale, on behalf of the Conservative group to request Cabinet to use funds from the Financial Planning Reserve to enable the mobile library service to continue on the existing timetable until a full public consultation took place on this and proposals to close public toilets. The amendment was not carried with 25 Councillors voting in favour and 35 voting against and 3 abstentions.*
6. *During the debate, a short comfort break was taken.*

79 **TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14**

The Council considered a report setting out the draft Integrated Transport Improvement Capital programme for consultation. The programme of expenditure aims to develop the policies of the Joint Local Transport Plan in accordance with Government guidelines.

On a motion from Councillor Roger Symonds, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was **RESOLVED** (unan)

1. That the draft Transport Improvement Capital programme for 2013/14 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report is approved for consultation; and
2. To delegate to the Group Manager, Transport and Planning Policy, authority to alter the programme, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, as may prove necessary within the overall budget allocation.

80 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT & ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2013/14**

The Council considered a report which fulfils the Council's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to have regard to both the CIPFA Code and the CLG Guidance in approving the Treasury Management Strategy statement and the Investment Strategy.

The report had also been scrutinised by the Corporate Audit Committee (5th February 2013) and the Cabinet (13th February 2013).

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Will Sandry, it was

RESOLVED (unan)

1. That the actions proposed within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (Appendix 1) are approved;
2. That the Investment Strategy as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be approved; and
3. That the changes to the authorised lending lists detailed in Appendix 2 to the report and highlighted in Appendix 3 are approved.

81 NOMINATION OF COUNCIL CHAIR(MAN) DESIGNATE 2013/14

This report allows Council to indicate which Councillor is likely to take over as Chair(man) from the Annual General meeting in May. This allows advance planning of the Chair(man)'s diary but will still require a formal election to take place at the May meeting.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Francine Haeberling and with an indication of support from Councillors John Bull and Doug Deacon, it was

RESOLVED (unan) that Councillor Neil Butters be named as Chair(man) Designate for the 2013/14 Council year.

82 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none.

The meeting ended at 10.10 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

Prepared by Democratic Services

Hi my name is Beinn.

I am nine years old and I have lived in Larkhall all my life. I love skateboarding and so do lots and lots of my friends – ~~its~~ ~~cool~~. I have come to speak to you tonight on behalf of myself and all the other children on the east side of Bath, which number over a thousand.

I would really like a skate park on the east side of Bath. At the moment the closest skatepark is in Victoria Park. My Mum and Dad will not let me go on my own because they say it is too far. There is no direct bus route. I really want a skatepark I can get to.

The facilities at Victoria Park are quite limited, there is not much space and nowhere for children who are learning. If you are a beginner and not one of the older boys it is not a good place to skateboard.

At our local park - Alice Park - we are not allowed to skateboard on the footpaths and the only other bit of tarmac is the cycle track, which is for children much younger than me who are learning to ride a bike.

I sometimes skateboard on pavements, but you are not really allowed to and its dangerous with people and cars. There is nowhere safe for me to practice skateboarding.

I like skateboarding because its stops me staying inside and watching TV or playing computer games and I get to be with my friends. I also know lots of teenagers^{wh} like skateboarding and want a skatepark because it gives them somewhere to go to be together and it's a sport they actually think is cool.

I want a skateboard park as I want somewhere to go where I can use my energy make my body strong and really test my skills as well as being with a group of other skateboarders.

Please help me to build a skate park for young people on the East of Bath.

Thank you.

I would like to give you
copies of our ideas for a
skate park and a letter from
Dorset Police which supports the
value of a skatepark for young
people. These are with
Councillor Sarah Bevan

Skate Park Speech

MANI CAMPION-DYE

Mine is the first generation who have a lower life expectancy than their parents. My life, and my friends are the ones at risk. And this change in the general correlation between civilization and life expectancy is down to mainly one thing. And that thing is obesity.

The clinical meaning of obese is when the amount of excess body fat has the implications to cause health risks. If nothing is done to stop the rise in obesity, by 2050 over half of all men could be obese. Obesity affects everyone, because, not only is obesity dangerous to the people who are obese, but also the NHS spends over 6.2 billion pounds a year on treating disease caused by obesity. Some people would go as to say that obesity is bankrupting the NHS. In short, obesity is a massive problem, with its roots in exercise.

In the past, children would play for hours upon hours outside, simply because there was nothing else to do. However, in a typical afternoon with my friends, I would probably spend around two hours on the xbox. Games consoles are very popular, with people younger and younger beginning to play them, the time spent on the PS3 in place of that spent outside. ~~Over the past 20 years there has grown an unsubstantiated fear of kidnapping of paedophilia, and~~ parents are much more at rest with their child plugged into a television than they are with their children on the streets.

Most teenagers admit they are addicted to their phones and with the rise in mobile apps and gaming, people can be on screens practically the whole time. Screen obsession is what stops people from doing sport, from exercising as much.

There are sports which interest people: most of my friends attend at least one weekly sport club, but we need more than that. Some people, though the minority, can do something every day. But my parents, who both hold down jobs simply don't have the time to drive me across town twice a day, and I know many others are the same. Skating and activities like this should not and generally do not require a long drive; it should be something you can just do in your spare time, with a few mates.

Larkhall football club, £90 a year. Fencing at the university, from £100 to £200 a year, add £30 for equipment. Taekwondo, £180 a year. All these prices show that sport is not a cheap thing. Most middle-class families, however, can afford it. A less well-off family though, would find the costs prohibitive. A skate park would offer equal opportunities for everyone, as a cheap skateboard only costs around £10. Equal opportunities are one of the main messages being broadcasted today, and a skate park really does offer a cheap, easy alternative to organised sport, accessible to the everyone, all the time. ~~and would be in line with the government's new~~

~~People do walk around town, and occasionally to school. But this simply isn't enough to balance the amount of calories they are taking in.~~ Young people need a place to exercise, to socialise, and a skate park is exactly this kind of place. Victoria park has this kind of skate park, and whenever I go past it, there are always groups of skateboarders and cyclists, in a social and sporting environment. People are naturally lazy, and one of the reasons so many people attend football and rugby clubs is for the communal, social aspect. If the same kind of sporting environment could be put into Larkhall, people would go skating with friends.

Even if there are people within Larkhall who want to go skating- and we and many other people are living proof of that- it is often very difficult. My brother, for instance, bought himself a skateboard, after months of saving, and now he has it, it is near impossible to find a place to skate. As I said, skating is a social thing, and with a few people starting, their friends will join, creating a skating community.

Larkhall's very own skating community.

Thank you for listening

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physical activity will come.

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Bath is very proud of Amy Williams. Her gold medal was won because facilities were created at Bath University to allow her to train. Clearly sport offers great opportunities for life - and that is why I am asking you for the political will to build a skatepark. It will offer so many young children a community space in which to learn social skills, to develop personally, whilst keeping their bodies healthy. It is about inspiring and supporting confidence.

As Councillors I am aware that you are often asked to use your political will to help your community but as Cllr David Dixon says, constituents need to "manage their expectations". What I would like you to do is to look these two young people in the eye (and remember the thousand plus young people that they represent) and tell them that they need to manage their expectations, or to tell them - NEVER give up.

I am asking you for the will and the vision to support the creation of a skate park, to create a community space that will give many young people the chance to develop positive qualities, to stay fit and learn lessons they can take with them through life.

Thank you for listening

UPDATE REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2013

Agenda Item 8 – MTSRP & Budget Report

A CABINET AGREED CHANGES TO WORDING AND CONTENT

1. Page 23, final paragraph – to replace the word “significant” with the word “some”.
2. Page 25, first bullet – to replace “£33 million” with “£34 million”.
3. Page 53, final paragraph – to replace “provisional” with “Fully Approved”.
4. Page 55, insert following sentences before the title “Flood Risk Management”
- “The following projects have received approval for the use of £11.2m of Revolving Investment Funding from the West of England LEP to support the delivery of this infrastructure to enable development of sites within the Bath City Riverside Enterprise Area. This funding will be repaid from developer and related contributions once the relevant developments are completed.”
5. Page 112, to delete the existing proposal for a saving of £50k in 2013/2014 relating to Waste Recycling Centres and replace with “Waste Grant Funding will be used to protect existing recycling centre opening hours for the 3 year period of this MTSRP. There is therefore no impact to service delivery”.
6. Page 129, to add the following text as para 5.3 – “The savings identified in para 5.1 above are anticipated to be a net revenue saving position across all Council owned assets, after taking account of any costs which may arise as a result of the Community Asset “Quick Wins” identified in this paper.
7. Page 134, to add the following sentence after the existing paragraph under “Climate Change” – “The Council will also seek to recognise the potential impacts of weather related events like flooding for Council service areas including Environmental Services, Sustainability and Emergency Planning.”
8. To include an item in the proposed use of “One-off Headroom Allocations” funded by the Financial Planning Reserve as set out on page 41 as follows:
 - £15,000 to protect the funding for the Wheels for All event for 2013/2014
9. On Page 67, Table 8, last column, change the figure -3,815 to -3,830 and 2,754 to 2,739.

B EQUALITIES - UPDATE NOTE FROM MONITORING OFFICER

As a supplement to section 11 of the report, the Council is reminded of its responsibilities in respect of the Public sector Equality Duty;-

1. It is unlawful to discriminate against an individual because of their protected characteristics (Equality Act 2010).
2. The equality duty requires that equality issues are integrated into day-to-day council business. Compliance with the duty is a legal obligation; primary decision makers must, in the exercise of our functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - **Eliminate unlawful discrimination**, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - **Advance equality of opportunity** between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - **Foster good relations** between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
3. Having due regard for advancing equality involves:
 - Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics.
 - Taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people.
 - Encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.
4. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, sexual orientation, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnership.

The equalities issues arising from the budget proposals have been analysed and statements prepared. These are available for viewing at;

(<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/your-council-and-democracy/equality-anddiversity/equality-impact-assessments/financial-pla>).

Members should read these carefully and consider whether, bearing in mind the duties outlined above, they are satisfied that the proposals are consistent with their duty. In assessing this, members need to look at the overall financial context and consider the cumulative impact of the savings proposals being put forward.