



**Meeting** Bath City Forum

**Date** Tuesday, 17th July, 2018

**Time** 6.00 - 8.00 pm

**Venue** Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

	Subject		
1.	<b>Agreement of the Minutes of the previous meeting 15.05.18</b>	Rosie Phillips - Vice Chair	5 mins
2.	<b>B&amp;NES Council Consultations</b>  Councillor Paul Myers, Cabinet Member for Economic and Community Regeneration will lead a discussion requested by the forum on B&NES Council Consultations.	Cllr Paul Myers	25 mins
3.	<b>Joint Community Safety Plan - PCC (Pages 31 - 56)</b>  Samantha Jones and Adam O'Loughlin will introduce the Joint Community Safety Plan document with emphasis on the 'local' Bath area. Forum members will be asked to feedback on if this documents it correct, anything has been missed and if anything new needs to be added (whilst acknowledging resource constraints).	Samantha Jones and Adam O'Loughlin	25 mins
4.	<b>Street Homelessness and Activity</b>  David Walton (DHI) and Rowan Wooton (Julian House) will discuss with the forum the issues of homelessness on the street and street activity. The aims will be to provide information around the numbers involved in Bath and carry out some myth busting around these issues.	David Walton (DHI) and Rowan Wooton (Julian House)	30 mins

<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Initial Forum Development Feedback</b></p> <p>Andrew Page will provide the forum with a summary of the information that was gathered at the recent forum development workshop. The forum will need to agree the next steps for the work that is needed on development of the forum and what agenda items they wish to cover at future meetings.</p>	<p>Andrew Page</p>	<p>15 mins</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood CIL for Bath</b> (Pages 57 - 60)</p> <p>An update will be provided to the forum on the recent funding decisions that have been taken for Neighbourhood CIL for Bath projects.</p>	<p>Cllr Rob Appleyard</p>	<p>15 mins</p>

**Date of Future Meeting:**

Tuesday, 18 September 2018

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

**Note of the meeting of the Bath City Forum  
held on Tuesday, 15th May, 2018  
in Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath**

<b>Full Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Rob Appleyard	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Jasper Martin Becker	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Colin Blackburn	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Nicolette Boater	Bath City Forum
Jeremy Boss	Bath City Forum
Councillor Anthony Clarke	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Penny Coatsworth	Bath City Forum
Roger Driver	Bath City Forum
Councillor Andrew Furse	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Bob Goodman	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Michael Hill	Bath City Forum
Robin Kerr	Bath City Forum
Andrew Page	Bath City Forum
Ben Palmer	Bath City Forum
Rosie Phillips	Bath City Forum
Councillor Dine Romero	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Joy Saunders	Bath City Forum
Councillor Shaun Stephenson-McGall	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Peter Turner	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Virginia Williamson	Bath City Forum

<b>In Attendance</b>	
Ashley Ayre	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Cathryn Brown	Team Manager for Licensing and Environmental Protection, Bath & North East Somerset Council
Mark Hayward	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Bryn Jones	Resident
Kalyn Mallard	Student Community Partnership
Martin Pellow	Sport and Active Lifestyles B&NES Council
Residents	Residents
Gillian Risbridger	Bath Living Street
Councillor Richard Samuel	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Will Sandry	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Joe Simmonds	Bath Spa University Student Union
Robin Spalding	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Sarah Treweek	Avon and Somerset Police

<b>Apologies Received from</b>	
Adrian Davies	Avon Fire and Rescue
Penny McKissock	Bath City Forum

Councillor Lin Patterson	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Joe Rayment	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Leslie Redwood	Bath City Forum

## 1. Agree Minutes of the previous meeting 27.03.18

The minutes of the previous were agreed by Councillor Rob Appleyard and seconded by Ben Palmer.

## 2. Items Arising from previous meetings

### Consultation Agenda Item Request

The Chair explained that Virginia Williamson requested that time be given for a discussion on 'How Consultation is carried out by B&NES Council'. It was agreed that this item will be included at the Bath City Forum Meeting on 17 July 2018. The outline for request to the agenda group was included with this meeting's agenda.

### Community Libraries

The Chair explained that there are two groups now actively working on Community Libraries in Bath, both Weston Village and Moorland Road is working on plans to take on the library provision in these locations. Contact Mark Hayward or Dave Dixon if further details are required

### Boundary Review

Councillor Shaun Stephenson-McGall explained the consultation on proposals for new ward boundaries in the City of Bath have been reopened; further comments can be made at the Local Government Boundary Commission website: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/somerset/bath-and-north-east-somerset>

Rob Appleyard explained that the comments that had been put forward in the initial consultation had been listened too and further comments should reflect this.

The Chair explained this had only come to light just before this meeting. Individual members can respond individually, the forum will not have time to discuss and agree a collective response.

## 3. Fire and Rescue Update

The Chair explained that at times operational duties prevent the Fire and Rescue the opportunity to attend meetings. A written update had been prepared and was available at the meeting.

## 4. Bath Police Update

Inspector Sarah Treweek was present to take comments and questions on the latest B&NES Crime & Disorder statistics.

Sarah explained that the burglary figures are showing increases in line with the national position. The local picture does show that the figures spiked four weeks ago and are returning to normal following five individual arrests.

The picture with anti-social behaviour also appeared to have spiked before seven individuals were sent to prison. The void that was left has been filled by others who we are presently awaiting CPS decisions.

Bryn Jones - asked if the knife crimes that we have seen reported nationally is reflected in any of the local figures and if there is a more local Bath City Centre breakdown of the statistics?

Response – There is a trend in the youth violence numbers as seen in the anti-social behaviour figures. City Centre numbers can be made available.

Penny Coatsworth – asked if there is a local strategy to deal with the more noticeable presence of the street community?

Response – Numbers on the streets are up nationally and also in Bristol. There are measures in place for officers to deal with street sleepers, the local beat manager that covers Kingsmead Square has had real success in reducing numbers in that location. The issue is complex and moving people on only displaces them to other locations.

Robin Kerr – commented that FOBRA had recently met and heard about the surge in crimes in The Circus area of The City. It is pleasing to hear that arrests are being made.

Roger Driver – asked what are the difficulties and concerns around mental health issues in the City Centre. Is there a joined up working strategy that looks at the impact of the movement of individuals and how the voluntary sector can help?

Response – The Constabulary has carried out work with staff on dealing with people with mental health issues and it is an increasing issue, we are working closely with support services and agencies.

Roger asked if there are details available of the meaningful action that is taking place with the voluntary sector.

Response – The Beat Sergeants are working with partners, Sarah explained that she is happy to meet to further discuss this.

Rosie Phillips – commented that DHI are seeing an increase in severe mental health cases and this could be due to the rising threshold for cases. There is a task and targeting group where cases are discussed.

Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall – commented that there is a perception of who are the victims and perpetrators, there are young people and homeless people that are victims and society needs to support all victims.

Member of the Public – Can you see the link between youth disorder and the decline in the provision of youth services?

Response – There are pockets of youths / young people that cause issues. There are various options that can keep youths / young people engaged. There is an awareness of the cuts and it is worrying when you see people entering the criminal justice system.

Dave Dixon – commented on the high numbers of violence against people incidents and how we reach the figure of over 400 cases a month.

Response – These numbers follow national trends, we can meet to discuss the breakdown in more detail.

Ashley Ayre – explained that the training and development around domestic abuse cases and the way cases are being recorded can skew figures.

The homelessness issue does see people moving through the system; we have an annual count where last year's population saw 27 people in the street community, we now only see 3 of those people included in this year numbers. There are links to mental health issues, agencies have to use various methods to assist those in need.

## **5. Bath Clean Air Plan – Bath Breathes 2021**

Cathryn Brown and her colleague's presented the Bath Clean Air Plan – Bath Breathes 2021, if you wish to find more information on this then please visit the website:

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021>

Cathryn explained that the forum is the first to see the updated presentation. The three options that are set out require robust governance and are fast evolving; the documents that have been produced so far are proposals that require feedback for development.

Gillian Risbridger updated the forum on the Bath Living Streets Group Anti Idling work; this included that call for more volunteers to help with the sessions on idling and more specific skills in PR, Press Releases and Training. Details of this project and contact details are available on the website: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-you-can-do/local-groups/bath>

Robin Kerr explained that The Transport and Pollution Conference for Bath will take place on Saturday 9th June. This follows on from two meetings that have been hosted by Wera Hobhouse MP to bring together the facts from a number of different people and organisations. Details of how to get involved are available through this link:

[https://www.werahobhouse.co.uk/transport\\_and\\_pollution\\_conference\\_for\\_bath](https://www.werahobhouse.co.uk/transport_and_pollution_conference_for_bath)

### **Question and comments:**

Cllr Dine Romero to Cathryn Brown – Odd Down is an area that is seeing pollution issues that will worsen if we do nothing; there is a need to change people behaviours and to do so by use of the carrot rather than the stick option will need consideration.

Cllr Rob Appleyard to Cathryn Brown – The work that is being carried out by officers on this project is simply carrying out the instruction of government that needs to be achieved by 2021. The scheme covers only a small part of our City, the introduction of charges will see revenues being received up until 2021, and how then do we sustain this work?

Everybody has a right to clean air, not just the City Centre. Zones are not helpful, we are getting this wrong, and we should be looking to achieve a clean City status.

There needs to be thought to; a process for individuals that experience difficulties; understanding how the traffic moves in and through the City; the issues that low earners will experience and how the wealthiest will not be concerned.

There are commercial impacts; tourism impacts; parking issues; rat run issues. There needs to be a City wide zone that aims to give us the badge of being a clean air City.

Ben Palmer to Gillian Risbridger – Have you approached the Universities to see how they could help with volunteers for the Stop Bath Idling Campaign? There are a number of areas that could be the source for helpers including the business degree programmes.

Response – Yes, there have been approaches to both the College and Universities but these lacked success because the timing was not right.

Cathryn Brown to Gillian Risbridger – With the results that you have been seeing so far; what are the reasons from the 15% of drivers that would not comply?

Response – These have varied but none are particularly good or valid reasons. Coach drivers think that they use less fuel when idling than restarting the vehicle. An observation has been that if people are stationary on yellow lines they tend to think they won't be enforced against if their engine is running.

Cllr Richard Samuel to Cathryn Brown – Moving away from diesel emission's (nitrogen dioxide) has been one of the main focuses that people see as the change that is needed to tackle the air pollution issue. As people do move away from diesel; improvements are seen in the level of nitrogen dioxide but carbon dioxide levels increase which is equally as disastrous. Particles from brakes and tyres pollute from all vehicles not just the targeted ones.

The City has too many vehicles in too little space, there needs to be complimentary congestion plan that sits alongside this.

The plans will tackle nitrogen dioxide and I think that the zone covers the correct areas although rat running will be a problem.

Joe Simmonds to Cathryn Brown – Does the plan work with bus and taxi providers to keep prices from rising?

Response – We do not have any influence in setting bus operators fares but we do control taxi tariffs. Public transport is something that we have to encourage people to use.

Cllr Bob Goodman – The point that Richard Samuel makes are right, people need to change behaviours.

Cllr Dine Romero to Cathryn Brown – How does Uber's pricing become affected?

Response – Uber is a private hire operator and the Council don't set their tariffs.

Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall to Cathryn Brown – Could the taxi market in the City be looked at to favour our local operators rather than outside companies that travel in.

Response – This is a useful point that could be looked at.

Patrick Anketell-Jones to Cathryn Brown – WECA are key in whatever the final decision turns out to be, will they be championing further into the future?

Response – Yes WECA do need to support and endorse the final decision. South Gloucestershire and Bristol are also mandated to take action which means all of the WECA area will need long term solutions.

Nicolette Boater – I am in agreement with Richard Samuel points and yes the aim should be for lasting improvements to our air quality. Financial sustainability for this work is a concern. There will have to be behaviour change for lasting improvements to be made.

Robin Kerr – The WECA Mayor plays an important role in alternatives to the car with the provision of effective public transport. Behaviour change will mean that people have to get used to the idea of using public transport.

Virginia Williamson to Gillian Risbridger – The capturing of the idling vehicles at schools would be beneficial, the Bear Flat area sees people sat in their cars for ¾ of an hour with the engine running, and this will, no doubt, be replicated all across Bath.

Response – It was always the aim to expand the stop idling scheme to areas further than Abbey and Walcot but we will need more volunteers to make this happen.

Cllr Dine Romero to Gillian Risbridger – What is the reaction you have received from coach drivers and should we be naming and shaming the offenders?

Response – Coach Drivers are some of the trickier people that we deal with and have the poorest reasons. The council have given our group permission to collect and pass on information.

Cllr Dine Romero to Cathryn Brown – What can the Council then do?

Response – I would have to get clarity on this and will then get back to you.

Cllr Rob Appleyard – Is there any way that the coach operators tachometers would show how if the vehicles are idling?

Roger Driver to Cathryn Brown – What measures can the Council take to influence the pricing on bus operators? And should employers including B&NES Council) be setting out targets for their workforce to make changes to the ways that they travel?

Response – Buses are deregulated and it would take action from WECA to bus franchising. Funding subsidies to services is a way of forcing the prices down.

We are talking to operators to understand if the fares will be affected by introduction of the zones. There is funding available to fleet operators to upgrade the vehicles they are using. B&NES Council does set out to its employees methods for travelling; this covers a range of options including the use of pool cars and bikes.

## **6. Fit for Life**

Martin Pellow attended the forum to explain the Council approach following on from the Fit for Life Strategy.

Fit for Life is the approach from B&NES Council which is looking to understand the activities that residents are taking part in to become more active. The idea is that everyday activities will be seen as an opportunity to move more and sit down less.

Where good ideas already exist there is keenness to harvest these and replicate them in other places. These could be ideas such as park run where over 500 people have taken part and the good gym where people's fitness is being developed and communities come together.

Activities that people stay motivated in are normally where behaviour change has taken place. The benefit of being more active sees improvement in physical movement and mental health.

Many of the resources that already exist and need to be recognised, this could be outside facilities such as public rights of way, parks and Bathscape.

Through the Forum the Active Leisure Team wishes to pull together local ideas, embed activity in people's life and understand any barriers that prevent participation.



The refurbishment at the Sports Centre in Bath continues, the swimming pool will reopen around this summer. There are successes in the new gym, new spaces created for social activities and new the ten pin bowling area.

### **Questions and Comments:**

Cllr Dine Romero – (i) What can be done to help with the cost of electric bikes? (ii) How can practical solutions for partnership schemes be brought into poorer communities?

Response – (i) The Council and other employers are part of a scheme that bike retailers in the area are signed up to. This scheme allows employees to purchase bikes tax free through their pay being deducted over a period of time. The message might need to be pushed again if awareness has dropped off. (ii) Bath can be challenging but cycling is a good option once people become confident, the Two Tunnels route is an accessible way of enjoying a safe place to cycle.

Virginia Williamson – The Good Gym has been brilliant with communities at communicating their work, the funding they receive stops in August 2018.

Response – The funding was originally for a 3 year programme and was expanded by a further year, the success is down to the activators input.

Cllr Peter Turner – The BBC has run Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall programmes recently that has looked at the obesity problem, could ideas included be lifted from this? <https://www.newcastlecan.com/home>

Nicolette Boater – Strategies will have a number of barriers that will have to be overcome, two key ones are finding time to exercise and the drop off when girls enter their teenage years. The BBC programme showed ways that small nudges can be used to get people to make more active choices such as footprints on the floor that lead to stairs rather than the escalator. Where problems are picked up at a younger age it is easier to correct behaviours. If young people are driven everywhere this is damaging to their health, even a simple sign on a bus stop about getting active could help.

Response – The nudge effect can work and we are using tech in the form of fitness bands to get people to see the outcomes of the daily activity and act upon areas that could improve their activity. We are aware of the drop off in activity of teenage girls and we are working on options.

Cllr Dine Romero – (i) Barriers to some people can be the cost of Gyms and Equipment (ii) The reduction in the school run is an area that could see better activity levels achieved (iii) What work is there to use Curo green spaces?

Response – (i) Building in fitness to your everyday lifestyle with simple measures is key when finances are not available. If we upgrade the quality of paths in areas such as parks using these areas becomes more attractive.

(ii) Schools do have travel plans that include the use of bus transportation. (iii) We have spoken with Curo and they do have space that we can make use of.

## **7. Student Community Partnership**

Kalyn Mallard thanked the forum for the opportunity to present and also for the Community Empowerment Funding to financially support the Student Community Partnership (SCP) for the next 2 years. The SCP is a partnership between the University of Bath, Bath Spa University, their Students' Unions and Bath and North East Somerset Council

The Co-ordinator role is funded by all the partners and works alongside them all in various capacities and organises quarterly meetings to discuss the work of the SCP which includes:

- Handling complaints regarding noise, waste and recycling and anti-social behaviour related to students in the community
- Working with several local councillors and officers at the Council on community projects and in handling complaints
- Managing and promoting positive campaigns
- Organising volunteering opportunities
- Planning community events

This role is predominantly focused on handling issues within the community:

**Waste and recycling:** 60 complaints reported to the SCP since September 2017

- Emailing the students
- Contacting BANES Waste Services
- Education visits

**Noise:** 62 recorded directly to the SCP

- Emailing the students with advice
- Contacting BANES Environmental Protection Team
- Property visits or meetings on campus
- Disciplinary hearings at the university

**Anti-social behaviour:** 18 recorded, many repeat complaints about the bus stops

- These are addressed through messages to students and meetings with students are identified
- The majority of recorded complaints have been handled by the SCP without having to contact the Council

### **The Good Neighbour Campaign October 2017**

- The Purpose of the campaign is to encourage both student residents and permanent residents to introduce themselves to one another when they move in
- For students, we offer a move-in checklist, tips for living in Bath and waste and recycling information, including how to order bins if necessary
- This academic year, with the help of several volunteers, we door knocked over 1,000 properties around Bath, the majority in Oldfield Park
- Most complaints I receive are a result of neighbours not introducing themselves to one another- such an important part of living in a community which is why we will aim to expand the campaign this coming October

### **The Pack for Good Campaign**

- Pack for Good is a Student Move Out Campaign which supports the British Heart Foundation by donating unwanted items in the temporary donation banks across Bath. This is our third year co-ordinating the campaign.
- Last year, the campaign raised over £150,000 for the British Heart Foundation, with over 10,000 bags donated in Bath.
- This year, there are 10 temporary banks in Bath, with more banks on the university campuses. While there have been concerns about aesthetics of the donation banks, Bath has raised over £36,000 already. This a tremendous increase from this time last year.
- We are encouraging all residents of Bath to make use of the donation banks. They are temporary and will be removed this July

**Joe Simmonds gave an explanation of the work on River Safety:**

- Working group of the Council, both Universities and Bath College to promote river safety, especially among students
- Bath College students and #GotYaBack campaign
- Safe Route Home Map and September launch with takeaway discounts
- Contacting landlords and student blocks with river safety advice

**Ben Palmer gave an explanation of the work on #NeverOK:**

- University of Bath initial involvement
- What is it about? Why promoting it?
- Bath Spa's involvement
- Plan to make campaign consistent across Bath

**Kalyn Mallard gave an example of a student volunteering project:**

Litter Picks in Oldfield Park including Great British Spring Clean with McDonald's with over 60 volunteers

**Questions and Comments:**

Cllr Patrick Anketell-Jones asked if there was enough education given on responsible drinking and the dangers of alcohol.

Response from Ben Palmer – There is support in student services and the student union, wellbeing support and events and introductions given at Fresher's Week.

Rosie Phillips added that DHI also carry out work with the Universities.

Cllr Bob Goodman expressed his thanks for the work of the partnership and felt that the improvements that are gained and the volunteering achievements all indicate that the partnership is moving in the right direction.

Cllr Peter Turner asked how quick are the reactions to complaints, what hours are covered and does this fit in alongside enforcement.

Response from Kalyn Mallard – My working hours are weekdays 9-5 when I am contactable. Most communications come in by e-mail which needs to be defined as student properties, we then need to confirm that a formal complaint is being raised, these are recorded on a database and letters are sent out.

Cllr Peter Turner asked how we can tap into the volunteering for help with projects.

Response – Either contact the SCP or either University

Cllr Andrew Furse explained that the student accommodation in his ward (Kingsmead) is ever revolving each year, where introductions are made it helps in communication. The students do hold noisy parties, what sanctions can be taken?

Response – The SCP acts as a bridge between the Council and the Universities, if a complaint is made and it is formal it will be recorded, in serious or repeat offender cases the universities can take disciplinary action.

Cllr Will Sandry felt that the conversations that we have about students are the same every year. This year the working arrangements appear to be going well and residents have been positive about the work Kalyn is carrying out. There has to be level of understanding given to

young people as this for most is the first time that they have live alone, hard measures should be avoided where possible.

Response from Joe Simmonds – The conditions of some of the housing that students have to contend with does not help, when people have poor standards or are sofa surfing the care that is given back is not always what is expected.

Roger Driver suggested that the #gotyourback campaign could find links with the street pastors.

Shaun Stevenson-McGall asked (i) is there any plans to work with Norland Nannies and Bath College (ii) are there any measures that could be taken in from other student towns (iii) there are good initiatives from the SCP, what capacity is there for further projects.

Response – (i) There is a meeting scheduled for next week with the College, We have reached out to Norland Nannies without success, if anyone has a good contact to follow up please let us know. (ii) Resources are available through the Town and Gown listing where best practices are shared. (iii) The ideal situation would be for Bath to employ five student ambassadors to work for the SCP (as happens in Bristol); this would give capacity for the co-ordination for the level of projects that could be achieved.

Dine Romero asked (i) what wards the HMO complaints are from. (ii) What is the context of the off campus complaints.

Response - (i) Mapping complaints is something we aim to make happen in the future. (ii) The number of students living in the City is more than 20,000 and 130 complaints were recorded last year = 0.0065% of the population. The contribution of 8,500 volunteering hours into the community gives back in many different ways.

## **8. CIL Update**

Cllr Colin Blackburn provided an overview since the last forum meeting

Since the last forum meeting on 27th March 2018 the CIL working group has met to agree on revised application documents and the grant agreement documents. These are to be updated on the Council website. A Monitoring Officer and Monitoring Agreements have been finalised and are now in place for all projects that are approved.

No further funding applications were ready for recommendation at the time of this meeting. There are 14 projects presently being worked by applicants or that we are awaiting further information.

## **9. AOB**

### **Bathscape**

A position has become available on the Bathscape Board for a representative from the Forum to join.

Nicolette Boater volunteered for the role; Mark Hayward will put Bathscape in touch with Nicolette.

### **Volunteering**

The Forum has been asked if anybody knows of a task or organisation that can benefit from an offer made by onyx events that are looking for volunteering opportunities in Central Bath on

20<sup>th</sup> September for 4 groups of around 25 people, who will have around 3 hours to complete community set challenges.

Contact: Mike Plows, Manager, Bath & North East Somerset Volunteer Services  
[michael.plows@virginicare.co.uk](mailto:michael.plows@virginicare.co.uk) | Mobile 07966161750 Landline 01225 477115

### **Forum Vision – Andrew Page**

The forum members were asked to take part in sessions that will look at building a discreet vision that will set out what the forum is for in relation to the needs of the city. Working together on a vision will move us towards the setting of future agendas.

Cllr Colin Blackburn added that forward thinking and having input to a plan felt like the right direction we should take. Colin proposed that the forum engages in 1 or 2 active sessions, Mike Hill seconded this motion.

### **Date for Future Meeting:**

17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Council Chamber – Guildhall Bath

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# Bath & North East Somerset

## Bath Communities Forum

### Fire Service Summary

April 2018

#### Neighbourhood Map:



The Communities Forums are unique areas set up by the Local Authority. Each Communities Forum is made up several Wards.

#### Community Fire Safety Activity:

Total of last Three months

January - February 2018

Home fire safety visits	114
Education Institutions visits	6
Off Station Community Events	1

#### Fire Incidents:

	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Change
Deliberate vehicle fires:	10	4	-6
Deliberate small fires:	51	57	6
Deliberate large non-vehicle fires:	19	14	-5
Accidental dwelling fires:	43	48	5
Other fire incidents:	73	63	-10
Non-fire incidents:	242	293	51
False Alarm incidents:	736	742	6
Total number of incidents attended:	1174	1221	47

#### Station Managers report:

Crews at Bath have been active during arson awareness week where they have delivered information to identified areas to help raise awareness of arson. We have also visited pubs and clubs in the city centre during drowning prevention week delivering information to these premises so they can pass on to customers. Our focus over the coming months is outdoor safety where crews will deliver safety messages relating to barbecues, camping safety etc. The Community resilience team have announced more dates during May and June to conduct river side patrols we will be supporting this by providing a water rescue crew during the activity.

#### National Campaign Theme:

This spring Avon Fire & Rescue Service are working with key agencies to target the most vulnerable in our community for a home fire safety visit, whilst making sure that we provide clear safety advice for the wider audience.

#### How to contact us:

**Fire Station:** Bath  
**Station Manager:** Gareth Lloyd  
**Station Address:** Cleveland Bridge  
 Bath  
 BA2 6PU  
**Email:** Gareth.Lloyd@avonfire.gov.uk  
**Telephone:** 01179 262061

#### Local Contact:

Watch Manager Tom Coombs, Bath Fire Station. Tel 01275 396100 Ext 8120. Email thomas.coombs@avonfire.gov.uk

**In an emergency:** 999 or 112  
**For non emergency:** 01179 262061

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Bath City Forum  
Public Service Update – Police  
BaNES crime and disorder data

## Year end data and quarterly comparison

National crime and disorder change 12 months rolling average + 13%

## BaNES 2016/17-2017/18 +3.4%

Current Offence Group	Crime current yr latest qtr	Crime previous yr latest qtr	change in qtr	% change in quarter	Crime 2017-18	Crime 2016-17	% change in year	Year Numerical Change
Arson	10	13	-3	-23.1%	52	62	-16.1%	-10
Burglary	260	255	5	2.0%	1070	872	22.7%	+198
Criminal Damage	375	358	17	4.7%	1414	1292	9.4%	+122
Drug Offences	43	59	-16	-27.1%	209	405	-48.4%	-196
Fraud Forgery	14	3	11	366.7%	27	17	58.8%	+10
Other Offences	61	70	-9	-12.9%	285	233	22.3%	+52
Robbery	30	37	-7	-18.9%	119	90	32.2%	+29
Sexual Offences	74	91	-17	-18.7%	333	266	25.2%	+67
Theft And Handling Stolen Goods	771	925	-154	-16.6%	3492	3710	-5.9%	-218
Violence Against The Person	1114	1265	-151	-11.9%	4927	4584	7.5%	+343
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>2752</b>	<b>3076</b>	<b>-324</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	<b>11928</b>	<b>11531</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>+397</b>
Hate Indicator	Crime current yr latest qtr	Crime previous yr latest qtr	change in qtr	% change in quarter	2017-18	2016-17	% change in year	Year Numerical Change
Yes	57	85	-28	-32.9%	309	256	20.7%	+53
	Latest Qtr	Prev Qtr	Change in qtr	% change in quarter	2017-18	2016-17	% change in year	Year Numerical Change
ASB - ENVIRONMENTAL	22	54	-32	-59.3%	184	233	-21.0%	-49
ASB - NUISANCE	705	824	-119	-14.4%	3525	3026	16.5%	+499
ASB - PERSONAL	52	69	-17	-24.6%	285	425	-32.9%	-140
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>-168</b>	<b>-17.7%</b>	<b>3994</b>	<b>3684</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>+310</b>

**Requests for service**

BaNES police have had a 0.2% increase in requests for service (attendance at incidents) over the last 12 months (rolling average). In total 40,356 requests for police services in BaNES were received.

### **Customer Satisfaction**

Customer satisfaction has traditionally been high in BaNES, and it continues to perform well:-

BaNES Customer Satisfaction : 78.5 %

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**www.avonandsomerset.police.uk**  
**In an emergency dial 999**  
**For non-emergency issues dial 101**

### **Your local points of contact are:**

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# Community Liaison Co-ordinator

- Working Alongside Stake-Holders
- SCP Committee Meetings
- Handling Issues within Community
- Networking with Local Councillors and Officials
- Campaigns
- Volunteering
- Community Events

# Issues within the Community:

- Waste and Recycling
- Noise
- Anti-Social Behaviour



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# **Joint Community Safety Plan**

**Bath & North East Somerset  
Community Safety Partnership  
(‘Responsible Authorities Group’)**

**and**

**Avon and Somerset Office of the Police and  
Crime Commissioner**

**2018 – 2021**

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# 1 Joint Introduction

- i. Councillor Bob Goodman, Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods and Chair of Bath & North East Somerset Responsible Authorities Group and Sue Mountstevens, Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset
- ii. The PCC and the Community Safety Partnership have a clear shared aim - to take every opportunity to protect the public and help keep us safe. Our success and that of our other partner agencies depends on dedicated teams of staff working together, whether that is to safeguard children and vulnerable people, tackle domestic abuse or address local anti-social behaviour.
- iii. For the Police, as an emergency service, this means responding efficiently and effectively to calls from the public and utilising our resources in a cost effective manner. Protecting vulnerable people and preventing and reducing crime in partnership with others is our core activity.
- iv. For the Council, this could mean anything from identifying and stopping rogue traders, catching fly-tippers or using CCTV to help the Police to identify suspects. We can only do all this effectively by working in partnership. This Plan sets out how we will protect vulnerable people, tackle crime and build strong, resilient communities. It focuses on our collective priorities where a shared vision is needed, and on the actions that we - by working together - will take to achieve the best outcomes for individuals, families and communities.
- v. There is a lot of work to be done, but we should be proud of our achievements so far through our work together for the good of all. We should also be justly proud of the staff who continue to work so hard to improve our quality of life and keep us safe, to support victims of crime and bring those that cause us harm to justice.
- vi. This joint Community Safety Plan sets out the Partnership's Community Safety objectives and planned activities for the next three years. It fulfils a specific recommendation of the recent Bath & North East Somerset Council

Scrutiny Enquiry Day on Community Safety, which identified the benefits of such a partnership approach. It identifies the key issues we will focus on as we tackle crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Bath and North East Somerset. The Bath and North East Somerset Responsible Authorities Group (RAG), which is our Community Safety Partnership, and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), have worked closely together to prepare this document, alongside the other key partners involved in keeping us safe. As such, it reflects their shared priorities and serves as both the Community Safety Plan and the local Police & Crime Plan for Bath and North East Somerset.

- vii. The local forums are in receipt of regular reports that detail local crime and anti-social behaviour statistics. We use these reports to monitor our progress.
- viii. This plan asks for your support - because together we can keep our communities in Bath and North East Somerset safe and feeling safe

## 2 Bath and North East Somerset – a description

- i. Bath & North East Somerset is a diverse area which includes the World Heritage Site City of Bath as well as vibrant towns, villages and rural communities.
- ii. Generally, our communities are healthy and safe with overall levels of deprivation that are significantly below the national average. However, we have a number of communities with significant levels of deprivation, particularly in the south and southwest of Bath, in Radstock and in Keynsham. There are areas of rural isolation as well as a high and growing student population.
- iii. Our Connecting Communities programme has seen the creation of five Area Profiles for areas in Bath & North East Somerset, as below:

Bath Area Profile

Somer Valley Area Profile

Chew Valley Area Profile

Keynsham Area Profile

Bathavon Area Profile

### **3 Partnership Working in Bath & North East Somerset**

- i. Our Community Safety Partnership is led by the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) and comprises: Bath and North East Somerset Council; the B&NES Clinical Commissioning Group; Lighthouse, Avon & Somerset Police; the Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire Community Rehabilitation Company Ltd; Avon Fire and Rescue Service and Curo. The Responsible Authorities Group regularly welcomes the PCC and representatives to attend and be involved in discussions and joint working.
  
- ii. The RAG works at a strategic level and links with a very wide range of partners and across the whole community safety field. Recent and emerging issues for the Partnership include Prevent (the aim of which is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism), Modern Slavery and Serious and Organised Crime. The RAG monitors issues and concerns at a high level whilst delivering through thematic groups such as the Night Time Economy Group, the Task and Targeting Group (which deals with issues such as rough sleeping), the Domestic Abuse Partnership and – increasingly - our Area Forums. In the next section, we set out our joint assessment of the key community safety challenges facing our area.

## 4 Police and crime: local context and challenges<sup>1</sup>

- i. Overall, our area remains a safe place but in the context of all public agencies facing immense challenges maintaining this, with rising crime trends and changing crime patterns, this puts a pressure on resources. We are required to prioritise our work according to our strategic assessment of crime and disorder in our area which is built on a range of data including recorded crime and feedback from local agencies and communities, and is set out below:
- ii. The scale of identified vulnerability in Avon and Somerset is significant and placing increasing demand upon public sector services. Neighbourhood policing teams have an important role to play in supporting and protecting vulnerable people, through reassurance, monitoring and, where necessary, intervention, either in partnership with other agencies or as the lead agency.
  - a) In 2017/18 recorded crime in B&NES rose by 3.4% compared against the previous year (397 more offences)<sup>2</sup>. Reports of anti-social behaviour increased by 8.4% (310 extra reports).
  - b) Arson and theft reduced by -16% (10 offences less) and -5.9% (218 offences less).
  - c) Burglaries increased by +22.7 % (198 more offences),
  - d) Robbery by +32% (29 more offences).
  - e) Sexual offences increased by +25% (67 more reports) and offences involving violence rose by +7.5% (343 more reports).
  - f) Offences classed as Hate Crime rose by +20.7% (53 more offences).
  - g) Over 40,000 “requests for service” were made to the Police in the 12 months to April 2018 with customer satisfaction in the B&NES area at 77%<sup>3</sup>.
  - h) Lighthouse is an integrated victim care service. It supports victims who are vulnerable, intimidated, persistently targeted or experience serious crime<sup>4</sup>. In

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<sup>1</sup> Data from Avon & Somerset ‘Business Objects’

<sup>2</sup> This would appear lower than rises elsewhere in the country; recorded crime levels are linked to factors including the accuracy of recording practices which all forces are seeking to improve. Other factors are actual levels of crime and the levels of confidence victims have in reporting.

<sup>3</sup> Data from satisfaction survey of victims of: burglary, hate crime, violent crime and ASB.

2017/18, around 21% of victims of crime and ASB who live in the BaNES area (2183 people) were assessed as eligible for enhanced victim support and referred to the service.

- i) For the calendar year 2017, there was a further small reduction in young people entering the youth justice system for the first time, continuing a long term trend. However, the reduction was at a slower rate as it included, unusually, a large cohort of young people arrested for a spate of anti-social behaviour and violence in the centre of Bath in the autumn of 2017; thirteen of these young people were charged directly to Court.

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<sup>4</sup> Victims are offered practical support and guided through the criminal justice process by specially-trained staff. The service includes police staff, working with independent organisations.

## **5 Feedback from local communities**

- i. The Police provide regular policing updates to the Connecting Communities Area Forums and this allows for local concerns to be raised and projects identified. An analysis of Connecting Communities Forum reports and feedback has identified a number of differences in concerns raised across our Forum areas, and these are set out below:

### **1 In Bath, key issues raised included:**

- a) Drug offences particularly the outcome of “Operation Hydra” (now replaced by Operation Cabbotage) which focuses on tackling the Bath drugs market.
- b) Thefts from vehicles
- c) Street issues - including begging, street drinking and rough sleeping
- d) Improving Police visibility, particularly in Bath city centre

### **2 In Somer Valley, key issues raised included:**

- a) Anti-social behaviour, particularly in Gullock Tynning in Midsomer Norton. The introduction of a dispersal zone here resulted in a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour.
- b) Speeding traffic, we will work with the constabulary Roads Policing unit to reduce the number of persons killed or seriously injured on our roads. We will use community feedback to target danger hotspots via community speedwatch, road signage, traffic speed enforcement or other traffic calming measures.

### **3 In Chew Valley, key issues raised included:**

- a) Burglary, particularly non-dwelling burglaries such as from garden sheds
- b) Road safety, particularly on the A37. A new safety scheme has been put in place along the length of the A37 in B&NES.

**4 In the Keynsham area:**

- a) Anti-social behaviour in the town, including setting fire to bins at the Memorial Park and significant issues in the area around the civic centre, was the key issue raised. This led to a special session of the Forum in September 2017. A partnership (Keynsham Community Spirit) has now been set up to tackle these issues. Offenders have been targeted and offences have reduced significantly.

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## 6 Strategic and emerging issues across the area

- i. RAG meets quarterly and its agenda reflects the changing crime patterns and addresses local concerns. It also takes a strategic overview of the emerging priorities raised by local partners particularly those where there may be gaps or where demands are increasing due to external pressures and legislative changes. RAG then co-ordinates partnership resources to address new and emerging concerns. RAG is clear that this plan should be delivered in the context of the capacity which the various partners have to deliver.
- ii. In 2017-18, the group focused on the following key issues:
  - A. “Street” based issues, including supporting the Task and Targeting Group to address rough sleeping and aggressive begging. Our Task and Targeting Group meets monthly to provide targeted action on rough sleeping and other related issues, supported by our Assertive Street Outreach team. Julian House provides 30 direct access hostel beds and there is a dedicated outreach worker for female rough sleepers. Our partnership with the Business Improvement District has extended city centre marshalling, and our Bath and District Crime Reduction Partnership reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour on businesses particularly regarding anti-social behaviour including rough sleeping in doorways.
  - B. Domestic Abuse - particularly supporting the Independent Domestic Violence Adviser service and conducting Domestic Homicide Reviews. Our Domestic Abuse Partnership has been successful in an ambitious bid for national funding to expand our Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service to better deal with complex cases and provide better information and advice to help victims “navigate” through the system. The Partnership has secured long-term funding for the RUH IDVA through contributions from public health, CCG and Wiltshire Council. The RUH IDVA saw 134 referrals between April 2016 and April 2017. The IRIS project (which creates a clear referral pathway for domestic violence for GP surgeries) has seen 92% of GPs receiving

training to August 2017 and there have been 270 referrals. The Partnership has also secured funding to provide 10 new beds of refuge provision.

- C. Serious and Organised Crime - establishing cross-agency links to disrupt organised crime gangs operating in our area, including Disrupt and modern slavery and people trafficking. Our multi-agency Disrupt Panel brings together Council, Police, and others to tackle serious and organised crime in our area.
- D. Protecting vulnerable people - linking with the Safeguarding Boards and focusing on hate crime
- E. Linking with wider Avon and Somerset initiatives, such as the Avon and Somerset Reoffending Strategy

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## 7 What we can deliver together

- i. Historically, significant central Government funding was available to support the work of Community Safety Partnerships. However, external funding for community safety has declined significantly in recent years and the only dedicated funding of this type is now allocated by the PCC. In 2018/19, RAG received £64,589 from the PCC to support activities to address local priorities. This is an annual sum that has been provided as a three year commitment (2018/19 is year 2). This has been invested in our IDVA Domestic Abuse project, currently delivered by Southside Family Project domestic violence and abuse (DVA) commission; the Compass youth crime prevention service and the young people's substance misuse service.
- ii. Local partner organisations agree the level of resources they commit to the work of the Responsible Authorities Group against a backdrop of financial challenges for all partners. In some cases, the level of support can be quantified - for example, investment by the Council in our CCTV control room operations – and in other cases support is “mainstreamed” through the day-to-work of services such as:
  - a) Our Local Safeguarding Boards for Children and Adults. Our Local Safeguarding children Boards co-ordinates a multi-agency approach to reducing harm to vulnerable children and young people.
  - b) Our multi-agency Youth Offending Service brings together staff from a range of backgrounds including Police, Health, Social Care, Education and the National Probation Service. In early 2017, the Youth Offending Service was awarded the Restorative Service Quality Mark in recognition of its work with victims.
  - c) Our Trading Standards team, which takes firm action against illegal businesses and those selling counterfeit and other illegal products.
  - d) Public Protection team working alongside Avon & Somerset police on tackling modern slavery and rural exploitation.

- e) Licensing and enforcement, which deal with a wide range of local concerns including fly-tipping and noise
  - f) Our extensive network of public space CCTV cameras
- iii. Our RAG partners such as Curo also provide significant resources to address anti-social behaviour through their specialist Tenancy Compliance and Support team. In many cases, partners also provide significant “in kind” support and partner resources, for example in sharing data. 105 parents/carers were identified in Bath and North East Somerset experiencing all three of what are sometimes called the “complex trio” i.e, mental ill health, domestic abuse and substance abuse. We then used this data to ensure that people were offered the support they needed.
  - iv. However, public service agencies are operating under significant financial challenges. The Council’s Operational Plan 2018-19 identifies a funding gap to 2020 which has resulted in the establishment of a programme, ‘Changing Together’ to look at how savings can be delivered continuing to protect our most vulnerable residents. The programme also provides a framework for working with staff and our communities to establish what services should take priority (and what we can do less off), and how communities can help to manage demand.
  - v. Partner agencies are facing similar challenges and this, along with the removal of national funding directly for Community Safety Partnerships, has put increasing pressure on partners to address the assessed needs set out above. This means that we need to:
    1. Prioritise our resources based on **helping those who most need our help**, particularly targeting our work on helping and protecting the most vulnerable people.
    2. **Involve our communities more** in what we do and support them in addressing local concerns.
    3. **Work better together** to share resources and identify new ways of working.

## 8 Involving our Communities More

- i. In recent years we have provided for local community discussions on community safety to be channelled through our Connecting Communities Area Forums. The Police provide updates to the Forums on local crime patterns, receive feedback and publish up to date local priorities.
- ii. This process of working together to identify local priorities has provided a catalyst for local community action, including:
  - a) The formation of “Keynsham Community Spirit” in response to the significant concerns raised in the town about anti-social behaviour. Keynsham Community Spirit held its inaugural meeting at Keynsham Methodist Church on 22nd February 2018 and saw Council, traders, residents, Police, and head teachers, alongside community and church groups, come together to find solutions. There was a recognition at the meeting that there was no “quick fix”, but that there were many local people willing to work together, particularly on projects for young people
  - b) The formation of a new Midsomer Norton Public Safety Group. This has built on the success of our ground-breaking Community Alcohol Partnership which included the use of Street Marshalls and restrictions which allowed for the seizure of alcohol being consumed on the streets. The area has seen a significant reduction in reported violence and criminal damage since 2012.
  - c) 35 “Safe Zones” have been introduced across Keynsham, Midsomer Norton and Bath City to provide support for vulnerable people
  - d)** The establishment of Community Speedwatch schemes across the area. Bathampton Community Speedwatch is a team of around eight volunteers who carry out speed checks on drivers through the village. The Chew Valley Forum is currently identifying interest in starting-up a Community Speedwatch across the Valley area.

## 9 Our Priorities

### 10 Priority 1:

#### Protect the most vulnerable from harm

##### 1 Why this is a priority

- a) Complex crimes with high levels of associated risk, such as Child Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), modern slavery and human trafficking, are increasing and this rise is expected to continue
- b) It is widely acknowledged that children and young people experiencing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) are more likely to develop complex trio behaviours / dependencies in adulthood.
- c) The local specialist domestic abuse agency Southside, reporting through their 'Insights' data shows 69% of survivors having children in the household and 50% presenting with mental ill health. Early intervention (particularly in 'complex trio' work focussing on substance and alcohol misuse, mental ill health and domestic abuse / violence) is a key factor in reducing service dependency in later life.
- d) Hate crime reports in B&NES have increased by around 20% in the last 12 months
- e) It is believed that only 5% of mass marketing fraud is reported. It is recognised that there is significant under reporting in relation to mass marketing fraud – and that vulnerable people due to age or capacity are more likely to be targeted.

##### 2 Key Objectives of priority 1

1. Implement, monitor and evaluate our new partnership investment from the Violence Against Women and Girls Fund. domestic abuse and hate crime
2. Strengthen the role of the Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Partnership
3. **Continue to take enforcement action against scammers and rogue traders, working in partnership with the National Scams Hub.**

1	<b>Implement, monitor and evaluate our new partnership investment from the Violence Against Women and Girls Fund.</b>
	Between partners we will continue to Chair the Domestic Abuse Partnership and use this group to monitor the efficacy of the VAWG funding into the area.
	Continue to respond to and manage Domestic Homicide Reviews.
	Learn from the outcomes of Domestic Homicide reviews and implement changes to working practices where necessary.
	Continue to identify opportunities for longer-term funding to reduce domestic abuse and improve outcomes for survivors
	Work together with other Community Safety Partnerships in Avon and Somerset to finalise and implement the review of MARACs in a way that (1) reflects the financial challenges faced by councils and other agencies (2) mainstreams the work of MARAC and (3) improves outcomes for survivors (4) addresses perpetrators
2	<b>Strengthen the role and effectiveness of the Bath and North East Somerset Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Partnership.</b> <i>The Partnership's remit is to provide an integrated, proactive approach to monitoring patterns and trends and using this challenging, influencing and championing change needed in services to tackle hate crime and incidents effectively</i>
	Between partners we will continue to administer and chair the Hate Crime Case Review Panel.
3	<b>Continue to take enforcement action against scammers and rogue traders, working in partnership with the National Scams Hub.</b>
	We will advise vulnerable local residents on how to spot and report scams and rogue traders. <i>The Council, in partnership with the National Trading Standards Scams Team recently offered vulnerable residents call-blockers to prevent nuisance callers. Over an 18 month period 5,649 nuisance calls were made to ten local residents who had call blockers installed, just 11 got through.</i>

## **11 Priority 2:**

### **Strengthen and improve local communities to improve outcomes for local people**

#### **1 Why this is a Priority**

- a) A high proportion of people report feeling safe in their local area (88%). However, local residents say they require more 'reassurance' through visible policing.
- b) Work with our Connecting Communities Forums and our experiences in Midsomer Norton and Keynsham shows the benefits of local communities coming together to address local concerns
- c) The #NeverOK Campaign on anti-harassment and bullying shows the benefits of tapping into local networks such as our student communities.

#### **2 Key Objectives of priority 2:**

- 1. Reduce the impact that anti-social behaviour has in our communities
- 2. Continue the commitment to support neighbourhood policing
- 3. Strengthen the resilience of local communities



<b>1</b>	<b>Reduce the impact that anti-social behaviour has in our communities</b>
Work through the Connecting Communities programme to develop partner responses to local priorities and promote community cohesion and resilience	
<b>2</b>	<b>Continue the commitment to support neighbourhood policing</b>
Co-ordinate and administer the Night Time Economy Group to reduce impacts on local residents, and continue to undertake multi-agency enforcement visits to licensed premises to ensure they are safe and do not create nuisance.	
Continue commitment to active participation in local community forums	
<b>3</b>	<b>Strengthen the resilience of local communities</b>
Continue to promote the “Got Ya Back” River Safety campaign with partners and students. <i>We worked with Avon Fire and Rescue to develop and install 14 robust, vandal-proof cabinets for life-saving equipment along the River Avon.</i>	
Work closely with the Student Community Partnership on a range of projects to promote safety	
Continue to develop the #NeverOK Campaign organised by the Student Community Partnership on Anti-harassment and Bullying. <i>The campaign has now been extended beyond the University of Bath to Bath Spa University and is being integrated into sports clubs and societies. The next step is to work with Bath College and Sixth Forms to involve them with the campaign</i>	
Work alongside community groups to facilitate closer working to problem solve – in partnership - local issues	
Work together on hate crime and encourage families to report concerns.	

## 12 Priority 3:

### Work together effectively to respond to community safety challenges

#### 1 Why this is a Priority

- a) The nature of crime is changing. We need to be open to new ways of working which deliver outcomes in a smarter way, including greater working across boundaries. For example
- b) Child Sexual Exploitation continues to rise, with reports increasing over the last year. The PCC has brought together contributions from across the force area to provide specialist support to address for Child Sexual Exploitation. Our LSCB has an outcome for staff to be confident in responding appropriately to these issues. Similarly, addressing Modern Slavery also requires significant regional co-ordination and specialist support including working with organisations such as the Gangmasters Licencing Authority.
- c) The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty to “have due regard to the need to prevent people from, being drawn into terrorism” It applies to a range of public bodies including colleges, universities, councils, health, probation and police. Again, local activity depends on access to regional and other intelligence. Avon and Somerset Counter Terrorism local Profile informs partners of threats, vulnerabilities and risks. Prevent is part of Contest which aims to reduce the risk to the UK from terrorism. Prevent’s aim is intercept radicalisation, to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. “Lone Actors” present the highest threat to Avon and Somerset. We work closely to protect “crowded places” with work ongoing on designing and securing protective measures.

**2 Key Objectives of priority 3:**

- 1. Continue to actively work across the Avon & Somerset partnerships on CSE, modern slavery etc.**
- 2. Comply with legislative changes regarding responsibility for Prevent**

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1	<b>Continue to actively work across the Avon &amp; Somerset partnerships on CSE, modern slavery etc.</b>
Support and enable the reporting of, discovery of, and response to, incidents of modern slavery and exploitation	
Actively participate in the Avon and Somerset Anti-Slavery Partnership and develop proportionate local initiatives across partner organisations and with services to identify and respond to incidents.	
2	<b>Comply with legislative changes regarding responsibility for Prevent</b>
<p>Meet our Prevent duties and help other partners to do so, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) raising awareness of reporting method for online extremist material</li> <li>(2) working with community groups to raise awareness of radicalisation and in particular the role of social media</li> </ul>	

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## 13 Measures

- i. Indicators will be regularly reviewed in order to understand the impact of the Plan's activities, noting the challenges that present in interpreting these as measures of performance

Police recorded total crime for the B&NES area
Police recorded serious cases involving young people as victims of abuse, CSE, Modern Slavery
Police recorded hate crime
Police recorded fraud with vulnerable victims
The number of domestic abuse incidents reported to the Police
The number of domestic abuse prosecutions
Police recorded ASB
NTE incidents recorded by Police from licensed premises
Victim satisfaction
Victim outcomes following support interventions

## 14 Glossary

ACES	Adverse Childhood Experiences
B&NES	Bath and North East Somerset
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
DVA	Domestic Abuse and Violence
IDVA	Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor
LSAB	Local Safeguarding Adults Board
LSCB	Local Safeguarding Childrens Board
OPCC	Office of the Police and crime Commissioner
PCC	Police and crime Commissioner
RAG	Responsible Authorities Group
RUH	Royal United Hospital
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls

## 15 Appendix 1

### Links to Other Plans, Strategies, web pages and Partnerships

Police and Crime Commissioner [Avon and Somerset PCC](#)

Avon and Somerset Constabulary [Avon & Somerset Police](#)

Bath & North East Somerset Council [Bath and North East Somerset Council](#)

LSAB [Safeguarding Adults](#)

LSCB [Safeguarding Children](#)

Crime Prevention and Community Safety [Crime Prevention and Community Safety](#)

Youth offending [Youth Offending Service](#)

Anti-Social behaviour [Anti-social Behaviour](#)

Trading standards rogue traders [Trading Standards](#)

Children and Young People [Children and Young Peoples plan 2018-2021](#)

Reoffending Strategy [reoffending strategy avon and somerset PCC](#)

Bath & NE Somerset Youth Justice Plan [youth justice plan](#)

Anti-slavery partnership [Anti Slavery Partnership](#)

[Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-19](#)

[Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy](#)

Early Help Strategy [Early Help Services](#)

Prevent [Counter-terrorism strategy 2018](#)

Crowded Places [crowded places uk](#)

CTE PDS Panel Scrutiny Enquiry Day [Community Safety Inquiry Day 2018](#)

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**Note of the meeting of the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Working Group  
held on Monday, 2nd July, 2018  
in Dome Room - Guildhall, Bath**

<b>In Attendance</b>
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Councillor Colin Blackburn
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Mark Hayward
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Robin Kerr
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Councillor Lin Patterson
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<b>Apologies Received from</b>
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Councillor Rob Appleyard
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David Dixon
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Roger Driver
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Councillor June Player
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**1. Community Safety CIL - Pre Application Discussion**

Councillor Peter Turner and business owner Lucy Simon were due to attend the meeting to ask the panel for advice pre application for funding for improvements to community safety around Miles Buildings and Bartlett Street. Unfortunately there was some confusion over the meeting timings which resulted in them missing the panel.

Mark Hayward explained that Dave Dixon and he had already met with Peter and Lucy in May 2018. The issues that were raised were around the use of additional CCTV and building relationships with Bath Crime Reduction Partnership to tackle an increase in criminal behaviour in an area of Bath that has little in place at present. Suggestions were made to look into additional City Marshalls, Membership to the Bath Crime Reduction Partnership Radio Scheme.

The panel felt that a detailed application would be needed to set out the need and what support there is for additional resources in the area. Funds could be used for this purpose if there is a link back to new developments being the cause of the increase in crime.

**2. Freeview Road Parking Twerton**

The two applications for improved parking at sites C and E in Freeview Road, Twerton are felt to be the correct use of neighbourhood CIL funding.

This was the second time the panel looked at the applications. Since last meeting Councillor Tim Ball had provided answers to the question that were asked.

1. Has consent for alterations been agreed by Curo a site C?  
Tim Ball is waiting for a response from Curo forms have been submitted after a long wait for the firms to be sent to me. They seem positive and consent should be in place by your meeting (02.07.18).
2. Has the need for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) the legal document required to support the measures been investigated?  
No traffic regulation orders are needed.
3. Does either of the site have any trees that will require removal?  
No trees require removal.
4. Is there any support evidence that shows if the parking problems occur at a specific time of the day?  
Yes it is at the end of the day when everyone comes home from work or students return home from university.
5. Have any other solutions been considered? Half on / Half off parking was adopted at Caledonia Road in Bath.  
This will not work in this area as grass is involved.

Mark Hayward visited the site on Freeview Road and met with Tim Ball and a local resident on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to discuss the application. It was clear at 10am on a weekday that the parking issues are a concern. A number of cars were parked on the grass areas at this time. Tim explained that the developments that have taken place nearby have created a problem with an overspill of cars parking along Freeview Road.

The B&NES Highways Team are aware of what needs to be provided for each individual area where the improvements could be made.

The panel felt that this is a scheme they would like to recommend but on condition that confirmation on the following points are all satisfactory from the Highways Team.

- By carrying out the work will there be any legality issues when a driver crosses the pavement to park?
- Are there any impacts on road safety concerns by carrying out this work?
- Are there any changes required to the pavements or any other works required when the grass Crete is put in place?
- Is the sum of £14,400 (area C) and £19,600 (area E) the correct amount to complete the works needed?

### **3. Combe Down Rugby Club**

The panel felt that the application that was submitted should be looked at as three separate requests.

The request for funding for the tarmacking of the Rugby Club Car Park was declined. The panel felt that local users from the adjacent development would not need to travel to the club by car when they are so close by. The benefit for visitors from visitors further afield would be greater. This was not seen as to have strong benefits to the local community.

The infrastructure provided by having a two way flow between the school and the playing field clubhouse was seen as an idea that should be supported. This project linked up the facilities and would create safe access to integrated facilities that would allow the community to integrate. £15,348 plus VAT was quoted as the cost for this part of the project.

The request for funding for improvements to the changing rooms, trench and pipe installation and a new boiler were supported by the panel. The community need this infrastructure to be in place to maximise the use of the space for a range of activities. £11,035 plus VAT was quoted as the cost for this part of the project.

#### **4. Two Tunnels Greenway Signage**

The two tunnels signage project application fully identified the requirements for providing better directions for cyclists on a number of routes across Bath.

The panel felt that this project request for £6,000 was to be supported as getting residents out of their cars and more active is of great benefit to communities.

The panel asked if the project has considered the needs for future signs where developments in Bath have not get been completed. They would support a slightly higher bid if this needs to be built in to the project.

#### **5. Brickfields Park Bench**

The request for £1,455 to provide a bench in the brickfields park was agreed by the panel. The application costings showed the cost include ten years maintenance.

This green space is used by increased numbers of residents for exercising, dog walking and children's play.

#### **6. Beat the Street Bath**

The panel concluded that they did not support this application.

There were a number of concerns around how affective that the project would be in the longer term. It was felt that a lack of information around how the assumption was reached on uptake rates and how an idea such as this has succeeded elsewhere are missing from the application.

This idea was seen to be a similar idea to others that are available as apps on smartphones. Games such as Pokémon Go and activities such as the Owl Trail are freely available and have similar benefits of getting people physically active. Activities were seen to have a short lifespan with young people not sticking to them in the longer term.

The overall cost of this scheme was considered to be too high; at £20 per resident the panel felt this did not appear to provide good value for money.

#### **7. Lighting on Linear Par leading up to Two Tunnels - Pre Application**

The panel liked the idea of solar lighting but reserves judgement on making a final decision until a fully completed application form has been submitted.

The issue of duration of LED units and battery life needs to be clarified.  
The purpose needs to be clarified as being for cycle safety reasons.

How maintenance issues be carried out needs to be included, in the autumn when leaves are covering the pathway, who will clear these?  
How was the route selected for the project, why has a longer stretch of the route not been identified?