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**To: All Members of the Economic and Community Development Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**

Councillor Robin Moss
Councillor Ben Stevens
Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones
Councillor Brian Simmons
Councillor Michael Evans
Councillor Lisa Brett
Councillor Manda Rigby

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

**Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel:
Thursday, 12th July, 2012**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Economic and Community Development Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Thursday, 12th July, 2012 at 1.00 pm** in the
Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Jack Latkovic
for Chief Executive

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**Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel -
Thursday, 12th July, 2012**

at 1.00 pm in the Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 6.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

At the time of publication no notifications had been received.

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 24TH MAY 2012 (Pages 5 - 14)

To confirm the minutes of the above meeting as a correct record.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN: HELPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE (30 MINUTES)
(Pages 15 - 24)

This report highlights how the work of the Community Safety Partnership helps support the most vulnerable in our communities.

The Panel is requested:

- To note the work of the Community Safety Partnership to support and reassure vulnerable people.
- To examine and test this work and its outcomes and wider impacts.
- To note the Government's proposed new tools and powers for anti-social behaviour and crime.
- To make any recommendations to Cabinet or the Responsible Authorities Group.

9. BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET INDEPENDENT BUSINESS SECTOR STUDY (30 MINUTES) (Pages 25 - 28)

In March 2012 a study was commissioned to provide an evidence-based insight into the 'Independent Business Sector' in Bath and North East Somerset's economy. The 'Independent Business Sector' is defined as the sector of the economy which comprises all those private sector businesses which are not owned or controlled by another company.

The study aims to explore the direct contribution of the Independent Sector to Bath and North East Somerset's economy in terms of economic output, employment and incomes as well as some information about indirect contributions through the supply chain.

The study will also provide an insight into how much 'leakage' exists within the independent and non-independent sectors e.g. the amount of their economic contribution which 'leaks out' of the B&NES economy and into economies located elsewhere.

This report invites the panel to hear the detail of the study and discuss options for supporting the independent sector going forward.

10. WORKPLAN (Pages 29 - 34)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Jack Latkovic who can be contacted on 01225 394452.

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday, 24th May, 2012

Present:- Councillors Robin Moss (Chair), Ben Stevens (Vice-Chair), Patrick Anketell-Jones, Brian Simmons, Michael Evans, Lisa Brett and Manda Rigby

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were none.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

There were none.

5 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There was none. The Chairman informed the meeting that agenda item 9 (River Corridor Group Report) will be discussed straight after the minutes of the last meeting.

6 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

The Chairman informed the meeting that members of the public who wish to address the Panel will have the opportunity to do so before the relevant agenda item.

7 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 22ND MARCH 2012

The Panel confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record and they were duly signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

- Minute 67, page 11 – In the debate there was a lot of ‘neighbouring’ reference. Instead it should say ‘**neighbourhood**’.

The Panel also asked if the Cabinet responded to the specific request of the Panel on page 12, recommendation 3 (*‘Ask the Cabinet to consider updating the Economic Development Strategy according to the powers that the Localism Act gives to Local Authorities, in particular to lower business rates when considering investment in regeneration areas (e.g. London Road)*). The Chairman responded that he was not aware that the Cabinet responded so the Chairman asked the Democratic Services Officer to follow up on that request and update the Panel accordingly.

The Chairman informed the Panel on the latest around consultation on Justice Bench Mergers. The Chairman reminded everyone that the Panel was concerned that they didn't have enough time to consider the proposal and also that invited representatives from Justices Issues Group could not make it for the last meeting. The Panel therefore concluded that Bath and North East Somerset, as Local Authority, could respond to the letter from Justices Issues Group (JIG). The Chairman informed the meeting that the Council received a letter back from the JIG in which they answered a number of questions although the Panel, or the Council, did make any questions. The last sentence in the letter says 'We are due to make our decision on merger on the 11 May and it would help me (Jeremy Williams JP - Justices Issues Group Chairman) if you were able to indicate before that date if this letter addresses in the main your concerns.' The Chairman said that even though that we passed that date the answer is 'no'. It wasn't consultation process that gave the opportunity to the Panel to take part in it. The Chairman suggested that this message be communicated with Chief Executive, John Everitt, to respond.

The Panel agreed with Chairman's suggestion and made the following recommendation:

- The Panel is not necessarily against the merger in principle but they are not able to support it due to inadequate information.

8 RIVER CORRIDOR GROUP REPORT (30 MINUTES)

The Chairman said that the Panel received the report on this issue and number of submissions from other interested parties and individuals were submitted. The Panel felt that, considering the amount of detail, information and work outlined in the report, it wouldn't be in position to do the report justice within allocated 30 or 60 minutes for this item. Therefore the Panel deferred this particular report for a special meeting of the Panel (date to be confirmed).

The Panel requested that the report be broken down in 'bite-sized chunks' (economic development, river safety, housing, major projects, environmental, etc.) so the Panel could give the adequate scrutiny to it. The Panel will set the date of the special meeting.

Councillor Cherry Beath (Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development) said that the report was around for a few months now and that she would appreciate if the Panel have this report on the agenda as soon as possible. Councillor Beath said that this report is quite big with a very wide remit. The Panel needs to look what is manageable, what is the future and listen to the River Corridor Group, whose

members are quite enthusiastic about this subject, rather than drill into the huge amount of detail.

David Langman () echoed on what Councillor Beath said and added that the report was prepared by non-Council group and not by Major Projects officers, therefore it was difficult to guide an external report. David Langman suggested that the officers meet with the Panel's representatives and hold informal briefing to help shape the format of the special meeting. David Langman also suggested that the chair of the River Corridor Group be present at that briefing.

The Chairman thanked David Langman for this suggestion by saying that it would be helpful getting together with Major Projects officers and move forward this matter.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the agenda item 'River Corridor Group Report' for a special meeting of the Panel (date of the meeting to be confirmed).

9 CABINET MEMBER UPDATE (15 MINUTES)

The Chairman invited Councillor Cherry Beath to address the Panel with her Cabinet Member update.

Councillor Beath highlighted the following points in her update:

- Economic Development
 - Officially approved the Guildhall Hub - £500k provisionally allocated
 - Record number of business start-ups in March (95%) and there are around 155 start-ups in BANES as a whole. 2% more than the previous year. Higher than London.
 - Demand registration for the BDUK continues. Over 21,000 people are taking part and we are lining up 2 suppliers but due commercial sensitivity we can't discuss in more detail.
 - There had been some funding given out via the Community Empowerment fund performance and we were able to give out £15k for training to over 600 people in low carbon technology.
 - £84-85k goes towards funding to develop low carbon skills academy in BANES.
 - The Government put forward criteria for small cities for broadband fund. We are arguing the case but under the criteria Bath does not qualify as you have to have 45,000 residencies/dwellings whilst Bath has 38,000. The Leader of the Council has written to put forward our case.

The Chairman asked about the BDUK broadband investment and potential conflict with European law where state aid investment superseding private sector investment could cause an issue and whether that was resolved.

Councillor Beath responded that she was not sure if that was resolved. The process is still on and it has been a hold up. It is a national issue.

John Wilkinson (Economic Enterprise & Business Development Manager) added that the issue has not been resolved yet.

Councillor Beath welcomed the outcome of the Graduates Retention Scrutiny Inquiry Day and said that if the Panel resolve to put recommendations to the Cabinet then they, the Panel, have to suggest where the funding will come from - whether it is from existing funding or from additional one.

Councillor Evans said that at one of the partnership meetings there was a presentation about creating business hub in Radstock in the same way as the one in Guildhall and asked what happened to that idea.

Councillor Beath said that the straight answer is that she doesn't know. Councillor Beath heard that the idea of hubs floated around and the Cabinet listened and looked the evidence. There was a clear demand for something in the city centre. It would be useful to see how this model is doing and then consider other areas, as long as future hubs will prove to be sustainable.

Councillor Anketell-Jones asked about Bath Western Riverside problem with the gas infrastructure on that site and possibility of further delay. Councillor Anketell-Jones asked if there was an optimistic forecast on this matter.

Councillor Beath replied that the Bath Western Riverside matter is within Housing and Major Projects Scrutiny Panel and that she couldn't comment on that but that she couldn't say any more due to commercial sensitivity.

- Tourism -
 - Nationally there is a confused position on how many beds are booked and where is the spend coming from. We do not have all the figures due to commercial sensitivity. But we do have generally good picture that people are going for cheaper options.
 - Torch relay that happened on Wednesday 23rd May had approximately 65,000 people on the streets.
 - Quite a number of events and festivals are happening in Bath.
 - In 2011 we had highest numbers of visitors in Roman Bath.
 - Roman Bath Kitchen opening for public on Friday 25th May with official opening in June.
 - Lot of films are filming in Bath.

The chairman thanked Councillor Beath for her update.

It was **RESOLVED** to note verbal update from Councillor Beath.

10 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN: POLICE PERFORMANCE UPDATE AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) - NIGHT TIME ECONOMY (30 MINUTES)

The Chairman invited Andrew Cooper (Bath City Centre Manager) to give a presentation about Business Improvement District - Nightwatch.

Andrew Copper highlighted the following points in his presentation:

- What Nightwatch are?
- Who is participating?
- How the scheme is working?

- Going forward

A copy of the presentation from Andrew Cooper is available on the minute book in Democratic Services.

Andrew Cooper said that the scheme is a similar scheme to the scheme that shops have to combat daytime shoplifting. Nightwatch scheme is bringing pubs and clubs together to combat the Anti-Social Behaviour in night time. It is happening now due to enthusiasm of few who are paying for additional marshals on the streets and also as a result of the involvement of technology. Night marshals are working together with the Police. Pubs and clubs are also meeting and sharing information.

There is a digital network across the city to enable multiple channels. One channel is dedicated to pubs and clubs which is also listened by the Police and Nightwatch. The technology is also linked to the CCTV. There are 620 businesses in the BID area of which about 40 licences signed up to this scheme. Marshals patrol in taxi ranks and also from pub to pub. What we try to do now is to provide uniform for staff of Nightwatch.

Street urinating is still a big issue. It is not issue only for Bath but for almost all cities. The aim now is to take on board all licensing premises in the BID area.

The Panel made the following points:

The Panel asked if some of the licensing premises have the obligation to sign up to the scheme.

Andrew Cooper confirmed that is the case.

Some Panel Members commented that the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in their Wards, which are in the city, is on the decrease, especially during the night time.

Some Panel Members said that it would be interesting to know BID's take on Police Reform and Social Responsibility, in particular in connections with night revenue on premises.

The Panel asked Geoff Spicer (Chief Superintendent) about the statistics on public's confidence in the Police.

Geoff Spicer replied that Avon and Somerset Police is one of the top performing in the country.

The Panel asked about the level of the CCTV coverage in the city.

Geoff Spicer replied that he is absolutely happy with it. Highly qualified CCTV operators are working together with Police officers and have access to Police records.

The Panel asked about the ASB statistics.

Geoff Spicer responded it depends what the request for statistics is- is it on victims or what satisfaction is about the ASB. There was definitely a reduction in ASB cases.

The Chairman thanked Geoff Spicer on the presentation and congratulated him on his promotion to Chief Superintendent.

Sue Dicks informed the Panel that she made contact with the Museums and also with some Council buildings (Guildhall), one-stop shop, other organisations and businesses (Police, Fire, Pump Room, Art Galleries, etc) about the display of yellow stickers (mark of the Community Safety Zone for people with learning disabilities). Sue Dicks will be looking to establish this scheme across the city and she will meet with Pippa Farrell (from 'Your Say' Advocacy Service) in June to discuss further actions with the deadline set to be August.

The Chairman thanked everyone who participated in this debate.

It was **RESOLVED** to note presentation from Andrew Cooper and updates from Geoff Spicer and Sue Dicks.

11 BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET'S TOURISM PERFORMANCE (25 MINUTES)

The Chairman invited David Lawrence (Divisional Director for Tourism, Leisure and Culture) to give the presentation.

David Lawrence circulated updated cover report before his presentation (attached as Appendix to these minutes).

David Lawrence gave a presentation where he highlighted the following points:

- 2012 tourism season
- Attractions
- Footfall
- Car Parks
- Retail and Night-time
- Property
- Hotels
- Currency Fluctuations; and
- B&NES Response

A full copy of the presentation from David Lawrence is available on the minute book in Democratic Services.

At this point of the meeting Councillor Ben Stevens took the Chair from Councillor Robin Moss who had to leave the meeting due to private matters.

The Panel made the following points:

The Panel asked if there is a decline of tourists from Europe (due to weak Euro) do we have to change our strategy in tourism to Asia, in particular to China. The Panel

also asked about the film festival dates and asked if those could be changed in the calendar considering that they are quite late in the year.

David Lawrence responded that we did look into generating interest between tourists from Asia but what tends to happen is that there are so many Asian families already based in Britain and we have strong Asian visitor block. In Russia we have raised some interest and Russian Olympic Athletic team will be coming in August and we will build marketing programme around that. In Brazil we also raised some interest in connection with Paralympics. Film festival is run by third party organisation and they have their own thoughts when they want to run. We can only influence it if we have some resources for that, which we unfortunately don't have.

Councillor Beath added that we struggle with budgets all the time and we would need firm arguments for allocating resources on this issue.

The Panel asked if the increase in footfall in Bath (6% up) indicates an economic uplift.

David Lawrence said that those two are not necessarily related - people not necessarily purchase goods whilst on visit here. What tends to happen is that people visit Bath, eat at coffee shops or restaurants and leave.

The Panel asked if there is any measurement to the night-time economy contribution to the overall economy.

David Lawrence responded that it would be for Economic Development to respond to that question.

The Panel agreed to look into night-time economy (post-midnight economy) contribution to overall economy.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the presentation and for the Panel to receive a report on the Post-Midnight Economy and its contribution to overall economy.

12 FUTURE BUSINESS SUPPORT (20 MINUTES)

Councillor Ben Stevens invited John Wilkinson to give the presentation.

John Wilkinson gave the presentation where he highlighted the following points:

- Context
- Impact of start up support
- Start-up data – some good news!
- The Council's Role?
- Future support
- National offer
- Local growth support
- Generic start up support
- Physical space
- Publicising the offer
- Conclusions

A full copy of the presentation is available on the minute book in Democratic Services.

The Panel made the following points:

Councillor Stevens said that under the Localism Act the Council will have control over bigger percentage of business rates and amount of start-ups is even more important and asked if the strategy changed in the light of that.

John Wilkinson responded said that from finance perspective we have to have start-ups because of that issue. There was a discussion in the Government about the Local Government Finance Review which indicates that Local Authorities will have to keep something like 50% business rates.

Councillor Beath said that clearly this needs to be discussed with Resources in terms of clarifying what start-ups are.

The Panel asked if there is a proper plan for the provision of physical space for businesses in the area.

John Wilkinson replied that we are trying to provide appropriate space for all stages of business growth. We try to provide for very early stage of the business. Some places in Bath and Business Centre in Midsomer Norton provide even bigger spaces. This is why we are desperate to bring forward Enterprise Areas to provide further space to grow if they are successful (provision of really good office model space).

Some Members of the Panel commented that Midsomer Norton area seem to lose a lot of employment space on regular basis.

John Wilkinson said that the team want to look at the demand in the area and what would be the best location to meet that demand. John Wilkinson also said that he was at very early stage on that matter.

The Panel asked if anyone looked at small business loans matched by the Council. John Wilkinson said that through the Local Strategic Partnership performance reward grant funding, which is recently announced, we felt that it was a bit of gap in low finance for start-ups and there isn't a deliverer of community development finance in BANES but there is in Bristol called Bristol Enterprise Fund. We spoke with them and there is a little bit of money which is been allocated from performance reward grant for the Bristol Enterprise Fund to start delivering small loans fund in BANES. It is small money but it is a start, small loans of around £2,000. The Economic Development Team would welcome pushing this agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the presentation.

13 UPDATE ON THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY DAY: THE BENEFIT OF JOINT WORKING TO RETAIN GRADUATES IN BANES (10 MINUTES)

Councillor Ben Stevens said that it was successful day and thanked Donna Vercoe and Lauren Rushen (from Policy Development and Scrutiny Team) for their contribution to this event.

Councillor Stevens invited the Panel to go through each recommendation and comment on it.

The Panel was also informed that some of the recommendations in the report are already happening (such as recommendations 2.3 and 2.5).

The Panel **AGREED** with all recommendations as printed with the following amendments and additional recommendation:

- Recommendation 2.4 – To add in the final sentence - ‘This must include marketing **strategy developed to make sure that we advertise Bath to people who potentially want to settle here as a place to do business** beyond the West of England boundaries ...’
- Recommendation 2.6 – To re-iterate the urgency for that recommendation.
- Recommendation 2.9 – Cabinet to look into ways of facilitating better access to banking/finance forum locally.
- New recommendation 2.10 – Cabinet should look into whether it is possible to add entrepreneurs and small business start-up people into the key worker group so they are preferred to have access to affordable rent and housing.

14 WORKPLAN

It was **RESOLVED** to note the workplan with the following addition:

- Post-Midnight Economy and its contribution to overall economy (date to be confirmed).

The meeting ended at 3.55 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

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Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING:	Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	12 July 2012
TITLE:	Community Safety Plan: Helping Vulnerable People
WARD:	ALL
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
APPENDIX ONE: Briefing Note for Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	
APPENDIX TWO: Diagram setting out revised tools and powers to tackling Anti Social Behaviour	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report highlights how the work of the Community Safety Partnership helps support the most vulnerable in our communities.
- 1.2 The Panel will be invited to test and scrutinise this work

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is requested

- 2.1 To note the work of the Community Safety Partnership to support and reassure vulnerable people.
- 2.2 To examine and test this work and its outcomes and wider impacts
- 2.3 To note the Government's proposed new tools and powers for anti-social behaviour and crime.
- 2.4 To make any recommendations to Cabinet or the Responsible Authorities Group.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report. Funding for the various projects highlighted come from a mix of specific Community Safety budgets and mainstream partner budgets. However, funding for a number of important services relating to support for vulnerable people will transfer to the Police and Crime Commissioner in April 2013 and this is a key issue for consideration. These changes, combined with pressure on overall Council community safety budgets, have led to the need for increased targeting of funding along with still greater focus on achievement and outcomes and it is expected that this trend will continue as resources tighten.

4 THE REPORT

4.1 Helping vulnerable people is embodied in the local priorities of the Community Safety Plan and the following themes :

- Reducing antisocial behaviour - *putting victims, witnesses and communities first*
- Create a safe, strong and vibrant city economy
- Minimise harm from substance misuse
- Increase protection of the most vulnerable victims of crime – domestic violence and abuse, sexual abuse and hate crime
- Reduce crimes of local concern
- Safeguard young people – prevent them becoming victims or perpetrators of crime

4.2 The attached briefing note sets out how these themes prioritise the needs of the most vulnerable. In doing so it highlights services and projects which support victims of domestic violence and abuse, help victims of anti-social behaviour and hate crime and provide support to young people and students. It includes summaries of a range of services alongside achievements and outcomes

4.3 Appendix Two summarises the government's proposed new tools and powers to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime, The Panel will also be updated on what we are doing locally in preparation for these changes.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance. There is a specific risk identified relating to the Government's proposal to transfer the current Home Office Community Safety Fund to the Police and Crime Commissioner from April 2013. There are potential opportunities for securing increased outcomes through a more integrated approach to supporting victims across the Avon and Somerset area. Discussions are taking place with the Police Authority on this and clarification from Home Office on funding is expected.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 Promoting equality and opportunity for all groups and individuals across the equality strands and promoting community cohesion is integral to this work.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Strategic Director- Resources; Divisional Director, Policy and Partnerships; Chair and Vice Chair of PDS Panel

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 Community Safety, Section 17 and 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998; Other Legal Considerations

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication

Contact person	Sue Dicks, Community Safety Manager - 01225 477415 Sue_dicks@bathnes.gov.uk
Background papers	White Paper: 'Putting victims first - more effective responses to antisocial behaviour'-
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Briefing Note for Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Community Safety: Help for vulnerable people and communities

1. Background

This briefing note summarises key activities in Bath and North East Somerset which aim to help vulnerable people and communities, particularly in relation to Community Safety. These contribute to delivering the priorities for our communities included within the Community Safety Plan for Bath and North East Somerset. The briefing does not aim to be comprehensive but it does seek to demonstrate how the needs of the most vulnerable are being addressed across all of the Partnership's priorities.

The Partnership aims to have a positive impact on people's lives, with an increasing focus on protecting the most vulnerable. For example, working with the Council's Public Protection team, we have initiated work to help raise awareness of "scam mail" here in Bath and North East Somerset, following well-documented national cases of the devastating impact this can have on people's lives.

In the sections below we set out, under each of the Partnership's priorities, more examples of outcomes from this work and also identify specific projects.

2. PRIORITY: Increase protection of the most vulnerable victims of crime – domestic violence and abuse, sexual abuse and hate crime

Key Outcomes

- Southside Family Project's Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) Service supports over 3,800 vulnerable people a year. The impact of this work can be seen on this video called "Lisa's Story"

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/changinglives/feelingSafer.shtml>

- The Case Review Panel (CRP) acts on hate crime cases through joint working with local agencies and groups such as Support Against Racist Incidents, Educational Action Challenging Homophobia and Victim Support.
- "Safe Zones" for people with learning disabilities are being extended to promote reassurance

Tools and projects- some examples

Extra home security	Removal of hate crime graffiti
Advice and support	Mediation
Specialist Domestic Violence Court	Sexual Assault Referral Centre

3. PRIORITY: Reducing antisocial behaviour - putting victims, witnesses and communities first

Key Outcomes

- All victims of Anti Social Behaviour receive an action plan, agreed with them, are kept up to date on progress.
- Every high risk victim has an intensive case management plan.

- Overall in the twelve month period 1st September 2010 to 31st August 2011 there was a 12% reduction in calls to Police relating to ASB

Tools and projects- some examples

Enforcement	IDPARTNERS- working with local communities to address concerns
Victim Advocates	Restorative Justice
Support for witnesses	

4. PRIORITY: Create a safe, strong and vibrant night time economy

Key Outcomes

- Bath city centre has gained a “Purple Flag” award. to reflect work in the night-time economy
- The current taxi marshall service sees around 150,000 people home safely every year: this project also leads to reductions in visits to A and E through access to an ambulance service

Tools and projects- some examples

Enforcement	CCTV
.Street Pastors	Midsomer Norton Community Alcohol Partnership

5. PRIORITY- Minimise harm from substance misuse

Key Outcomes

- 734 drug users into drug treatment support services
- 83% were retained in treatment for 12 weeks and 125 discharged drug free

Tools and projects- some examples

Project 28- local drug and alcohol treatment service for young people.	“Brief interventions” for alcohol awareness
Alcohol Treatment Requirements	Alcohol and drug awareness campaigns

6. PRIORITY- Reduce crimes of local concern - tackling re-offending

Key Outcomes

- Since 2008 there has been a noticeable decrease in overall crime, particularly acquisitive crime
- A multi-agency Integrated Offender Management unit -locally known as IMPACT and based in Bath Police station

Central to this approach are ‘the nine pathways out of offending’ set out below

Accommodation	Mental and physical health
Alcohol	Children and families
Employment, learning and skills	Drugs
Finance, benefits and debt	Attitudes, thinking and behaviour
Women offenders	

7. PRIORITY: Safeguard young people – prevent them becoming victims or perpetrators of crime

Key Outcomes

- The YOT Family Intervention Project provides a “whole family” approach to working with young people currently in the youth justice system whose needs have not been successfully addressed by individual interventions from a wide range of agencies.

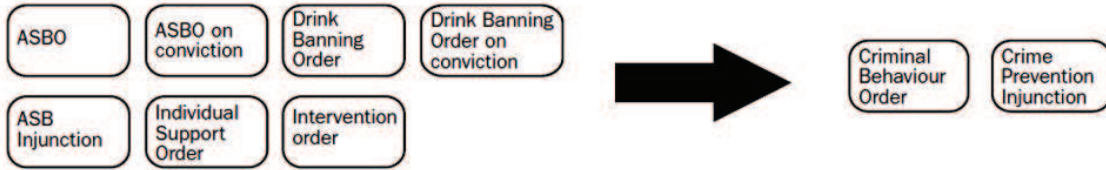
Tools and projects- some examples

School” buddies”	Student Watch in both Universities
	“Future Fund” for young people

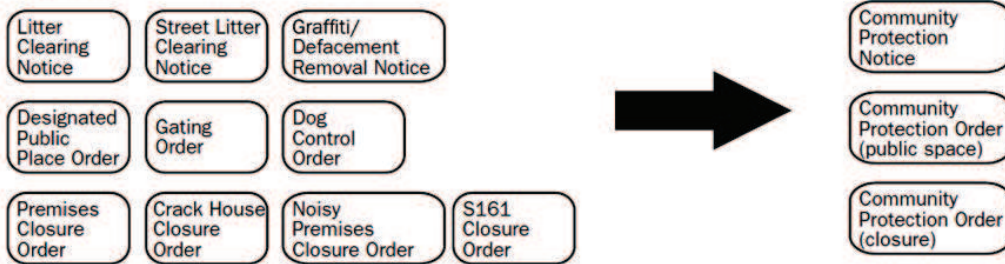
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People



Places



Police powers



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Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING:	Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	14 th July 2012
TITLE:	Bath and North East Somerset Independent Business Sector Study
WARD:	ALL
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 In March 2012 a study was commissioned to provide an evidence-based insight into the 'Independent Business Sector' in Bath and North East Somerset's economy
- 1.2 The 'Independent Business Sector' is defined as the sector of the economy which comprises all those private sector businesses which are not owned or controlled by another company
- 1.3 The study aims to explore the direct contribution of the Independent Sector to Bath and North East Somerset's economy in terms of economic output, employment and incomes as well as some information about indirect contributions through the supply chain
- 1.4 The study will also provide an insight into how much 'leakage' exists within the independent and non-independent sectors e.g. the amount of their economic contribution which 'leaks out' of the B&NES economy and into economies located elsewhere
- 1.5 This report invites the panel to hear the detail of the study and discuss options for supporting the independent sector going forward

2 RECOMMENDATION

The panel is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 It receives and comments on a presentation providing an insight into the Independent Business Sector in Bath and North East Somerset

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This commission was paid for from the department's 2011/12 budget. There are no additional financial implications from this report.
- 3.2 The Economic, Enterprise and Business Development Service Delivery Plan for 2012/13 contains a budget allocation to provide a business support service.
- 3.3 A recommendation from the Panel to pursue any particular option in addition to the Service Delivery Plan does not cause a financial commitment for the Council to include the objectives within a Service Delivery Plan. Any decision to pursue an additional option will be considered as part of the MTSRP process and will be considered in light of the Council's considerable financial pressures.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 The 'Independent Business Sector' in B&NES can be defined most simply as the sector of the B&NES economy which is made up of 'locally-owned businesses'. In stricter terms, it can be defined as:

'the sector of the economy which comprises all those privately-owned businesses in B&NES which are not publicly owned through shares on the market, and which are not owned or controlled by another company (or head office of the same company), which is located outside of B&NES'

- 4.2 The most common form of Independent business in B&NES is the sole-proprietorship. However, it is also likely that there are some larger Independent businesses in B&NES, with relatively large numbers of employees. The head office of a privately-owned business residing within B&NES is regarded, under this definition, as an Independent business.
- 4.3 Conversely, all those businesses which are publicly owned, or are owned or controlled by another company (or head office) located outside of B&NES, can be termed the 'Non-Independents Sector'. The 'Non-Independents' most commonly take the form of corporate chains or conglomerates.
- 4.4 In terms of the most common form of independent business, the sole-proprietorship, B&NES is home to some 5,800 working proprietors. B&NES has a slightly higher proportion of working proprietors than the West of England and England, but a slightly lower proportion than found regionally across the South West of England. Within B&NES, the analysis of working proprietors suggests that the B&NES rural area is characterised by far higher proportions of some of the very smallest of independent enterprises.
- 4.5 The crucial economic contribution of these smallest of businesses in B&NES should not be under-estimated; growth in working proprietors during the economic downturn has more than offset the small decline in employees experienced and has actually been entirely responsible for employment growth in B&NES during this period. Driving this growth has been considerable growth of working proprietors in the Creative Industries, Accommodation, Management Consultancy, Retail and Architectural and engineering activities.
- 4.6 Turning away from working proprietors, to look at the entire business stock, it can be shown that around 7,500 of the 9,000 businesses in B&NES are Locally-Owned (84% of the business stock). Just 16% of businesses in B&NES are Not Locally-Owned. Locally-Owned businesses account for almost two thirds (64%) of private sector employment in

B&NES, almost two thirds (65%) of its GVA output, and more than two thirds of its Incomes (67%). However, they account for just 59% of turnover. The disparity between GVA and Turnover contribution suggests that, on average, Locally-Owned Businesses are located in higher value added sectors than Non-Local Businesses. In fact, the average Locally-Owned Business generates £44,000 per annum in GVA whilst the average Non-Local Business generates just £41,000 (almost 10% lower).

4.7 Studies in the US in the retail sector suggest that spending in Locally-Owned Businesses generates four times as much further local spend through the supply chain than the same equivalent spending in Non-Local Businesses. A UK study found that, in the tourism industry, for every £1 spent at Hotels, most of which are not owned locally, a total of £1.30 will be spent locally (an extra 30p per £1). At the (mostly) locally-owned B&Bs, the study found that every £1 spent will generate £2.20 locally (an extra £1.20 per £1). So for every £1 spent in the hotels, the B&Bs generate four times as much for the local economy (£1.20/30p).

4.8 The findings suggest that actions to promote local purchasing amongst locally-owned businesses, and which promote and support the start-up and growth of locally-owned businesses, will reap considerable economic reward for B&NES.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations will be undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 Any support for independent sector businesses will be promoted across all equality groups and specific targeting will be undertaken, where necessary, to ensure those groups and areas with particularly low business start-up rates are able to access appropriate support

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 *Cabinet Member; Strategic Director for Place; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer*

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 *Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Impact on Staff;*

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 *The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.*

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Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PANEL	
MEETING DATE:	12th July 2012
TITLE:	WORKPLAN FOR 2012
WARD:	All
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List of attachments to this report:	
Appendix 1 – Panel Workplan	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel (Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The Panel is required to set out its thoughts/plans for their future workload, in order to feed into cross-Panel discussions between Chairs and Vice-chairs - to ensure there is no duplication, and to share resources appropriately where required.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Panel is recommended to
 - (a) consider the range of items that could be part of their Workplan for 2012/13

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 All workplan items, including issues identified for in-depth reviews and investigations, will be managed within the budget and resources available to the Panel (including the designated Policy Development and Scrutiny Team and Panel budgets, as well as resources provided by Cabinet Members/Directorates).

4 THE REPORT

4.1 The purpose of the workplan is to ensure that the Panel's work is properly focused on its agreed key areas, within the Panel's remit. It enables planning over the short-to-medium term (ie: 12 – 24 months) so there is appropriate and timely involvement of the Panel in:

- a) Holding the executive (Cabinet) to account
- b) Policy review
- c) Policy development
- d) External scrutiny.

4.2 The workplan helps the Panel

- a) prioritise the wide range of possible work activities they could engage in
- b) retain flexibility to respond to changing circumstances, and issues arising,
- c) ensure that Councillors and officers can plan for and access appropriate resources needed to carry out the work
- d) engage the public and interested organisations, helping them to find out about the Panel's activities, and encouraging their suggestions and involvement.

4.3 The Panel should take into account all suggestions for work plan items in its discussions, and assess these for inclusion into the workplan. Councillors may find it helpful to consider the following criteria to identify items for inclusion in the workplan, or for ruling out items, during their deliberations:-

- (1) public interest/involvement
- (2) time (deadlines and available Panel meeting time)
- (3) resources (Councillor, officer and financial)
- (4) regular items/"must do" requirements (eg: statutory, budget scrutiny, etc)?
- (5) connection to corporate priorities, or vision or values
- (6) has the work already been done/is underway elsewhere?
- (7) does it need to be considered at a formal Panel meeting, or by a different approach?

The key question for the Panel to ask itself is - can we "add value", or make a difference through our involvement?

- 4.4 There are a wide range of people and sources of potential work plan items that Panel members can use. The Panel can also use several different ways of working to deal with the items on the workplan. Some issues may be sufficiently substantial to require a more in-depth form of investigation.
- 4.5 Suggestions for more in-depth types of investigations, such as a project/review or a scrutiny inquiry day, may benefit from being presented to the Panel in more detail.
- 4.6 When considering the workplan on a meeting-by-meeting level, Councillors should also bear in mind the management of the meetings - the issues to be addressed will partially determine the timetabling and format of the meetings, and whether, for example, any contributors or additional information is required.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

- 6.1 Equalities will be considered during the selection of items for the workplan, and in particular, when discussing individual agenda items at future meetings.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Workplan is reviewed and updated regularly in public at each Panel meeting. Any Councillor, or other local organisation or resident, can suggest items for the Panel to consider via the Chair (both during Panel meeting debates, or outside of Panel meetings).

8 ADVICE SOUGHT

- 8.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Economic and Community Development Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel Workplan

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Director	Report Author	Format of Item	Requested By	Notes
12th Jul 12						
	Community Safety – Helping Vulnerable People		tbc			
	Economic impact of small/independent businesses		John Wilkinson			
27th Sep 12	Community Safety - tbc					
	River Corridor SID - ToR		D Vercoe			
	Progress on rural broadband		John Wilkinson			
	Update on Regenerations Projects (tbc)				Panel in March 2012	
	Festivals annual report		David Lawrence/ Ann Cullis	Presentation and report		
22nd Nov 12	Community Safety - tbc					
	Medium Term Plan/s					
	River Corridor SID – recommendations		D Vercoe			
	Parish Charter (tbc)		GC			Glen's email on 12.04.12.
24th Jan 13	Community Safety -					
	Service Action Plan/s					

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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Director	Report Author	Format of Item	Requested By	Notes
14th Mar 13	Community Safety -					
Future items						
	X Media Lab		David Lawrence/ John Wilkinson			
	Sport and Active Lifestyle Partnership		David Lawrence			
	World Heritage Site – 25 years on		David Lawrence			
	'Clawback' from Voluntary/3 rd Sector				Panel in March 2012	
	Localism Act regular updates				Panel in March 2012	
	Post-Midnight Economy and its contribution to overall economy				Panel in May 2012	