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**To: All Members of the Communities, Transport and Environment Policy  
Development and Scrutiny Panel**

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Councillor Peter Turner  
Councillor Alan Hale  
Councillor Neil Butters  
Councillor Jonathan Carr  
Councillor Michael Norton  
Councillor Bob Goodman  
Councillor Ian Gilchrist

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers  
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Dear Member

**Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel:  
Monday, 19th September, 2016**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Monday, 19th September, 2016 at 4.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath.**

**Members of the Panel please note that a members pre-meeting will take place in the Chamber at 4pm**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Michaela Gay  
for Chief Executive

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**Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel -  
Monday, 19th September, 2016**

**at 4.30 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

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting. Members are asked to indicate:

(a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.

(b) The nature of their interest.

(c) Whether their interest is **a disclosable pecuniary interest** *or* **an other interest**,  
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6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

David Redgewell, South West Transport Network will make a statement on 'Public transport cuts, budgets and devolution'.

7. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 12)

8. DOMESTIC ABUSE UPDATE (Pages 13 - 22)

A report is attached on 'Domestic Abuse Update'.

9. 'GETTING FROM A TO B' - STRATEGIC REVIEW OF TRANSPORT

There is no report attached. There will be a presentation at the meeting on 'Strategic Review of Transport' – slides will be available and sent out early next week.

An officer will give a verbal update on recent bus service changes.

James Freeman of First will attend to answer any questions from the Panel.

10. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

The Cabinet Member will update the Panel on any relevant issues. Panel members may ask questions on the update provided.

11. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 23 - 26)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel. Any suggestions for further items or amendments to the current programme will be logged and scheduled in consultation with the Panel's Chair and supporting senior officers.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Michaela Gay who can be contacted on 01225 394411.

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**BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET**

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITIES, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING**

Monday, 25th July, 2016

Present:- **Councillors** John Bull, Brian Simmons, Peter Turner, Neil Butters, Jonathan Carr, Michael Norton, Bob Goodman, Ian Gilchrist and Lisa O'Brien (in place of Alan Hale)

**82 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**83 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

**84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Councillor Alan Hale gave his apologies and was substituted by Councillor Lisa O'Brien.

**85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**86 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There was none.

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

David Redgewell, South West Transport Network addressed the Panel. He spoke about the need to rescue certain bus services. A copy of the statement is attached to the agenda papers for this meeting.

Councillor Carr asked about the numbers of reductions in services, Mr Redgewell explained that 170 bus services have been saved which includes Wiltshire and village services. Responding to a further query from Councillor Carr on bus company revenue, Mr Redgewell responded that there has been a loss of income for bus companies since revenue support systems have been withdrawn since 2008, he explained that there is a Bill in parliament to reverse this trend.

Councillor Butters mentioned that there is some good news in that the 13 bus service has been increased and there should be some credit to Council officers for this.

Andy Strong, Team Manager Public Transport, stated that he had noted all the comments and explained that there are ongoing conversations with bus companies to try to resolve the issue. He agreed to circulate his report prepared for informal Cabinet.

Susan Charles – Warm Water Inclusive Swimming and Exercise (WWISE) made a statement regarding the plans for a warm water pool at Keynsham Leisure Centre being dropped and the equalities implication of this. She stated that communications have broken down and asked the Council and GLL consider their design.

Councillor O'Brien stated that Keynsham Leisure Centre increase the temperature twice a week and asked if this met the needs, Susan Charles stated that she would like a choice of water temperature to meet people's needs. She stated that two days a week is not equality.

Councillor Turner asked if the warm water pool was in the design specifications, Susan Charles stated that she had spoken to the consultants in 2015 but she had not been invited to speak since then.

The Panel agreed that the issue be referred to the Cabinet Member for Community Services – Councillor Martin Veal.

Mr Tsang – 17A Bus Service. Mr Tsang spoke about his and his wife's use of this service and explained that they use the 17A bus service to get to hospital appointments and to work in Keynsham, they stated that they would have problems getting to these venues if this service is lost. They mentioned that others would also suffer as they rely on this service.

The Chair thanked Mr and Mrs Tsang.

Councillor Alison Miller – East of Bath Transport. Councillor Miller made a statement to the Panel (*the statement is attached to the agenda for this meeting*). She asked the Panel to demand a body of evidence regarding the need for a Park and Ride to the East of Bath.

## **88 MINUTES - 9TH MAY 2016**

The Panel confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

## **89 PREVENT STRATEGY**

The Chair introduced the item and explained that, following advice from the Information Compliance Officer, the presentation on this item would be taken in private session.



The Panel **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the information in the following items of business: Item 7 – ‘Prevent: Radicalisation and Extremism’ because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 (Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime).

## **90 WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE**

Councillor Martin Veal – Cabinet Member for Community Services introduced the report.

Panel members made the following points and asked the following questions:

Councillor Gilchrist asked if a trial had been run, Martin Shields – Divisional Director Environmental Studies – explained that there have been trials across the country. He explained that other authorities have seen an increase in recycling and a drop in landfill. Councillor Gilchrist asked why it was a blanket approach given that different areas have different issues. The officer responded that there does need to be consistency as specialist vehicles are needed.

Councillor Norton asked if people’s preferences will be taken into account. The officer explained that if a property can accommodate a wheeled bin (75%) then they will get one. Councillor Symonds asked about people who cannot lift a wheelie bin and the officer explained that people can apply for assisted collection or look at smaller bins.

Councillor O Brien asked why black plastic cannot be recycled. The Cabinet member explained that pigmentation is an issue and black plastic may have been recycled many times before and be at the end of its life.

Councillor Turner asked if there is a plan for wheeled bins in the city centre. The officer stated that there will not be bins in this area.

Councillor Carr explained that some people leave rubbish bags out all week and asked about enforcement and also about community areas for rubbish bags. It was explained that there will be education and enforcement and that it can be difficult to find locations for community areas.

The Chair thanked the officers and explained that if anyone thought of anything further – the consultation process could be used.

## **91 CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE TO THE EAST OF BATH INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS**

Councillor Clarke – Cabinet Member for Transport – introduced the report. He thanked the Panel for the Scrutiny Inquiry Day that he felt was very productive.

Panel members made the following points and asked the following questions:

Councillor Bull asked if the Alliance figures have been analysed. Peter Dawson – Group Manager Planning Policy Transport – explained that a Park and Ride would not be planned if it was thought that nobody would use it, the Council plans to create thousands of new jobs in the city and a lot of these new workers would live outside Bath. He explained that the Mott McDonald study shows there is a demand for Park and Ride in the future and we want the city of Bath to be accessible from all directions. He stated that he is confident in the need for a Park and Ride to the East of Bath and other Park and Ride sites are well used.

Councillor Bull stated that the Alliance say that Park and Rides are only 50% full by 9am and if this is the case then we would be providing for shoppers. The officer stated that the Council is planning for economic growth and people will not travel a long distance by bus.

Councillor Carr asked about the appendices to the Mott McDonald report. The officer explained that the forecast report is on the website and he will send a link.

Councillor Butters asked about rail, he stated that he did not think that all avenues are being pursued regarding rail. The Cabinet Member stated that he is keen on improving rail and it is strongly on the agenda but he did not think that rail can provide a significant improvement in the next 5 years. The officer added that he is not sure if it is known what solution the railway can give us.

Councillor Turner asked what information is needed now for a decision to be made on the Park and Ride. The Cabinet Member explained that the decision depends on the availability of land, issues around visual impact and ecology. He explained that the application will need to have planning permission.

Councillor Carr asked what analysis has been done regarding the smaller sites. The Cabinet Member explained that all of the smaller sites are on the A4 which misses out the population coming down the valley and also with some small sites there is a problem with turning the buses around.

The Chair asked when a decision will be made. The Cabinet Member explained that a final matrix would be presented at the September Cabinet meeting with a view to the planning application in October.

## **92 CABINET MEMBER UPDATE**

Councillor Anthony Clarke – Cabinet Member for Transport – gave the following update on his portfolio area:

- Joint Transport Board is looking at how to improve conductivity through the area;
- The 370 at Pensford shutting for 6 weeks;
- Looking at trunking the 350;
- Junction 18A on the M4 has been improved;
- North Parade will shut for a month – it is being done in 3 segments.

Panel members made the following points and asked the following questions:

Councillor Carr asked if cycle lanes are being considered for North Parade – the Cabinet Member explained that officers are looking at this but there is concern about the narrowness of the bridge.

Councillor O'Brien asked that the North Parade works include a look at the pavements.

The Cabinet member noted the comments.

Councillor Martin Veal – Cabinet Member for Community Services – gave the following update on his portfolio area:

- 'A' board enforcement is going well;
- Haycombe modernisation is complete and works on the toilets and roof are now being done;
- Alice Park Trust is set up and adverts out for two volunteers;
- The Enforcement officer post for trade and domestic waste will need further funding in 2017-18;
- 1 fly tipping prosecution;
- Odddown cycle circuit is complete;
- 4 engagement meetings regarding the proposals for Keynsham Leisure Centre have been arranged.

Panel members made the following points and asked the following questions:

Councillor Carr asked about Hedgemoor Park, the Cabinet Member said he would ask officers about this.

Councillor Butters asked about criticism of the Botanic Gardens, the Cabinet Member said he would look into this but any comments he has had have been positive.

## **93 PANEL WORKPLAN**

The Panel noted the workplan with the following additions/changes:

Add to September:

- Changes in budgets resulting in savings – needing less subsidy on some routes
- Cycling Provision – how is the cycling strategy working out?

Also:

- Bath Air Quality Management Plan to be added to 'Bath Low Emission Zone'
- Examination of 20mph strategy in Bath.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

Chair(person) .....

Date Confirmed and Signed .....

**Prepared by Democratic Services**

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>	
MEETING	<b>Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development Scrutiny Panel</b>
MEETING	<b>19<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>
TITLE:	<b>Domestic abuse - an update</b>
WARD:	All
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> Appendix 1: Domestic Abuse Partnership draft terms of reference	

**1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 To provide an update on work being undertaken to tackle domestic violence and abuse (DVA) in Bath and North East Somerset and to support provided to victims.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Panel receives the report and:
- 2.2 That the Panel continues to receive updates on the cross-partner importance of addressing domestic violence and abuse as one of the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership (known as the Responsible Authorities Group) and also working closely with the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC).

**3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 3.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.
- 3.2 However there is a funding risk as we have been asked to provide modelling data for a 10% and a 20% potential reduction in PCC funding for 2017 onwards.
- 3.3 Note item 6.2 on resource implications of Domestic Homicide Reviews

**4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL**

4.1 This report updates the panel on a number of key Council strategic objectives and responsibilities including Safeguarding for both Children and Adults and Connecting Families and the Crime and Disorder Act.

## **5 THE REPORT**

Since the last report in May 2016 the following have been completed or are planned for completion within 2016:

### **5.1 Review of the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership Group**

An extensive review has been undertaken of strategic and operational arrangements to address domestic abuse in Bath and North East Somerset. In line with current good practice including NICE guidelines the Director of Public Health has been appointed by Responsible Authority Group to Chair the partnership group which has been renamed as the 'Domestic Abuse Partnership'. The revised terms of reference including a revitalised membership has been approved by the Responsible Authority Group and are attached in appendix 1.

### **5.2 International day for the elimination of violence against women: 25 November 2016**

This high profile day will be fully utilised to promote awareness of domestic violence and abuse. The awareness raising campaign is being planned with B&NES corporate communications team. It will link with the regional Avon and Somerset police campaign and the national 'this is not an excuse' campaign: <http://www.thisisnotanexcuse.org/domestic-abuse/>

- Candlelight walk and placing of candles to remember victims of DVA
- Services providing support for victims and survivors of DVA
- Day in the life profiles of key DVA support workers including the Independent Domestic Violence and Abuse worker and bobby van worker
- A GP doctor's experience of how working within the iris project has changed their practise
- How projects offering peer support freedom/crush projects work (run by Julian House and Voices)
- An item focusing on diversity LGB&T issues/ female genital mutilation (conservative motion standing against FGM to be presented at full council in September 2016).

### **5.3 The Local Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards themed review domestic abuse 7th June 2016**

The review focussed on the concern that domestic abuse is one issue which has a significant impact on the wellbeing of children and on parents' ability to keep children safe from harm. The LSCB agreed to undertake a themed review to explore the issue further and to consider whether there were ways partners could more effectively work together to support children living in household with domestic abuse present. As a result of this review the Director of Pubic Heath

(who has been appointed as the Chair of the revised Domestic Abuse Partnership) has made a commitment to work with LSCB to ensure their strategy and that of domestic abuse partnership are aligned in meeting the needs of children and young people.

#### **5.4 Joint stakeholder day on the 2nd November**

The joint stakeholder day will take place at the Guildhall. The focus of the event will be on the dynamics of domestic abuse within the family and the intergenerational impacts on children and adults with support needs. This will cover all issues of domestic abuse including but not exclusively: elder abuse, sibling abuse, same sex abuse, effects of domestic abuse on colleagues and co-workers, the 'toxic trio' (mental ill health, substance abuse and domestic abuse).

#### **5.5 Domestic abuse awareness in the workplace 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

- Bath and North East Somerset council is a member of the Avon and Somerset wide Violence Against Women and Girls group.
- The training will be delivered by an expert in the field and aimed at businesses to enable them to help and support any employees experiencing domestic abuse at home in a safe and effective way.
- Raise awareness of domestic abuse and workplace issues.
- It will give guidance on developing appropriate policies and procedures and implementing them effectively.
- Those who register will be offered free training, access to a toolkit and draft workplace template policies and procedures.

#### **5.6 Domestic Abuse Commission – Independent Domestic Advisor Service**

During quarter 1 of this year the service dealt with:

- 164 referrals received and 70 cases were carried forward from the previous quarter making a total of 234 cases considered during the quarter.
- 136 cases were closed; in 28 cases the clients did not engage with the service.
- Of the 108 remaining 100% reported feeling more confident and 87% said they felt safer.
- 24% reported they had problems with substance abuse.
- 45% reported they experience mental ill health.
- 79% reported that they had experienced jealousy or controlling behaviour.
- 55% cases involved victims with children living in or regularly visiting the household.
- 3% of the cases dealt with concerned LGB&T clients and 14% BME.
- 67 professionals were trained and 100% reported that are better able to identify and deal with domestic abuse.

## **6 Domestic Homicide Reviews**

- 6.1 The first full Domestic Homicide Review was completed during June 2016. It identified that B&NES does not have a clear multi-agency policy on domestic violence and abuse and violence. This accords with the findings of the review of the Domestic Abuse Partnership group, which was conducted under the leadership of the Director of Public Health who will also chair the new Domestic Abuse Partnership. The Domestic Abuse Partnership's TOR set out that it will develop the B&NES policy and implementation plan and report on outcomes to the RAG on an annual basis.
- 6.2 The average cost of each Domestic Homicide Review is £20,000. The Council needs to consider how to resource DHRs in coming years. Until 2015 the Council did not receive any DHR referrals, however during 2015-16 we received 4 referrals. Two did not meet the criteria. One was completed in June 2016. We are holding the first panel meeting of the second full DHR during September 2016.

## 7 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

<b>Contact person</b>	Samantha Jones, <i>Inclusive Communities Manager (01225 396364)</i>  Lores Savine, <i>Community Safety Officer (01225 396420)</i>
<b>Background papers</b>	<i>See links within the report</i>
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## **Appendix 1**

### **Bath and North East Somerset Domestic Abuse Partnership**

#### **Terms of Reference**

##### **1. Vision**

Our vision is that Bath & North East Somerset is a community free from domestic abuse.

We will ensure a robust, co-ordinated response to domestic abuse to permanently break the cycle of family violence and lead on societal change by providing men, women, and children with essential tools and services needed to eliminate and recover from domestic abuse in their lives.

##### **2. Definitions**

The partnership adopts the Government definitions of domestic violence and abuse.

#### **Domestic abuse is defined as:**

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass but is not limited to:

- ❖ Psychological
- ❖ Physical
- ❖ Sexual
- ❖ Financial
- ❖ Emotional

Controlling behaviour is a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

Coercive behaviour is an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish or frighten their victim”

(Commons Briefing papers SN06337)

##### **3. Remit**

The Domestic Abuse Partnership is the strategic arm of the Responsible Authorities Group, promoting partnership co-ordination of universal and targeted education about healthy relationships,

protection of victims, provision for survivors and disruption of perpetrators related to adults and children

Drawing on the national refreshed Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2016-20, and domestic violence and abuse NICE guidance and quality standards, the Partnership will introduce a Domestic Abuse Strategy and Implementation Plan, which it will monitor on behalf of the Responsible Authorities Group.

#### **4. Purpose**

- a. Use the baseline assessment tool to evaluate the extent to which local practice and provision is in line with the recommendations in the NICE Public Health guidance on domestic violence and abuse
- b. Map provision and flag gaps to inform commissioning intentions
- c. Ensure robust data collection to inform the local approach
- d. Produce a Domestic Abuse Strategy
- e. Create, implement and monitor a multi-agency Implementation Plan, with prevention at its heart
- f. Feed into the national action plan arising from the Violence against women and Girls Strategy
- g. Promote partnership approaches to ensure complementary work to avoid duplication unless it offers significant choice
- h. Work together to maximise funding opportunities and support independent sector funding bids, including central government funding opportunities
- i. Support ready access to information about all relevant services, mindful of the need to address barriers for particular groups, including those from black and other ethnic minority groups, Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender communities, those with complex needs and men
- j. Identify learning from Domestic Homicide Serious Case Reviews and other relevant reviews and enquiries and promote best practice and the sharing of expertise and resources across agencies
- k. Support the development of a skilled workforce, able to address this issue at a level appropriate to role and function
- l. Take every opportunity to champion this agenda, including promoting its inclusion in all relevant strategies and plans
- m. Evaluate the effectiveness of the strategic approach to domestic abuse locally

Consider effectiveness of practice and arrangements for identifying and managing the range of risks of harm to children and young people.

## 5. Governance Arrangements

The Domestic Abuse Partnership has designated responsibility from the Responsible Authorities Group for both strategic oversight and for influencing operational initiatives to address domestic abuse in Bath and North East Somerset.

## 6. Membership

The Partnership will be represented by commissioners and strategic managers from:

Health – Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	Public Health
Mental Health – Avon and Wiltshire Partnership (AWP)	Adult Services
Connecting Families	IDVA Services
Police	Supporting People
3 <sup>rd</sup> sector representative	Registered Social Landlords
National Probation Service	Substance Misuse services
Community Rehabilitation Company	Lighthouse
Service user input	MARAC S.G. Chair
OPCC (office for the Police and Crime Commissioner	CPS (crown prosecution service)
Social care	Sexual Violence Service - SARSAS
Designated Nurse	Children’s Services
Youth Offending Team	

All members will have delegated authority to speak for their agency and will send and brief a substitute to meetings that they are unable to attend.

## 7. Chairing

The Domestic Abuse Partnership will be chaired by a strategic lead identified by the Responsible Authorities Group. They will also identify a named deputy.

## 8. Frequency and Servicing

Meetings will be held quarterly. The Council's Community Safety Team will provide administrative support by taking the minutes of each meeting, and circulating agenda and appropriate paperwork.

## **9. Reporting**

The Domestic Abuse Partnership will report annually on the Implementation Plan to the Responsible Authorities Group which will, in turn, be responsible for exception reporting and information sharing with other partnerships including the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, the Local Safeguarding Adults' Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## **10. Work Streams**

The MARAC Steering Group has responsibility for ensuring proper accountability on the part of participating agencies in the MARAC to their representatives, to one another and to victims and operates as a standing subgroup of the Domestic Abuse Partnership. Task and finish groups will be established as necessary, to take forward specific pieces of work. Additionally, members of the Domestic Abuse Partnership may take relevant pieces of work forward within their own agency.

As requested by the Responsible Authorities Group, the Domestic Abuse Partnership will identify representatives to join any group set up to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews.

The Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) legislation gives the Chair of the Responsible Authority Group responsibility for establishing whether a homicide is to be subject of a DHR. This decision should be taken in consultation with local partners who have an understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence. In B&NES, the Domestic Abuse Group will provide this guidance for the Responsibility Authority Group Chair.

## **11. Equalities Impact Assessment**

All Domestic Abuse Partnership policies and strategies will be subject to equalities impact assessments annually, with the support of the B&NES Council Equalities Team.

## **12. Information sharing**

All agencies will participate in data sharing to support monitoring of the Implementation Plan and/or development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

As a strategic group, the Domestic Abuse Partnership will not discuss individual cases and will only reference identifiable cases when they are already in the public domain. In exceptional cases including participation in local Domestic Homicide Reviews, partner agencies will follow the Caldicott principles and the Local Safeguarding Children Board and Adult Board Information Sharing Protocols in relation to information sharing

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## COMMUNITIES, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT PDS FORWARD PANEL

This Forward Plan lists all the items coming to the Panel over the next few months.

Inevitably, some of the published information may change; Government guidance recognises that the plan is a best assessment, at the time of publication, of anticipated decision making. The online Forward Plan is updated regularly and can be seen on the Council's website at:

<http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>

The Forward Plan demonstrates the Council's commitment to openness and participation in decision making. It assists the Panel in planning their input to policy formulation and development, and in reviewing the work of the Cabinet.

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Ref Date	Decision Maker/s	Title	Report Author Contact	Strategic Director Lead
<b>19TH SEPTEMBER 2016</b>				
19 Sep 2016	CTE PDS	'Getting from A to B' - Strategic Review of Transport	Andy Strong Tel: 01225 394201	Strategic Director - Place
19 Sep 2016	CTE PDS	Domestic Abuse Update	Samantha Jones Tel: 01225 396364	Strategic Director - Resources
<b>14TH NOVEMBER 2016</b>				
14 Nov 2016	CTE PDS	Update on Cycling Strategy	Alison Sherwin Tel: 01225 394406	Strategic Director - Place
<b>16TH JANUARY 2017</b>				
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