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Date: Thursday, 25th March, 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: <https://www.youtube.com/bathnescouncil>

To: All Members of the Council

Dear Member

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Council** on **Thursday, 25th March, 2021** in **Zoom Online - Public Link will be provided.**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



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NOTES:

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A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. 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 complete the green interest forms circulated to groups in their pre-meetings (which will be announced at the Council Meeting) 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**,
(as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)

Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of his staff before the meeting to expedite dealing with the item during the meeting.

3. MINUTES - 23RD FEBRUARY 2021 (Pages 5 - 14)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair(man)

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

These are matters of information for Members of the Council. No decisions will be required arising from the announcements.

5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

If there is any urgent business arising since the formal agenda was published, the Chair will announce this and give reasons why it has been agreed for consideration at this meeting. In making this decision, the Chair will, where practicable, have consulted with the Leaders of the Political Groups. Any documentation on urgent business will be circulated at the meeting, if not made available previously.

6. URGENT DECISION - TO NOTE (Pages 15 - 16)

This item is reported for information only and not for debate.

7. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Democratic Services Manager will announce any submissions received. The

Council will be invited to decide what action it wishes to take, if any, on the matters raised in these submissions. As the questions received and the answers given will be circulated in written form there is no requirement for them to be read out at the meeting. The questions and answers will be published with the draft minutes.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION (Pages 17 - 26)

This report sets out various amendments which require a decision in the short term to ensure that the Constitution is kept up to date and accurate. A more comprehensive review of the Constitution can be scheduled later in 2021, as required. This would pick up amendments that will be needed to the delegation schemes following the completion of the changes to the senior management structure.

9. INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER (Pages 27 - 28)

The Council are recommended by the Restructuring Implementation Committee to extend the interim appointment to the statutory post of Interim Monitoring Officer from 1 April 2021 to 31 July 2021.

10. CONFIRMATION OF CHAIR DESIGNATE 2021/22 (Pages 29 - 30)

The purpose of this report is to invite the Council to name a Councillor as Chair(man) of the Council (Designate) for the next Council Year beginning in May 2021 to assist in forward planning purposes. The Council, at its Annual Meeting, will still be required formally to elect a Councillor to be the Chair(man) of the Council for the forthcoming Council Year. Council may wish to indicate at this stage any intentions for the Vice Chair(man) position for 2021/22 or leave that until the Annual meeting.

11. MOTION FROM LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP - VIRTUAL MEETINGS (Pages 31 - 32)

12. MOTION FROM CONSERVATIVE GROUP - INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S WELLBEING (Pages 33 - 34)

13. MOTION FROM LABOUR GROUP - COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING (Pages 35 - 36)

14. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Democratic Services Manager will announce any submissions received. The Council will be invited to decide what action it wishes to take, if any, on the matters raised in these submissions. As the questions received and the answers given will be circulated in written form there is no requirement for them to be read out at the meeting. The questions and answers will be published with the draft minutes.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Jo Morrison who can be contacted on 01225 394358.

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021

Present:- **Councillors** Rob Appleyard, Tim Ball, Sarah Bevan, Colin Blackburn, Alison Born, Shelley Bromley, Neil Butters, Vic Clarke, Sue Craig, Paul Crossley, Gerry Curran, Chris Dando, Jess David, Tom Davies, Sally Davis, Douglas Deacon, Winston Duguid, Mark Elliott, Michael Evans, Andrew Furse, Kevin Guy, Alan Hale, Liz Hardman, Steve Hedges, Joel Hirst, Lucy Hodge, Duncan Hounsell, Shaun Hughes, Eleanor Jackson, Grant Johnson, Dr Kumar, Matt McCabe, Hal MacFie, Ruth Malloy, Paul May, Sarah Moore, Robin Moss, Paul Myers, Michelle O'Doherty, Lisa O'Brien, Bharat Pankhania, June Player, Vic Pritchard, Manda Rigby, Dine Romero, Mark Roper, Richard Samuel, Bruce Shearn, Brian Simmons, Alastair Singleton, Shaun Stephenson-McGall, Karen Walker, Sarah Warren, Karen Warrington, Andy Wait, Chris Watt, Ryan Wills, David Wood and Joanna Wright

63 WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for the attendance roll call.

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Acting Monitoring Officer issued a general dispensation for all Councillors who pay Council Tax or were School Governors and therefore had an interest in these items, to enable them to take part in the debate and vote.

The following declarations of a pecuniary interest were made, for which the Acting Monitoring Officer issued a dispensation, to enable them to take part in the debate and vote;

Councillor Sarah Bevan	In receipt of Council Tax Support
Councillor Sarah Warren	Family Member in receipt of EHC assessment
Councillor Tim Ball	Family Member in receipt of a Social Care service
Councillor Joanna Wright	Family Member in receipt of a Social Care service
Councillor Kevin Guy	Family Business in receipt of a Covid relief grant
Councillor Shaun Hughes	Business owner in receipt of a Covid relief grant
Councillor Lisa O'Brien	Family Member in receipt of a Social Care service
Councillor Colin Blackburn	Family Business in receipt of a Covid relief grant

The following 'other' interest declarations were also made;

Councillor Michelle O'Doherty	Secretary of Lansdown Cricket Club (in receipt of a Covid relief grant)
Councillor Paul May	Non-Executive Director on Sirona Care & Health
Councillor Alan Hale	On Management Board of Keynsham & District Dial-a-Ride
Councillor Brian Simmons	Chairman on Keynsham & District Dial-a-Ride
Councillor Dine Romero (on behalf of the Liberal Democrat group)	In receipt of a Covid relief grant

65 MINUTES - 12TH NOVEMBER 2020 & 21ST JANUARY 2021

On a motion from Councillor Dine Romero, seconded by Councillor Alastair Singleton, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of 12th November 2020 and 21st January 2021 be approved as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman in due course.

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

The Chairman reminded Members that all votes on the budget are required to be a named vote.

At the Chairman's discretion, the Leader updated Council on the latest Covid situation in Bath & North East Somerset. She explained that case numbers are still falling locally and the vaccination programme is going well. Death rates remain relatively low and the Council is about to announce new testing sites in Bath, Midsomer Norton and Keynsham for which people will need to book. There is a new pressure, though, of the newly categorised clinically extremely vulnerable. 8th March is a return to schools and colleges and, although some people will have concerns about this, the Council has little say in this, or in specific groups for vaccinations. [For further information on the vaccination programme, Councillor Romero referred to a recent webinar (19.2.21) on the Council's YouTube channel]. With regard to the Government's route map out of lockdown, please be aware that this will be subject to change as needed, and urged everyone to remain careful.

67 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

68 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Statements were made by the following members of the public;

David Redgewell raised a number of aspects of transport policy with regard to the budget, whilst acknowledging that public transport is now split between the Council and WECA. He asked for adequate budget to ensure clean and covid secure bus shelters across the whole Council area. With regard to public toilets, he called for them to be maintained as visitors return to Bath. A copy of David's statement is attached to the minutes.

Martin Grixoni made a statement regarding the proposed local 'tip tax', charging for household waste such as plasterboard, and suggested that this measure would disproportionately affect the less well-off, reduce recycling and increase fly tipping. He referenced examples of this happening elsewhere in the UK. He urged the Council to reconsider this. Councillor Karen Warrington asked Martin what he thought the Council could do to encourage people to recycle this type of waste, to which Martin responded that the Council currently managed it well and so should continue to encourage, rather than discourage it by charging.

Bob Goodman addressed Council expressing his view that this Administration is mis-managing the climate & ecological emergency and pointing out that the development at Tufa field is still on hold and has not yet been not ceased. He made reference to the recent call-in and various recent property transactions which he felt highlighted how Council finances are being thrown away. He hoped that this would be further reviewed. Councillor Paul Myers asked Bob if he was aware that the Corporate Policy Development & Scrutiny is due to look at the corporate governance of the Council's companies. Bob replied that he was aware, and he felt this review was long overdue. Councillor Colin Blackburn asked Bob if he was aware that ADL & ACL now appear to have taken over the running of the Council's commercial estate * and if that was the original intention, to which Bob replied that he was not aware and, if that was the case, that was definitely not the rationale for setting up these companies.

Jonathan Tecks made a statement on behalf of the Friends of Englishcombe Lane Field, a copy of which is available attached to the minutes. He made reference to the recent application for development at the Planning Committee, which recommended acceptance, but was now pending a final decision. He described the valuable ecological aspects of the field and outlined the consistent and reasoned objections that had been raised, including a petition of 4,500 signatures. He urged the Council to decide against developing the site at all and to withdraw it from the Local Plan. He suggested the field could be handed over to the local community who would be happy to offer their support.

The Chairman thanked all speakers and referred the statements to the relevant Cabinet Members.

* *[Councillor Richard Samuel confirmed later in the meeting that that was not the case.]*

69 BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2021/22 AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The Council considered a report presenting the revenue and capital budgets together with proposals for Council Tax and Adult Social Care Precept for 2021/22.

On a motion from Councillor Dine Romero, seconded by Councillor Paul Myers, it was **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with rule 16 (Suspension of Rules), the Council suspends Council rule 42 (Content and Length of Speeches) for the duration of this debate so as to enable variations to be permitted to the length of speeches by the Cabinet Member for Resources, the Conservative, Independent and Labour Group Leaders or their nominated Spokespersons, and the Chair of the Corporate Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel.

On a motion from Councillor Richard Samuel, seconded by Councillor Dine Romero, it was

RESOLVED that

1. The Council approves-

- a) The General Fund net revenue budget for 2021/22 of **£130.07m** and the individual service cash limits for 2021/22 as outlined in Annex 1 to the report.
- b) The savings plans outlined in Annex 2(i), growth and pressures 2(ii), in conjunction with the Equalities Impact Assessment Report in Annex 3 to the report.
- c) An increase in Council Tax of 1.99% in 2021/22 (an increase of £28.99 per Band D property or 56p per week).
- d) An increase of 3% to Council Tax for the Adult Social Care Precept is approved in recognition of the current demands and financial pressures on this service. This is equivalent to an increase of £43.70 on a Band D property (84p per week).
- e) The movement in reserves outlined in section 5.6 of the report and the adequacy of Un-earmarked Reserves at £12.59m within a risk assessed range requirement of £11.6m - £12.8m.
- f) The Efficiency Strategy attached at Annex 4 to the report.
- g) The Capital Programme for 2021/22 of £69.506m including new and emerging capital bids outlined in Annex 5(i), planned sources of funding in 5.8.2, and notes the programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25 and that any wholly funded projects coming forward during the year will be added to the Capital Programme in line with the Budget Management Scheme.
- h) The delegation of implementation, subject to consultation where appropriate, of the capital programmes set out in Annex 5(ii) to Annex 5(iii) to the relevant Director in Consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder.
- i) The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allocations and amendments outlined in Annex 5(iv) of the report.

- j) The Capital & Investment Strategy attached at Annex 6 to the report.
- k) The MRP Policy attached at Annex 7 of the report.
- l) The Capital Prudential Indicators outlined in section 5.8.8 of the report.
- m) The Annual Pay Policy Statement at Annex 8 of the report.
- n) The Community Contribution Fund proposal outlined in Annex 10 of the report.
- o) The Council Tax Support Scheme for 2021/22 shown in the following link;

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-01/Council%20Tax%20reduction%20scheme%20April%201%202021%20-%20March%2031%202022.pdf> and referred to in section 5.3.4 of the report.

- 2. The Council approves the technical resolutions that are derived from the budget report, and all the figures in that report, including the precepts for towns, parishes and other precepting bodies as set out in Annex 11 of the report.
- 3. Council note the S151 Officer's report on the robustness of the proposed budget and the adequacy of the Council's reserves outlined in section 5.7 of the report.
- 4. Authorisation be given to the Council's S151 Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources, to make any necessary changes to the draft budget proposal for submission to Council.

THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX FOR 2021/22 AS INDICATED ABOVE AND ACCORDINGLY RESOLVES:

- 5. That the 2021/22 revenue expenditure is funded as follows:

	Total £
2021/22 Gross Expenditure	353,566,773
2021/22 Income (service income and specific grants)	182,554,919
Core Funding:	
Retained Business Rates*	61,726,651
Use of Reserves	7,244,759
2021/22 Gross Income	251,526,329
Council Tax Requirement (excluding Parish Precepts)	102,040,444

* Before Tariff Payment of £39.612m

- 6.

- a. That it be noted that on the 17th December 2020 the Director of Finance (as authorised section 151 officer) agreed 66,711.85 Band D property equivalent as the Council Tax Base for the year 2021/22 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 35(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- b. The amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate is given as Annex 1 (1).
[Annex 1 (1) gives Band D Tax base by parish]
7. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the 2021/22 financial year in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, as amended:
- a. **£356,512,749** (=£353,566,773 (gross expenditure including contribution to reserves) +£2,945,976 (Parish precepts)) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the 1992 Act.
[This is the gross expenditure incurred in performing functions and charged to the revenue account, contingencies for revenue, any financial reserves to be raised, financial reserves to meet prior year deficit not yet provided for, any amounts transferred from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with section 97(4) of the Local Government Finance 1988 Act, and any amounts transferred from general fund to collection fund under section 98(5) of 1988 Act.]
- b. **£251,526,329** (gross income) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the 1992 Act.
[This is the income estimated to accrue which will be credited into the revenue account for the year in accordance with proper practices, any amounts transferred in the year from the collection fund to the general fund in accordance with section 97(3) of the 1988 Act, any amounts which will be transferred from the collection fund to the general fund pursuant to a direction under section 98(4) of the 1988 Act and will be credited to the revenue account for the year, and financial reserves used to provide for items in Section 31A(2)]
- c. **£104,986,420** being the amount by which the aggregate at 7(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 7(b) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the 1992 Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
- d. **£ 1,573.73** being the amount at 7(c) above divided by the amount at 6(a) above, calculated in accordance with Section 31B of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year.
[This is the average Band D Council tax including B&NES and parish precepts]

- e. **£ 2,945,976** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the 1992 Act.
[This is the total of parish precepts]
- f. **£1,529.57** being the amount at 7(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 7(e) above by the amount at 6(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

[This is the B&NES Band D Council tax only excluding parish precepts]

- g. The amounts given by adding to the amount at 7(f) above the amounts of special items or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 6(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate are given at Annex 1 (3).

*[Annex 1 (3) gives the Band D Council tax for each area **including** the parish precepts]*

- h. The amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 7(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the 1992 Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands are given in Annex 1 (4).

[Annex 1 (4) shows the B&NES and parish Council Tax for all bands.]

Precepting Authorities

8. That it be noted that for the year 2021/22 the Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset has determined the amount in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

9. Avon and Somerset Police

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£160.80	£187.60	£214.40	£241.20	£294.80	£348.40	£402.00	£482.40

10. That it be noted that for the year 2021/22 Avon Fire Authority met on 10th February 2021 to determine the amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

11. Avon Fire Authority

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

£50.95	£59.45	£67.94	£76.43	£93.41	£110.40	£127.38	£152.86
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12. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts 9, 11 and 7(h) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the 2021/22 financial year for each of the categories of dwellings shown, as listed in Annex 1 (5).

13. On average (for a Band D, 2 adult household) the Council Tax for 2021/22 will be as follows:

<i>Reference Band D 2020/21 £</i>		£ Band D 2021/22	% Increase on 2020/21
1,328.16	Bath and North East Somerset Council*	1,357.15	1.99*
128.72	- Adult Social Care (ASC)*	172.42	3.00*
1,456.88	Sub Total B&NES (Including ASC)	1,529.57	4.99
43.20	Average Parish Precept	44.16	2.22
74.94	Avon Fire Authority	76.43	1.99
227.81	Avon and Somerset Police	241.20	5.88
1,802.83	Total Tax Charged	1,891.36	4.91

[Overall annual increase in average Band D Council Tax is £88.53]

** The percentage figures represent the number of percentage points which increases for the Adult Social Care precept and the B&NES general expenditure charge each contribute to the overall increase set by the Council in 2021/22.*

14. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2021/22 is not determined to be excessive in accordance with principles approved under section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Notes:

1. *At the commencement of debate, an amendment was moved by Councillor Karen Warrington, seconded by Councillor Chris Watt, calling for the plans to introduce charges for hardcore materials at the Household Waste Recycling Centre to be dropped and the savings to be found from operational efficiency and agency staff cost savings. This amendment was lost on a named vote;*

Councillors in favour (16); Councillors Sarah Bevan, Colin Blackburn, Vic Clarke, Sally Davis, Michael Evans, Alan Hale, Shaun Hughes, Paul May, Paul Myers, Lisa O'Brien, June Player, Vic Pritchard, Brian Simmons, Karen Walker, Karen Warrington & Chris Watt.

Councillors against (38); Councillors Rob Appleyard, Tim Ball, Alison Born, Shelley Bromley, Neil Butters, Sue Craig, Paul Crossley, Gerry Curran, Jess David, Tom Davies, Doug Deacon, Winston Duguid, Mark Elliott, Andy Furse, Kevin Guy, Steve Hedges, Joel Hirst, Lucy Hodge, Duncan Hounsell, Dr Kumar, Hal McFie, Ruth Malloy, Matt McCabe, Sarah Moore, Michelle O'Doherty, Bharat Pankhania, Mandy Rigby, Dine Romero, Mark Roper, Richard Samuel, Bruce Shearn, Alastair Singleton, Shaun Stephenson McGall, Andy Wait, Sarah Warren, Ryan Wills, David Wood & Joanna Wright.

Councillors abstaining (5); Councillors Chris Dando, Liz Hardman, Eleanor Jackson, Grant Johnson & Robin Moss.

2. *The successful resolution was carried on a named vote;*

Councillors in favour (36): Councillors Rob Appleyard, Tim Ball, Alison Born, Shelley Bromley, Neil Butters, Sue Craig, Paul Crossley, Gerry Curran, Jess David, Tom Davies, Winston Duguid, Mark Elliott, Andy Furse, Kevin Guy, Steve Hedges, Joel Hirst, Lucy Hodge, Duncan Hounsell, Dr Kumar, Hal McFie, Ruth Malloy, Matt McCabe, Sarah Moore, Michelle O'Doherty, Mandy Rigby, Dine Romero, Mark Roper, Richard Samuel, Bruce Shearn, Alastair Singleton, Shaun Stephenson McGall, Andy Wait, Sarah Warren, Ryan Wills, David Wood & Joanna Wright.

Councillors against (17): Councillors Sarah Bevan, Colin Blackburn, Vic Clarke, Sally Davis, Doug Deacon, Michael Evans, Alan Hale, Shaun Hughes, Paul May, Paul Myers, Lisa O'Brien, June Player, Vic Pritchard, Brian Simmons, Karen Walker, Karen Warrington & Chris Watt.

Councillors abstaining (5): Councillors Chris Dando, Liz Hardman, Eleanor Jackson, Grant Johnson & Robin Moss.

70 COUNCIL COMPANY ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Council considered the annual accounts of Aequus Developments Limited (ADL) and Aequus Construction Limited (ACL).

Various comments during the meeting highlighted that further clarity was needed for understanding Council company governance arrangements and the role of the Corporate Audit Committee and Corporate Scrutiny Panel in this. It was noted that the Corporate PDS Panel would be looking at this. Councillor Samuel acknowledged that it had been a challenge to increase transparency and accountability and welcomed a constructive approach to achieving this.

The Chairman requested that the Chair of Corporate Audit Committee circulate to Members recent correspondence on the need for ADL/ACL scrutiny.

On a motion from Councillor Richard Samuel, seconded by Councillor Mark Elliott, it was

RESOLVED unanimously

1. To note the ADL 2019/20 year end audited accounts (Appendix 1); and
2. To note the ACL 2019/20 year end audited accounts (Appendix 2).

71 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2021/22

The Council considered a report which fulfilled the Authority's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to have regard to the CIPFA Code to approve a treasury management strategy before the start of each financial year. This report was scrutinised by the Corporate Audit Committee at the 4th February 2021 meeting, and reported to Cabinet on 11th February 2021.

On a motion from Councillor Richard Samuel, seconded by Councillor Sarah Warren, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve actions proposed within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

72 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Chairman

Date Confirmed and Signed

Prepared by Democratic Services

REPORT OF URGENT DECISION – ASYMPTOMATIC MASS TESTING

The following decision was made under Part 4G, rule 5 of the Constitution. This requires that, following the decision, a report will be made to the next available Council meeting explaining the decision, the reasons for it and why the decision was treated as a matter of urgency. This item is not for debate or decision at Council – it is reported for noting, in accordance with the Constitution.

Decision;

The Chief Executive has agreed the award of contracts to support the Council in rolling out a Lateral Flow Testing programme as part of the national response to COVID-19, at a cost of approximately £346,000 per month (subject to any changes in DHSC requirements).

Reason for decision & urgency;

The Council is required to set up mass Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) arrangements as part of the Government's pandemic response. The focus of the community testing is on key staff groups and the wider public to help identify people who were asymptomatic positive cases in order to break the chain of transmission. The Council therefore needs to undertake the urgent procurement of goods and services to set up the testing programme to ensure DHSC requirements are met.

Further details can be viewed here;

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1495>

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Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	Council	
MEETING DATE:	25th March 2021	
TITLE:	Amendments to the Constitution	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Planning Delegation scheme - extract (amended)</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Planning Committee Terms of Reference (amended)</p>		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Constitution is a single point of reference which contains the principal governance structures and procedures of the authority. It sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people.
- 1.2 Group Leaders have discussed the need for a comprehensive review of the Constitution which can be scheduled later in 2021, working through the Constitution Working group. This piece of work can pick up amendments that will be needed to the delegation schemes following the completion of the changes to the senior management structure.
- 1.3 This report sets out various more pressing amendments which require a decision without waiting for the fuller review, to ensure that the Constitution is kept up to date and accurate.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to;

- 2.1 Agree the amendments to the Planning Delegation scheme, as described in paragraphs 3.1 & 3.2 and attached in Appendix 1, to enable members to refer applications to the Planning Committee up to 2 days after the closure of the public consultation period;
- 2.2 Agree the amendments to the Planning Committee Terms of Reference contained in Appendix 2 and described in paragraph 3.3 (with the proposed changes shown in tracked changes);
- 2.3 Agree the insertion of a clarifying paragraph to the general officer delegation scheme, as described in section 3.4

- 2.4 On a recommendation from Group Leaders, amend the Constitution to formalise the position that political group motions continue to be taken as the last items on the agenda, as described in paragraphs 3.6 – 3.8;
- 2.5 On a recommendation from Group Leaders, agree to remove the Petition scheme from the Constitution, as described in section 3.9 – 3.14.

3 THE REPORT

Planning Delegation Scheme

- 3.1 In September 2020, the Planning Committee considered options for changes to the Planning Scheme of Delegation. Currently members have 5 weeks after the start of the consultation on a planning application to request that an application is considered by the Planning Committee instead of being delegated to an officer to determine. The Planning Committee agreed to recommend to Council a change to the Scheme of Delegation to enable members to call applications to the Planning Committee up to two days after the closure of the public consultation. This would enable members to be aware of all the comments received before coming to a view.
- 3.2 The Planning Committee report of 23rd September 2020 (see background paper to this report) sets out the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed change above compared with retaining the current approach.

Planning Committee Terms of Reference

- 3.3 A recent High Court judgement in the case of Hemms v B&NES¹ (in which the Court found in favour of the Council) highlighted points within the constitution which need to be updated and so these are included within this report. The updated Terms of Reference, with the proposed amendments shown in tracked changes, are attached at Appendix 2.

The main matters addressed are

- Clarifying that decisions of the planning committee are subject to the applicable schemes of delegation in the Constitution, depending on the specific decision being taken.
- Clarifying the scope of the committee's responsibility for public rights of way and commons registration matters.
- Deleting reference to 'area based committees' as this is now out of date.
- Updating officer job titles.
- Updating terminology and addressing typographical issues.

Officer Delegation scheme

- 3.4 Also arising from the above legal case, it is recommended that the Constitution clarifies that the Officer Delegation scheme is of general application. This will remove any doubt about the scope of the application of the scheme. The proposed amendments do not alter the substance of the Scheme.

¹ The Queen on the application of Janice Hemms v Bath and North East Somerset Council and Kate Chubb [2020] EWHC 2721 (Admin). This was a planning case which included a challenge to aspects of the Constitution. The High Court found the challenge to be unarguable and the Court of Appeal refused permission to appeal.

3.5 The following wording to be added to Part 3, Section 4 A – E.

“This scheme of delegation is of general application and applies to all of the functions of the authority, both executive and non-executive. It gives senior officers the necessary delegated powers to carry out those functions of the authority which fall within their areas of responsibility.”

Agenda order at Council meetings

3.6 The Council procedural rules in the Constitution (Part 4A, rule 13) set out the usual order of agenda items at a Council meeting;

- (i) elect a person to preside if the Chair and Vice(person) are not present;
- (ii) receive any declarations of interest from Members;
- (iii) approve the minutes of the last meeting as a correct record and authorise the Chair to sign as such (*There is no discussion on matters arising from the minutes other than to draw attention to any inaccuracy*);
- (iv) receive any announcements from the Chair or the Chief Executive;
- (v) deal with any business remaining from the previous Council meeting;
- (vi) receive questions, statements, petitions or deputations from members of the public;
- (vii) receive questions, statements, petitions or deputations from Councillors at the end of the published order of business;
- (viii) receive reports on Policy and Budget Framework matters (normally from the Cabinet);
- (ix) consider any agenda motions submitted by members of the Council;
- (x) receive and consider any report from the Cabinet on its business since the previous Council meeting;
- (xi) consider any other business specific in the summons to the meeting including reports from Officers on Council functions”

3.7 However, it has been custom and practice to take political group motions (item (ix) above) at the end of the agenda to ensure all the other business is completed.

3.8 At their meeting on 20th October, Group Leaders agreed to ask Council to formalise the current practice so that the above rules be amended to move political group motions to the final item.

Petition scheme

3.9 It is proposed that the separate Petition scheme is removed from the Constitution to avoid confusion caused by duplication.

3.10 Local Government legislation in 2009 introduced a requirement that all Councils adopt a Petition scheme. This Council adopted a Petition scheme based on the model scheme and that scheme is the one within the Constitution;

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/documents/s57147/5%20-%20Petition%20scheme.pdf>

- 3.11 The requirement to have a scheme was repealed by the Localism Act 2011 and since then it has been a matter for local choice.
- 3.12 Procedure rules within the Constitution for Cabinet, Council, Scrutiny and Committees already permit members of the public to submit petitions to these bodies.
- 3.13 Group Leaders have considered this (1st September 2020) and agreed to recommend to Council the removal of the separate Petition scheme from the Constitution, as rights to submit petitions (and hold a debate) already exist in the main procedural rules for all public meetings and having a separate scheme is unnecessary, and a source of potential confusion.
- 3.14 The Petition scheme is part of the Constitution which can only change with the approval of Council.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Constitution must be in compliance with the terms of the Local Government Act 2000, Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 a, Localism Act 2011 and any other relevant statutory acts or guidance.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 No direct implications.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 No direct implications,

8 EQUALITIES

- 8.1 The changes are not considered to have any significant equalities impacts.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 If the Constitution is not amended, it will not reflect the Council's commitment to tackling the climate emergency, and for major decisions on Council and ADL applications to be considered by the Planning Committee. Without amendment, the Constitution will also not address the points of clarification highlighted by the High Court.

10 CONSULTATION

- 10.1 The Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer, Monitoring Officer and Chair of the Planning Committee were consulted in preparing this report.

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Background papers	<i>The Constitution;</i>

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=652&MIId=5469&Ver=4&info=1>

Planning Committee report 23rd September 2020;

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/documents/s62699/Proposal%20to%20Extend%20the%20Member%20Call-In%20Period.pdf>

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APPENDIX 1 – EXTRACT FROM THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION
PLANNING & RELATED APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT

A	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>Nominated Officers</u>
1	<p>To determine all applications for planning and other permissions, excluding Permissions in Principle (see section B below) but including Listed Building Consent <u>except</u> where:</p> <p>1 A Ward Member has, before a delegated decision is made and within five weeks of the and two days after the close of the latest public consultation on that application, submitted in writing to:</p> <p>development_management@bathnes.gov.uk</p> <p>a request, for the attention of the relevant case officer, that the application be referred to Committee specifying the planning reasons for the request and such referral has been agreed by the Chair and/or Vice Chair of Planning Committee, taking into account:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant material considerations raising significant planning concerns • Significant implications for adopted policy • The nature, scale and complexity of the proposed development. <p><i>NOTE: If the Chair and Vice Chair have different views the Chair's decision is taken as overriding</i></p> <p><i>(NB the Ward Member will be expected to attend the Committee meeting at which the application they referred is to be discussed.)</i></p> <p>2 An application has been subject of a letter of objection or support from the Parish Council for the area including the application site (or for an adjoining area) which is contrary to officer recommendation, when there shall be prior consultation with the Chair and/or Vice Chair of the Planning Committee before a decision is made whether or not to refer the application to committee. For the purpose of this section, letters of objection or support that do not give Planning Policy based reasons will be disregarded, although all representations will be taken into account in determining the application.</p> <p>3 The Director - Development and Public</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director - Development and Public Protection • Head of Planning • Deputy Head of Planning (Development Management); Team Managers; Development Management, Planning and Conservation, & Planning and Enforcement • Principal Planning Officer

	Protection and/or the Head of Planning considers that the application should be considered by Committee. Ctd.....	
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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Functions

1. The Committee will exercise all the Council's powers and duties in respect of Development Management planning. The Committee is also granted delegated authority to exercise the Council's powers and duties in respect of public rights of way and commons registration to the extent set out below. All of the Committee's decisions are subject to the applicable schemes of delegation in the Constitution, depending on the specific decision being taken. ~~(subject to the schemes of delegation set out in the Constitution and the~~ In addition, decisions of the Committee on planning matters are subject to the provisions of Section 8 below). ~~With regard to planning decisions, The the-~~ Committee will act in accordance with the Planning Policy Framework for B&NES which includes National Planning Policy Guidance and the National Planning Policy Framework.

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2. The Committee is granted delegated authority to establish Development Management working practices and protocols for operation on a District-wide basis ~~by this and all other area based committees.~~

3. The Committee is granted delegated authority to exercise all the Council's powers and duties in respect of:

(1) Modification Orders, Reclassification Orders and Public Path Orders where the matters are contentious

(2) Commons Registration (including Town and Village Greens) where the matters are contentious

*Note 1 – The Assistant Director Highways and Transport Group Manager: Highways and Traffic and Team Manager - Highway Maintenance and Drainage have been delegated general as well as specific responsibility in respect of these functions.

*Note 2 – For these purposes, 'contentious' is defined as an application which receives more than 12 objections or an application which has received an objection from either the affected parish/town council or one of the affected ward members. The Committee's delegated authority is framed in such a way that it will be able, if appropriate, to deal with matters other than strict "quasi-judicial" functions relating to Public Rights of Way. This would, however, be within the overall policy framework set by the Council.

In exercising the above powers and duties, the Committee may also:

a. establish such sub committees and working parties as are considered helpful in exercising the above functions.

b. delegate any of its functions to a sub-committee and to delegate any of its non-policy making functions to Officers (see delegation schemes).

4. To monitor service delivery and service trends and to make recommendations.

5. To be a body of influence across its geographical area of responsibility and with the community in its area.

6. To engage in consultation with the community and specifically with other bodies which have an interest in the span of responsibility of this Committee.

7. To participate with others in joint initiatives on planning.

Limitation on delegation

8. The exercise of this delegated authority is subject to the Director [with overall responsibility for planning —Development & Public Protection](#), or the Head of Planning (or any of the other Managers specifically listed in the [Planning Scheme of Delegation](#)~~delegation scheme~~ when standing in for the Head of Planning) being authorised, in exceptional circumstances, to refer any decision or determination of the Planning Committee which is clearly contrary to law or locally or nationally adopted planning policy and against officer advice, to a subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee. When such a decision or determination is referred, it shall be of no effect until the Committee has fully reconsidered the matter in the light of all the information originally before the Committee plus such additional information and advice as the Director ~~—Development & Public Protection~~ or the Head of Planning [\(as the case may be\)](#) considers necessary. Further to such reconsideration, the Committee shall be entitled to make such decision or determination as it sees fit.

Frequency

Monthly

Membership

10 Members

Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING:	Council
MEETING DATE:	25 March 2021
TITLE:	Interim Monitoring Officer
WARD:	ALL
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
List of attachments to this report: None	

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 This report seeks Council's approval of the extension of appointment of an Interim Monitoring Officer.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Restructuring Implementation Committee (RIC) is recommending that the Council approves:

2.1 The extension of the appointment of Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer of Michael Hewitt on a salary of £80,108 pro rata per annum for a further period from 1 April 2021 to 31 July 2021.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of the salary for the post of Interim Monitoring Officer will be met from the budget that covered the salary of the Director of Legal & Democratic Services.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

4.1 The Council's senior management structure is designed to provide the strategic leadership and oversight to enable the Council the maximum opportunity to deliver on its corporate plan.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 Mr Michael Hewitt was appointed as Interim Monitoring Officer by Council on 12 November 2020 for a period from 1 December 2020 to 31 March 2021. His substantive post is as the Council's Legal Services Manager. He has the necessary skills and experience to undertake the Monitoring Officer role and additional management responsibilities.

5.2 The Committee recommends that Mr Michael Hewitt appointment be extended for a further period from 1 April 2021 to 31 July 2021.

5.3 Recruitment to the substantive post of Head of Legal & Democratic Services will commence in mid-May after the local elections and a recommendation for appointment by the RIC brought to the July meeting of Council.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has not been undertaken. Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires all local authorities to appoint a Monitoring Officer.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

7.1 The Monitoring Officer will have delegated responsibility for ensuring the Council rises to the strategic leadership challenge of responding to the Climate Emergency declaration and enables Bath and North East Somerset to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality by 2030. This will include ensuring that the Council leads by example in all its activities, making the radical changes needed, as well as taking a lead role in influencing and working with partners across all sectors locally, regionally and nationally and ensuring wide and deep citizen engagement.

8 EQUALITIES

8.1 An impact assessment has not been carried out. The recruitment and selection process for the substantive appointment will be conducted fairly in accordance with the Council’s recruitment and selection procedures and taking account of its Equalities Policy.

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 Recognised trade unions will be consulted on the detail and implementation of the new senior management structure.

10 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

10.1 All issues have been addressed in the body of this report.

11 ADVICE SOUGHT

11.1 The Council's Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) has had the opportunity to input to this report and has cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	N/A
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Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING:	COUNCIL
MEETING DATE:	25th MARCH 2021
TITLE:	ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAIR(MAN) & VICE-CHAIR(MAN) DESIGNATE FOR 2021/22
WARD:	ALL
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
List of attachments to this report: None	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite the Council to name a Councillor as Chair(man) of the Council (Designate) for the next Council Year beginning in May 2021.
- 1.2 The Council, at its Annual Meeting in May 2021, will still be required formally to elect a Councillor to be the Chair(man) of the Council for the forthcoming Council Year.
- 1.3 Council may wish to indicate at this stage any intentions for the Vice Chair(man) position for 2021/22 or leave that until the Annual meeting.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council names a Councillor to be treated for forward planning purposes as Chair(man) of the Council (Designate) for the 2021/22 Council Year.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 4.1 Because of the pivotal role of the Chair(man) of the Council in the community, the nomination of the Councillor who will hold the office from May 2021 will contribute towards the achievement of the Council`s vision of Bath and North East Somerset as a distinctive place with vibrant communities.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Chair(man) represents the Council at a number of civic engagements, whilst also supporting various awards and functions which require advance planning.
- 5.2 It is extremely helpful to community groups, and to the internal administration and scheduling of the Chair(man)'s functions, to have advanced confirmation of the Councillor who will hold the office from May 2021 and their preferred style of working and availability, although there is no requirement on the Council do so in advance of the Council's Annual Meeting. The Council may prefer to leave the matter until then, when the election of Chair(man) for the year will by law be the first item of business on the agenda.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 No risk assessment related to this issue is required because the decision as to whether to make a nomination at this stage in the Council Year rests solely with the Council and does not affect the legal requirement for the Chair(man) to be elected at the Annual General Meeting in May.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 The wide range of community groups who seek civic involvement in their activities through inviting the Chair(man) to their events will be helped in their diary planning by having a Councillor named as Chair(man) Designate at this stage. It will also assist the Councillor with his or her preparations for their year as Chair(man).

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

- 8.1 The Council's civic and corporate community interests.

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

- 9.1 The Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer have had the opportunity to provide input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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Bath and North East Somerset Council

Full Council meeting 25 March 2021

Liberal Democrat Motion on Virtual and Hybrid Meetings

To be proposed by Councillor Jess David

Council notes:

1. B&NES Council meetings have been held virtually since Spring 2020 as permitted by the Coronavirus Regulations 2020, under which virtual meetings have the same status and validity as in-person meetings.
2. These regulations will expire on 7 May 2021.
3. The LGA and B&NES Group Leaders, as well as many Councils across the UK, and national professional bodies, have called for virtual meetings to be made a permanent option for Councils.

Council believes:

4. There are many benefits to virtual and hybrid meetings for participants, observers and the general public, including: improved access and safety, reduced emissions from transport, savings on time and expenses, and better engagement with residents.
5. Councillors, officers and the public have made great progress in developing the technological skills to participate in virtual meetings on various platforms.
6. Longer term, the option of holding virtual and hybrid meetings could attract a more diverse range of Councillors and officers.
7. Councils should be able to choose between a virtual, hybrid or in-person format for Council meetings, depending on factors such as participants or weather conditions.

Council therefore:

8. Calls on the Government to bring forward legislation enabling virtual and hybrid meetings to be a permanent option for Councils, alongside in-person meetings.
9. Requests that the Leader write to relevant Ministers and local MPs on this matter.
10. Calls on all Councillors to raise this issue with colleagues such as Parish Councillors.

- *Unless where specifically set out in the statute, motions approved at Council do not bind the Executive (Cabinet) but may influence their future decisions.*
- *Councillors are reminded of their public sector equality duty which requires the Council to consider or think about how their policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.*

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Bath and North East Somerset Council

Full Council meeting – 25 March 2021

Conservative Group Motion on initiatives to improve children's wellbeing

To be proposed by Cllr Vic Pritchard

Council:

1. This Council notes that the COVID-19 pandemic will have had some detrimental effects on the wellbeing of children in B&NES. Being isolated from friends and having to learn from home have been significant challenges for young people and their parents over the past 12 months.
2. This Council notes that Bath BID Company (Business Improvement District) is planning to run a 'Summer Sundays' programme from June to August to improve children's wellbeing. The programme will see various family activities take place in local parks and the city centre.
3. This Council recognises the positive impact this programme could have on the wellbeing of children and parents following a year of isolation.

Council therefore:

4. Praises Bath BID for developing the programme and requests that the Leader of the Council takes steps to organise within the next three months an online symposium of relevant local groups, charities, schools, parent groups, cultural organisations and educational experts, to discuss strategies to help parents and children in Bath and North East Somerset overcome the challenges of the past twelve months.

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- *Councillors are reminded of their public sector equality duty which requires the Council to consider or think about how their policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.*

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Council 25 March 2021

Community Wealth Building

Labour Group to move:

Council notes that:

- 1 The coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating impact on the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors, exposing a lack of resilience in the local economy.
- 2 Community Wealth Building, successfully pioneered in Preston and now being adopted elsewhere, is an approach to regeneration underpinned by the principles of economic, social and environmental justice. The model supports long-term prosperity and enables progress to be made on addressing the climate emergency
- 3 Community Wealth Building covers a range of activities but at its heart is local government providing effective leadership to bring together 'anchor institutions' – those organisations which are tied to the location - such as housing associations, health and social care providers and universities to overhaul the way in which they spend money. Through buying their goods and services locally, these anchor institutions can support local businesses, social enterprises and co-operatives, enabling money to remain within the local economy and providing new local employment opportunities.

Council believes:

- 4 As we move towards recovery, Community Wealth Building can make a significant contribution to the development of a stronger, more resilient and inclusive economy that works for local people and help to address the climate emergency.

Council agrees therefore:

- 5 To make a long- term commitment to Community Wealth Building by asking the Cabinet to:
 - a) Provide the local leadership required to deliver the principles of Community Wealth Building;
 - b) Work with anchor institutions to implement this model;
 - c) Consider how procurement policies should be amended to reflect this new approach;
 - d) Consider how to support the development of co-operatives able to fulfil significant contracts;
 - e) Identify the financial support available to grow the local co-operative and social economy; and
 - f) Work to ensure that everyone benefits from Community Wealth Building by ensuring that communities can take advantage of the new opportunities presented by this approach.
- 6 To ask for an update within six months.

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Councillors are reminded of their public sector equality duty which requires the Council to consider or think about how their policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.

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