

Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 22nd July, 2020
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Agenda

To: All Members of the Cabinet

Councillor Dine Romero (Council Leader and Liberal Democrat Group Leader), Councillor Rob Appleyard (Cabinet Member for Adult Services), Councillor Tim Ball (Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, and Economic Development), Councillor Neil Butters (Cabinet Member for Transport Services), Councillor Paul Crossley (Cabinet Member for Community Services), Councillor Kevin Guy (Cabinet Member for Children's Services), Councillor Richard Samuel (Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources), Councillor Sarah Warren (Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services), Councillor David Wood (Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services) and Councillor Joanna Wright (Cabinet Member for Transport Services)

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
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The agenda is set out overleaf.



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A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

(b) The nature of their interest.

*(c) Whether their interest is **a disclosable pecuniary interest** or an **other interest**,
(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.

4. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR
5. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

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6. STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

Councillors and members of the public may register their intention to make a statement if they notify the subject matter of their statement before the deadline. Statements are limited to 3 minutes each. The speaker may then be asked by Cabinet members to answer factual questions arising out of their statement.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING (Pages 7 - 14)

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

8. CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

This is a standard agenda item, to cover any reports originally placed on the Weekly list for single Member decision making, which have subsequently been the subject of a Cabinet Member requisition to the full Cabinet, under the Council's procedural rules

9. MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

This is a standing agenda item (Constitution rule 14, part 4D – Executive Procedure Rules) for matters referred by Policy Development and Scrutiny bodies. The Chair of the relevant PDS Panel will have the right to attend and to introduce the Panel's recommendations to Cabinet.

10. SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING (Pages 15 - 16)

A list of Cabinet Single Member decisions taken and published since the last Cabinet meeting to note (no debate).

11. FUTURE OF ENTRY HILL AND APPROACH GOLF COURSES (Pages 17 - 316)

Use of Entry Hill golf course has declined over the past several years and the council wants to attract a larger number of people to enjoy open-air activity at this important site that forms part of Bath's World Heritage Site designation. The site operates at a financial loss to the Council.

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The Approach golf course also operates at a financial loss to the Council and has had links to the running of Entry Hill since at least the beginning of the Aquaterra contract in 2005. There are potential economies of scale and benefits to potential contractors to operating both sites so any decision on the future of Entry Hill needs to consider how the Approach will be managed as well.

12. BATH CLEAN AIR PLAN GRANT SETTLEMENT - JULY 2020 (Pages 317 - 356)

Poor air quality is the largest known environmental risk to public health in the UK. Investing in cleaner air and doing more to tackle air pollution are priorities for the EU and UK governments, as well as for Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES). B&NES has monitored and endeavoured to address air quality in Bath, and the wider B&NES area, since 2002. Despite this, Bath has ongoing exceedances of the legal limits for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and these are predicted to continue until 2025 without intervention.

B&NES is under a Ministerial Direction to improve air quality in Bath and bring NO₂ within EU and UK legal limits in the shortest possible time and by the end of 2021 at the latest.

The government's Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) has now considered the Full Business Case submitted by the Council to discharge this Direction and, after negotiation, have proposed a final financial settlement that they consider adequate to achieve the outcomes necessary.

13. UPDATE ON CORPORATE STRATEGY PROGRESS AND ISSUES (Pages 357 - 376)

This report updates the cabinet on progress made in delivering our corporate strategy

and identifies key issues for its further development in the context of recovery and renewal following from our response to Covid-19.

14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2019/20 (Pages 377 - 394)

In February 2012 the Council adopted the 2011 edition of the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice, which requires the Council to approve a Treasury Management Strategy before the start of each financial year, review performance during the year, and approve an annual report after the end of each financial year.

This report gives details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Plan for 2019/20.

15. REVENUE & CAPITAL OUTTURN 2019/20 (Pages 395 - 428)

The report presents the revenue and capital outturn for 2019/20, highlighting a net revenue under budget position of £0.12m after allowing for proposed carry forwards. This represents an improved position when compared with the last report, based on monitoring for the year to December 2019, which forecast an on-budget position after using £0.61m from the Financial Planning & Smoothing Reserve. The improved position resulted from continued mitigation of pressures through Directors cost reduction and income generation plans.

16. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, CASH LIMITS AND VIREMENTS – APRIL 2020 TO JUNE 2020 (Pages 429 - 470)

This report presents the financial monitoring information for the Authority as a whole for the financial year 2020/21, using information available as at the end of June 2020.

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

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BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

CABINET

These minutes are draft until confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting.

Thursday, 2nd July, 2020

Present:

Councillor Dine Romero	Council Leader and Liberal Democrat Group Leader
Councillor Rob Appleyard	Cabinet Member for Adult Services
Councillor Tim Ball	Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, and Economic Development
Councillor Neil Butters	Cabinet Member for Transport Services
Councillor Paul Crossley	Cabinet Member for Community Services
Councillor Kevin Guy	Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Councillor Richard Samuel	Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources
Councillor Sarah Warren	Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services
Councillor David Wood	Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services
Councillor Joanna Wright	Cabinet Member for Transport Services

12 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting by explaining that this meeting is being held under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. The Council has agreed a protocol to cover virtual meetings and this meeting would operate in line with that protocol. The meeting has the same status and validity as a meeting held in the Guildhall.

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Legal Services Manager issued a dispensation on behalf of the Monitoring Officer in relation to any Councillors, including their family members, that were in receipt of any grants that had been awarded by the government under the COVID-19 Regulations, such as business grants or furloughing or were in receipt of Council services, to allow all Members of the Cabinet to take part in the debate.

15 RULE 16 COVID19 LOCAL OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN (LOMP) - URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

The Chair informed the meeting that she has agreed to bring Covid-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan under urgent business agreed by the Chair.

This decision would be made under Part 4B Rule 16 of the Council's Constitution as an urgent decision. This matter was urgent because of the expectation that the Council would need to have an agreed plan in place for the beginning of July 2020 in light of the Covid19 pandemic.

The report has received an endorsement from the Health and Wellbeing Board on 23rd June.

Councillor Rob Appleyard said that the COVID situation has always been fast moving and clarity on what was required from all of us was not always been as we would have liked it. The Council were tasked by the government to have a Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP). The Director of Public Health, Dr. Bruce Laurence, and his team have been working very hard over the last few weeks to bring this quite comprehensive document together, which should give an indication of actions needed. This document was not just about the Council; it's about working with partners such as the CCG, hospitals, Virgin Care and a range of other partners.

Councillor Rob Appleyard moved the recommendations.

The Chair seconded the motion by saying a particular thank you to Dr Bruce Laurence, and also to officers who have managed to put this plan together in record time, in order to meet the demand of government to have this plan published by the beginning of July. The Chair thanked to all those who have been part of the pandemic stakeholders' group (group that will form the basis for the local outbreak engagement board) and for their continued commitment to working together. The Chair also thanked all those that have worked above and beyond to help and support others and provide services during this crisis, such as staff and a wide range of volunteers and many others, including those who think they have just helped their neighbours.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

2.1 Accept the Covid-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan as a suitable framework plan on which to base further planning of the local response to this pandemic.

2.2 Commit the Council to providing local leadership during this period of crisis, working with communities and other stakeholders in order to protect the health, wellbeing and prosperity of people in Bath and North East Somerset.

2.3 Commit to the provision of adequate material support for the implementation of this plan, while also taking into account other Council needs and pressures. (This is a commitment in principle: the framework plan does not detail any specific requests, but these will follow and be subject to separate decision making processes).

16 QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

There were 15 questions from Councillors and 1 question from member of the public.
[Copies of the questions and responses, including supplementary questions and responses if any, have been placed on the Minute and are available on the Council's website.]

17 STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

David Redgewell in a statement *[a copy of which is available on the Council's website]* addressed the issues around bus travel around West of England Combined Authority during Covid-19 pandemic.

Councillor Eleanor Jackson in a statement *[a copy of which is available on the Council's website]* brought up some issues that residents and traders from Radstock and Westfield were facing during Covid-19 pandemic.

18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 29th May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19 CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

There were none.

20 MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

The Chair invited Councillor Paul Myers (Chair of the Corporate Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel) to address the Cabinet.

Councillor Myers read out the statement *[a copy of which is available on the Council's website]* in which he summarised findings by the Panel from its meeting on 30th June 2020, and the recommendations made by the Panel to the Cabinet.

The Chair thanked Councillor Myers for the statement and said that the Cabinet have noted comments and recommendations from the Corporate PDS Panel.

21 SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

The Cabinet agreed to note the report.

22 COVID-19 2020/21 FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN

The Chair invited Councillor Richard Samuel to introduce the report.

Councillor Richard Samuel read out the following statement:

'The COVID crisis has wreaked havoc across our economy and throughout our populations in the UK with this Council being no exception. So, just as businesses and households have to repair the damages to their finances, we have to do the same to ensure that we remain financially viable today, and ways ahead. Now, there are some who say that this shouldn't could been anticipated. However, those people are flying in the face of the facts globally no country, no government, a local administration, fully anticipated the scaling problem, and none was able to set aside funds to cover the current scale of the crisis. Those who make such arguments are seeking to make cheap, political capital, out of the misery of a truly global crisis. It could have been different if the UK acted more quickly, as countries such as New Zealand did well probably, but that's a debate for a different day.

Now, as members will know pressure has been building on the government to honour the commitments they gave at the start of the pandemic. And we have played our part in lobbying our special case for this little assistance. We are delighted that the detailed work we have carried out with government officials, finally appears to have paid off with the announcement of new assistance this morning by Robert Jenrick.

It is actually too early to interpret exactly what the additional local additional funding announcement means for the council and the detail is yet to be published. However, on the face of it, it seems that we are now more in the green scenario we originally planned, where budget reductions will still be required, but will be less severity yet it remains unlikely that all the losses that we have identified will be covered. And there will still be a need to reduce expenditure this year.

However, it was never the case that we should do nothing and rely on hope that at the end on finances would magically return to balance because income has returned to pre COVID levels, and our government has provided lots of unexpected funds. Well the choice we had was to take control of that situation and take decisive actions to secure our finances thus securing a quicker return to stability. It was never an option to do nothing.

I want to turn to the root of the difficulties faced by the Council because this is relevant in the light of today's announcement.

As members will know the council achieved the highest levels of externally generated income of all unitary councils in proportion to its budget. This means that our budget was one of the most exposed to reductions in income, and why we have had a particularly difficult position to deal with. And those income reductions can be exactly traced to the government's decision to lock down population thus choking off those income streams. And as I said earlier, we have argued strongly for assistance with ministers and officials and last week as we held a meeting with the local government minister Simon Clarke to press our case for special support.

Now today's announcement, not only provides unrestricted emergency funds although those are very limited, and they've already produced a negative reaction from local government sector, but they also announced the grant support package that recognises authorities income losses in a bespoke way as we have argued for right from the beginning. Now, in a nutshell, the government has argued as

announced that losses, over and above first 5% of planned income from sales fees and charges will be compensated at a rate of 75 p in every pound. This appears to cover heritage and parking income losses, but it is silent as to whether commercial estate income will be compensated.

The detail as to how this scheme will be administered has not yet been announced, and when we are aware of that we will return to later on.

I just want to just deal with some of the points that Councillor Myers raised in his presentation to Cabinet at the PDS panel earlier this week.

I speculated as to what might happen to those three main income streams and I'm just going to repeat these for the record, we do not believe that heritage income will fully recover in 2021. So, although the Roman Baths will open next week, because of social distancing requirements, we still expect capacity to be reduced to 30% of normal. And, the same applies to the Assembly Rooms and the Pump Room, longer term prospects depend, to some extent, on the world appetite for international tourism.

Some mitigation is possible through increased UK tourism, but we expect income to be depressed below 2019/20 levels on parking income. We do expect that to return closer to pre COVID levels, particularly if greater car use occurs due to social distancing requirements on public transport.

Commercial income is not expected to return to pre COVID levels during 2021, and longer term prospects are highly unpredictable due to uncertainty about the financial health of the retail and hospitality sector, many of whom are our plans and some businesses have argued publicly for rent free periods to be granted. I have asked what the estimated additional loss to the council would be where we do that. And what I've been advised is that the increased losses, would be around a million pounds a month if we were to grant rent free periods, say to all of our tenants. I think in the environment the report sets out, it is not prudent to go down that road with our tenants, but we are prepared to negotiate and discuss deferments and different payment arrangements with all of our tenants and indeed have been doing so.

I want to just return now to the report itself. First to say what the report is not. It is not a new medium term financial strategy that tries to plot the course of the next three years, rather it is a recovery plan that deals with the urgent situation we face. A revised medium term financial strategy will be prepared that addresses and examine some future cost pressures the council will face, and will as part of its content consider the fiscal environment post COVID. I believe that's the correct way to approach our financial management, not in reverse order as suggested by opposition members. When there is fire - you put it out quickly, and then you rebuild your house. You do not rebuild your house and then allow the fire to take home. So, we are taking urgent action as is necessary to secure this year's finances, and we will deal with the longer term position in due course. I would like to place on record thanks to everyone who has shaped this plan and prepared this plan in such a short time. This has been a terrific piece of council wide teamwork, in quite difficult circumstances. And, as has been mentioned, our auditors have expressed their satisfaction with it.

I'm not going to repeat the headline savings they remain at the moment in this report at £20.7m.

It would mean that when we are aware of any additional government funding, we will have choices about whether we need to do any draw down from reserves and to what extent.

Now, in the light of the high levels of government unrestricted grant announced today, the Cabinet will reassess the position when full of details are known, and we will make adjustments to these proposals. We will also keep a very close watch on COVID related spending to ensure it can be contained within the resources provided by government, and that would apply in the event of any second spikes within our area.

As members will know as part of the recovery plan of prepper preparation a full review of the capital programme was undertaken and adjustments made to reducing the borrowing costs as well as reprogramming slippage caused by the COVID lockdown.

We were concerned about the continuing impact pandemic would have on the ability of council tax and business ratepayers to pay their bills, as this ultimately feeds into future year's budgets. So, in this regard we welcome the announcement by the government state of greater flexibility in the treatment of election fund deficits. The full details of our proposals for the plan are contained within the appendices in the report, together with a full equalities impact assessment. I do not propose to speak to these details but I'm happy to take comments on them.

As we know the pandemic is a fast moving situation, and they will be, and there may be unexpected twists and turns ahead.

And it is really impossible to predict these future events, because so much depends on sensible behaviour by the public and adherence to government and local public health guidance.

We intend to monitor the delivery of this plan very closely, but also changing conditions locally, that may impact on the council's finances will be followed by corrective action if that is required. I have no intention, as some members opposition members have suggested to allowing the council's finance to drift. Such an intervention is necessary by the director of finance and it remains my intention that despite the exceptional circumstances we face, the books will balance at year end.

I commend this report to the cabinet for approval. I move the recommendations set out in report but they also move and additional recommendation 2.7:

2.7 - To welcome the announcement of additional government funding to the Council in particular the proposed income compensation scheme and agrees that once the detail has been received and analysed a further report will be brought forward setting out any adjustments to the Financial Recovery Plan.'

Councillor Richard Samuel moved the recommendations 2.1 to 2.6 with additional recommendation 2.7 (as above).

The Chair seconded the motion by thanking Councillor Samuel, other Cabinet Members and officers for their input in the report. The Chair also said that she welcomed additional support to councils and that she was grateful that the government had listened their concerns. However, the 'devil is in the detail' and the

Council would need to analyse carefully the announcement from the government and consider the impact it would have on Council's recovery plan. The Council would need set a framework which would be flexible enough to deliver services to its residents.

Councillor Paul Crosley made an appeal to all residents to take their litter home rather than leaving it across parks in the area. The collection of litter over the last few weeks has had significant financial impact on the Council. Councillor Crossley also said that Roman Baths have re-opened but with reduced visitor capacity due to social distancing. This would have negative financial impact on the Council, too. Also, Fashion Museum and Victoria Art Gallery would open around Easter 2021. Councillor Crossley concluded his statement by thanking Stephen Bird and his staff on drawing plans for re-opening Roman Baths and Pump Room.

Councillor Sarah Warren also welcomed the report and thanked the officers who worked so hard to resolve the financial difficulties that have arisen directly after the pandemic. The climate emergency was one of the highest priorities of this administration, and despite the turmoil brought to the community by COVID-19, this priority would must remain. Councillor Warren also said that the climate and nature emergency has not gone away and that she was delighted that despite the enormous financial challenge, the Council would keep the additional funding allocated in February for work on the climate emergency. Councillor Warren added that the Council would continue to work with local business to create new jobs and also to continue with the climate emergency measures as set out in the vision.

Councillor Tim Ball also supported the report and paid tribute to Council officers who have worked hard to deliver services to the community in these difficult times. Councillor Ball also welcomed the announcement from the government for additional support to councils and highlighted the need for funding grass cutting in the area.

Councillor Rob Appleyard welcomed the report and the news about government's additional support, and thanked the volunteers from 3SG and third sector for their support to the community. Councillor Appleyard highlighted that people who were shielding due to their medical conditions should be looked at in terms of their re-engagement with the community.

Councillor Joanna Wright also welcomed the report and highlighted the work of the Community Compassionate Hub did in the last few months. Councillor Wright felt that the report was well written and added that the Council would face real challenge to deliver its services to the community taking into consideration financial difficulties. Councillor Wright expressed her concern of community expectation from this Council to deliver a huge amount of infrastructure that would support lots of people to move to sustainable transport, The Council would need to make sure that our pavements were wide enough, and that parking is removed, so that people can move about as easily as possible, and to stay well and healthy. Councillor Wright thanked Andy Rothery and his team for the report and also to officers from highways and transportation for their hard work in the last few months.

Councillor Kevin Guy thanked the officers for the report and added that these were quite challenging times to protect and enhance services for children in need. The Council has been working closely with its partners to find new ways to support children and young people. The Council commissioned services from a range of charities and organisations to support vulnerable children and young people.

Council Guy informed the Cabinet that resources and support have been put in place with an offset of up to £57,000 by an agreement reached with St John's Trust. This would benefit most vulnerable children in the society. This support would be formalised with the relevant providers and would form part of the wider work, which St John's are implementing in Bath and North East Somerset, as part of their recently launched a foundation fund to help enhance children's lives. This cooperation means that there would be zero frontline reduction in preventative services that provide support for the most vulnerable in our society.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

- 2.1 To note the Covid-19 financial impact on the Council's revenue budget.
- 2.2 To note the planned commitments and utilisation of the £10m Covid-19 grant.
- 2.3 To note and approve the Director recovery plans, which are in line with the delegation given within the Council's Budget Management Scheme.
- 2.4 To support and approve the 2020/21 revenue budget financial recovery plans.
- 2.5 To note the changes in the capital programme as result of the capital review and approve the rephasing of the programme budgets as set out in appendix 2.
- 2.6 To note the commitment of £11.43m Council reserves to be earmarked and utilised as the deficit funding source in the event of an over budget position after revenue mitigations and government grant.
- 2.7 To welcome the announcement of additional government funding to the Council in particular the proposed income compensation scheme and agrees that once the detail has been received and analysed a further report will be brought forward setting out any adjustments to the Financial Recovery Plan.

The meeting ended at 3.20 pm

Chair _____

Date Confirmed and Signed _____

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Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

published 22-Jun-2020 to 13-Jul-2020

Further details of each decision can be seen on the Council's Single-member Decision Register at <http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx?&dm=3>

There were no Single Member Decisions made or Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels provided in the period of 22nd June 2020 to 13th July 2020.

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MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cabinet	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	22 nd July 2020	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
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TITLE:	Future of Entry Hill and Approach Golf Courses	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Use of Entry Hill golf course has declined over the past several years and the council wants to attract a larger number of people to enjoy open-air activity at this important site that forms part of Bath's World Heritage Site designation. The site operates at a financial loss to the Council.
- 1.2 A consultation has been completed which welcomed opinions on a range of options including but not limited to a family cycle centre, a community growing space, outdoor education or continuing to provide a golf course. A number of parties have expressed an interest or submitted proposals for managing and operating the site during and following this consultation. A way forward now needs to be agreed for the site.
- 1.3 The Approach golf course also operates at a financial loss to the Council and has had links to the running of Entry Hill since at least the beginning of the Aquaterra contract in 2005. There are potential economies of scale and benefits to potential contractors to operating both sites so any decision on the future of Entry Hill needs to consider how the Approach will be managed as well.
- 1.4 It is intended to retain the 18 hole golf course at Approach with the 12 hole course offered for other potential sporting/community uses. Discussions with

providers have indicated that this is the most efficient business model for the site, controlling costs while retaining income to ensure the service is viable.

- 1.5 Since the consultation process for Entry Hill has been completed Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the Council's finances the leisure sector as a whole. This has impacted decision making because there is a greater need to ensure financial viability for all leisure sites. This situation has led to the Approach golf course being review and included in this paper.
- 1.6 A comprehensive report on broader leisure provision will be presented to Cabinet in September, however the golf courses have been brought forward to July Cabinet in recognition of the consultation that has been carried out and the desire to make a decision on these facilities as they currently remain closed. Further to this we are not expecting either golf site to require a subsidy from the Council in the future so a decision can be made outside of the wider strategic decision on leisure facilities.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to;

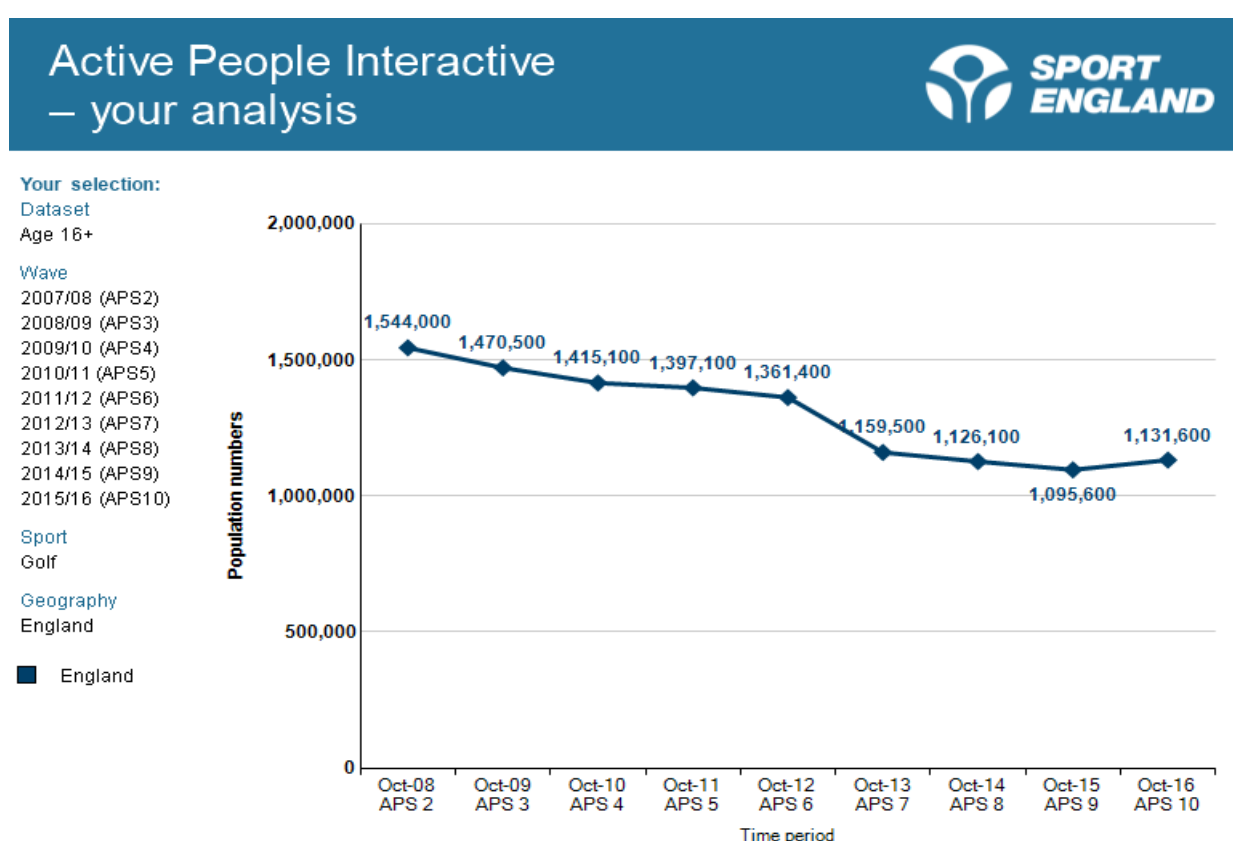
- 2.1 Agree the next steps for the future uses of Entry Hill and Approach golf courses
- 2.2 Note the results of the community consultation exercise in relation to Entry Hill
- 2.3 Recommend that an open procurement exercise is undertaken that allows all proposals to be properly considered and evaluated against an agreed set of criteria. Proposals for community and sporting provision only will be considered. Ensure that bidders are able to tender for one or both of the sites as desired.
- 2.4 Delegate to the Director of Environment authority to appoint a contractor in accordance with the Council's prescribed governance and procurement process in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Communities

3 THE REPORT

Background

- 3.1 Entry Hill Golf Club is a 9-hole course which opened in the 1980's and is set on a steeply sloping hillside located c1.6 miles south of the centre of Bath. The 30 acre site consists of a shop/café, changing rooms and a car park for approx. 30-40 vehicles, is dotted with trees and enjoys views across the City. The golf course is a former landfill site, previously known as Lower Barrack Farm. The Lower Barrack Farm landfill is recorded as having accepted all types of waste from 1970 to 1989 comprising industrial, commercial, household and liquids/sludge waste. The club currently has around 70 members.
- 3.2 The Council recognises the ecological and heritage value of the site along with the proximity of the site to the communities of Southdown, Odd Down, Fox Hill and Twerton and Whiteway.

- 3.3 The Approach golf course is a pitch and putt facility in Royal Victoria Park in Bath. There are 2 courses - a 12 hole course and an 18 hole course.
- 3.4 While the course has a greater number of uses than Entry Hill with c.15,000 visits per year it still operates at a loss to the Council.
- 3.5 There are clear operational links to Entry Hill golf course and as such if the management of Entry Hill changes then the future operation of the Approach needs to be considered as well.
- 3.6 Golf nationally has been in decline for a number of years. From 2008 to 2016 Sport England's national survey 'Active People' captured participation data in a range of sports. The survey was changed in 2016 and there is no comparable data from beyond that point. The graph below shows the number of people participating in golf over this time period.



- 3.7 This matches the decline seen in usage at Entry Hill which was at c.14,000 uses per year in 2010 and is now around c.10,000.
- 3.8 Golf was offered as a separate lot in the procurement for the new leisure contract in 2015. This decision was made to ensure that specialist golf providers or other local providers that were not in a position to operate leisure centres were able to bid solely for the golf element.
- 3.9 Unfortunately, no bids were received at the final stage despite dialogue with providers and interest at the initial stages. It was clear through discussion that none of the providers felt that the site had the potential to operate on a profitable basis

3.10 Greenwich Leisure Limited were the successful bidder for the leisure centre contact and as part of the process agreed to operate the golf courses on behalf of the Council on an open book basis for a fixed management fee which is how the course is currently operated.

Costs

3.11 Entry Hill course is making an operating loss at present based on the 3 years that GLL have year data (the contract started in June 2015 so they have no data for the first 2 months of that financial year) this has been as follows:

- 16/17 - £39,792
- 17/18 - £46,873
- 18/19 - £38,460

3.12 In addition to this operating loss the Council's Parks department carries out the repairs and maintenance of the golf course at a cost of £35k - £40K per year. The course requires extensive tree work to prevent the constant narrowing of the fairways and needs improvement works to the greens over the coming years in order for them to remain playable. This work is expensive and difficult to justify.

3.13 The GLL management fee is £7.5K pa and is included in the figures above plus there is around £2.5k pa of management costs for the Council (Leisure Officer and Parks Team).

3.14 This loss means that the Council is in effect subsidising the site to the value of at least £80k pa.

3.15 This led to a community consultation to consider potential future uses of the site that would help more people to be more active more often, contribute to the climate change agenda and improve the financial position for the site.

3.16 The Approach golf course has run operationally at a profit or close to break-even over the same time period. Again it carries maintenance costs of c.£28k per year as well as a £7.5k management fee to GLL (again included in the figures below) as well as the management costs for the Council meaning that the site is also subsidised by the Council. Last 3 years operational figures are as follow

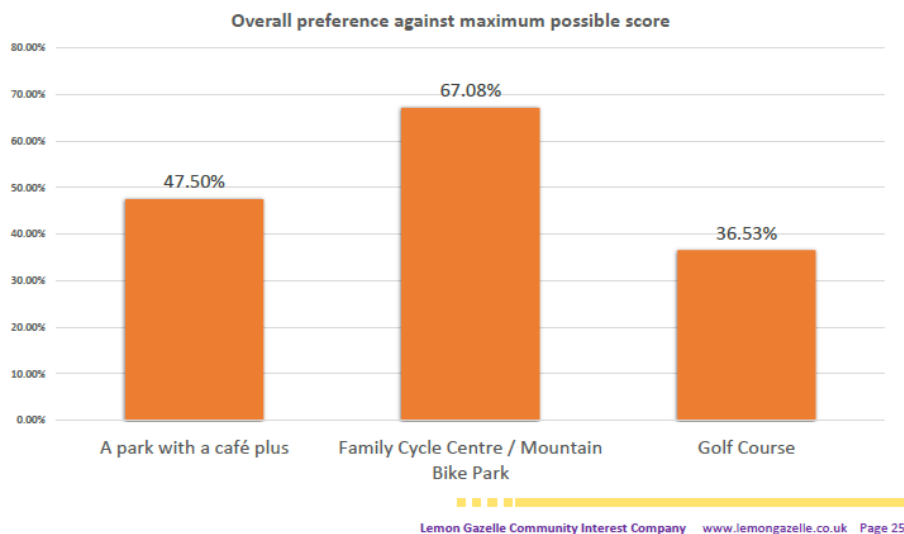
- 16/17 - £19,539 profit
- 17/18 - £3,988 loss
- 18/19 - £1,636 loss

Consultation for Entry Hill

3.17 The community consultation was undertaken between December 2019 and March 2020 and involved carrying out substantial stakeholder engagement to understand the views of residents, golf course users and those who would like to use the site.

- 3.18 Stakeholder engagement comprised online and paper survey; One-to-one conversations and follow up email dialogue plus two drop-in events
- 3.19 A total of 3,215 individuals responded to the survey, of which 3209 responses were provided via the online survey and 6 on paper. These individuals made over 4,800 long answer comments, as well as providing quantitative answers to indicate their preferences. The data from these answers has been analysed.
- 3.20 The consultation and engagement process have provided a wide range of data which can inform the future use of Entry Hill Golf Course.
- 3.21 The methodology utilises a Multi-Criteria Decision Tool to assess future uses of the site in an open, accountable and easy to understand way. It is designed to assist discussion and assessment and provide a recommendation to decision-makers.
- 3.22 In considering the options, it is necessary to evaluate those which require a significant user of the space. Some of the other options which require less space, and certainly not the whole site, could be included alongside those options. For example, Trails for Walking, Forest School and Play Spaces would not be excluded by the by the more significant utilisers of space. These uses could be integrated to a greater or lesser extent into whichever options were under consideration.
- 3.23 Bath and North East Somerset Council's objectives informed the criteria against which options are measured. The scores of each option were set against these criteria.
- 3.24 As an addendum to the main report, Lemon Gazelle also tested how the local statistics compare to the wider analysis in the Main Report., See Appendix 1 and 1(a).
- 3.25 This mapped those residents who stated that they were a Bath and North East Somerset Residents and show the preference chart for those. Using this Constituency Demographic, the preference Survey reflected the global result.
- 3.26 The consultation and engagement process have shown the strength of opinion from the community and stakeholders who use and would wish to use this valuable asset in Bath.
- 3.27 From the primary, significant use options available, the strongest is the Family Cycle Centre/Mountain Bike Park. This option stands out for best fulfilling the objectives and being the most highly supported option (78% either supported or strongly supported this option) within the consultation and also offers the opportunity to be combined with a number of the less space intensive uses as appropriate.
- 3.28 The graph below shows the results of the decision tool. The full report is available in Appendix 1.

Options Summary Graph



3.29 It should be noted that a number of the regular golfers have also been campaigning to keep the site as a golf course and have submitted a petition with 1000 signatures to this effect.

Covid-19

3.30 Since the completion of the consultation the process has been delayed by the events surrounding Covid-19.

3.31 The virus has had a significant impact on the leisure sector with operators unable to generate income while still having significant running costs. This has led to operators nationally seeking financial support from their local authority partners.

3.32 There have also been significant impacts on the Council's finances with the loss in income well documented.

3.33 The need to provide financial support to GLL while under financial pressure has led the Council to undertake a review of the leisure services it provides in partnership with GLL. This has led to the Approach golf course being included as part of this decision as it has such clear links to Entry Hill.

3.34 In the short term there are costs associated with re-opening the golf courses following the enforced closure due to Covid both to make them Covid Secure and also to service the irrigation systems for the courses. This combined with the fact that they operate at a loss has led the Council to make the decision to delay re-opening until the future of the courses is clear following this decision.

Expressions of interest and proposals submitted by interested parties

3.35 The Council has received a number of expressions of interest and some detailed proposals from parties that have been engaged as part and as a result of the consultation process. These are not included as part of this paper to ensure fairness to all parties through the procurement exercise.

- 3.36 In line with the Council's policies and procedures the most appropriate way to assess and evaluate these is to run an open procurement process with an agreed set of criteria for evaluation to ensure all potential bidders are treated fairly.
- 3.37 The procurement process will only consider bids of a sporting or community provision nature. The Council is **not** considering any changing of use away from this type of provision.
- 3.38 It is anticipated that tender documents will be drawn up over the summer with the procurement exercise starting in the Autumn.
- 3.39 Following the strong preference from the consultation for a family cycle centre the Council has explored potential funding opportunities and availability of providers to deliver this type of use.
- 3.40 There is a very small marketplace of providers who would be able to fund, design, build, operate and maintain such an offer.
- 3.41 A more common approach for delivery of a scheme such as this would be for the Local Authority to apply for grant funding and raise the capital to deliver the required works on its land which would then be leased to a contractor to operate.
- 3.42 To ensure this doesn't unfairly advantage or disadvantage this option the Council will use an independent 3rd party to develop a shadow business case for the capital works using guidance from Sport England and British Cycling.
- 3.43 This will allow the Council to assess the value of any bid from a cycling operator while still taking into account the cost impact of the capital works. This will ensure that the full cost of the solution is taken into account rather than just the operational benefits being seen without the capital expenditure being taken into account.
- 3.44 The Council is seeking to retain golf use for at least the 18 hole course at Approach golf course, but is open to sporting or community use suggestions for the 12 hole course area.

Desired outcomes from future uses to be assessed through the procurement process

- 3.45 There are 4 key principles that the Council is considering when looking at proposals through the procurement process and the tender documents will be prepared to reflect this:

Criteria 1 – Climate Emergency

The Council has declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019 and any use needs to make contribution towards improving the climate and helping the Council reach its goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030.

Criteria 2 – Health and Wellbeing

The Council's Fit for Life strategy seeks to get more people, more active, more often. Any use, including continuation as a golf course, needs to give serious consideration to the potential role of the site in terms of increasing physical activity levels and/or improving health and wellbeing.

Criteria 3 - Financial

The sites are currently running at a loss. The Council does not currently subsidise other sports in this way and so any use needs to have a financially sustainable business plan that does not require a subsidy from the Council.

Criteria 4 – Consultation results

Any bid needs to take into consideration the consultation that has been carried out at Entry Hill and how it is responding to the findings of the report.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Any lease or contract the Council enters into as a result of a procurement exercise will need to take into account the legislation regarding the transfer of public open space ensuring best value is achieved and restrictive covenants are put in place to protect the future of the sites and limit future development.

4.2 Equalities, natural environment, public health, procurement and inequalities.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 Detailed business cases for each proposal will be required as part of the procurement process.

5.2 Any business case is expected to remove the current subsidy to the site and become at least cost neutral to the Council.

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 EQUALITIES

7.1 Equalities issues to be assessed as part of the procurement process

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 To ensure this is addressed fully it has been addressed fully all bids will be assessed on their impact on the climate change agenda as one of the key criteria for the procurement exercise.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 Given the level of interest in the site an open procurement exercise is the only fair way to resolve this issue.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Community consultation as described in Appendix 1 and 1(a).

10.2 Cabinet Members, Ward Members, Spot England, National Governing Bodies of Sport, Monitoring Officer, S151.

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Entry Hill Golf Course, Bath

February 2020

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1 Background

Entry Hill Golf Club is a 9-hole course set on a steeply sloping hillside located a mile and a half south of the centre of Bath. It is a 30-acre site which includes the golf course, shop/café, changing rooms and a small car park. The Golf Club is owned by Bath and North East Somerset Council and managed by Greenwich Leisure Limited. Opened in the 1980s, the Golf Club has seen a decline in usage over recent years (currently having 70 members) causing it to run at a significant loss, subsidised heavily by the Council.

As a result, a review is being conducted to look at future uses for Entry Hill Golf Club, the combined drivers for change being the following:

- **Financial:** Entry Hill Golf Course is an underused and expensive asset which could benefit a wider population using a different business model
- **Fit For Life Strategy:** Bath and North East Somerset Council has ambitions for improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities across the local authority area through increasing physical activity levels
- **Addressing the climate emergency:** Climate change has been identified in the new Corporate Plan (September 2019) as a priority issue

The review has been undertaken between December 2019 and March 2020 and involved carrying out substantial stakeholder engagement to understand the views of residents, golf course users and those who would like to use the site.



2 Engagement Methods

An Engagement Plan established the wide range of stakeholders who would have an interest in the future of Entry Hill Golf Course. In summary these groups comprised:

- Residents
- Current site users
- The wider community who do not currently use the site
- Stakeholder Organisations
- Interest groups and organisations

Stakeholder engagement was undertaken between 16th December 2019 and 3rd February 2020 and comprised the following;

- Online and paper survey
- One-to-one conversations and follow up email dialogue
- Two drop-in events

Following the close of the stakeholder engagement, analysis of the information collected was undertaken, and this then formed one element of the Options Appraisal. The Options Appraisal uses the Decision Tool to bring together the criteria by which all options will be evaluated, enabling the weighting and subsequent scoring of each option to provide an accountable and rational recommendation.

2.1 Stakeholder Engagement Survey

A total of 3,215 individuals responded to the survey, of which 3209 responses were provided via the online survey and 6 on paper. These individuals made over 4,800 long answer comments, as well as providing quantitative answers to indicate their preferences. The data from these answers has been analysed and is set out in the following sections

2.2 Stakeholder Events

Drop-in style events were held at Odd Down Sports Centre on 10th and 11th January 2020 to enable stakeholders to come along and give their views on the future of the golf course. One event was held in the afternoon/evening (Friday 10th) and the other on a weekend morning (Saturday 11th) to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend.

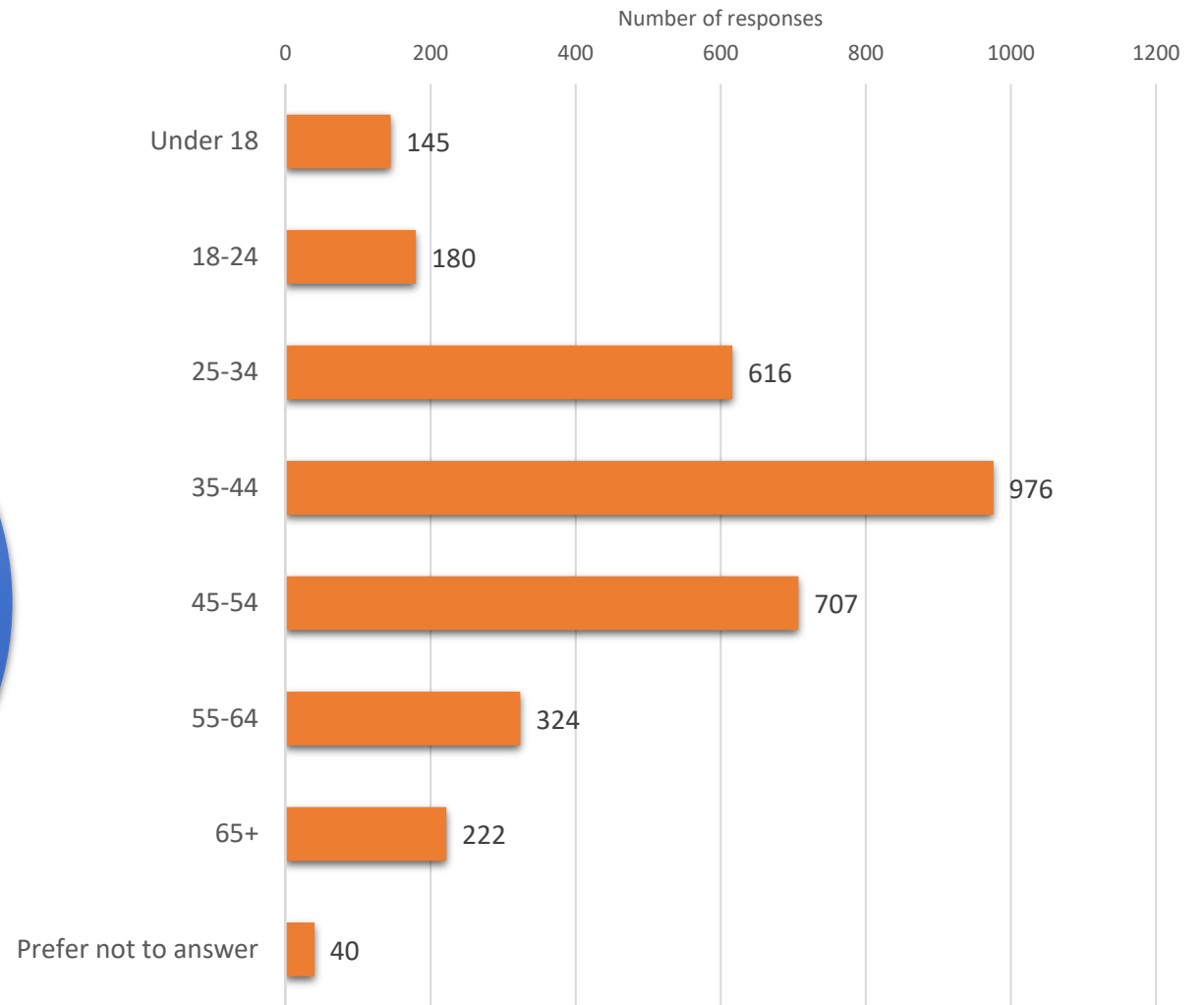
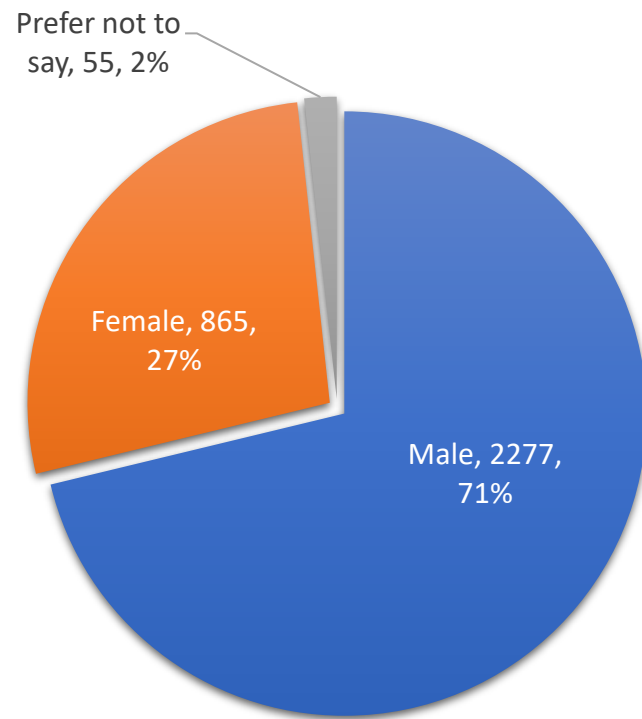


A rolling presentation was set up to provide information about the different options for the future of the golf course. Both events were well attended with at least 300 people giving their views and having conversations with Councillors (followed up in some cases by email conversations with further issues, questions and comments). 718 written comments were made by those who attended, and these have been analysed and reported on alongside the information collected via the online survey.

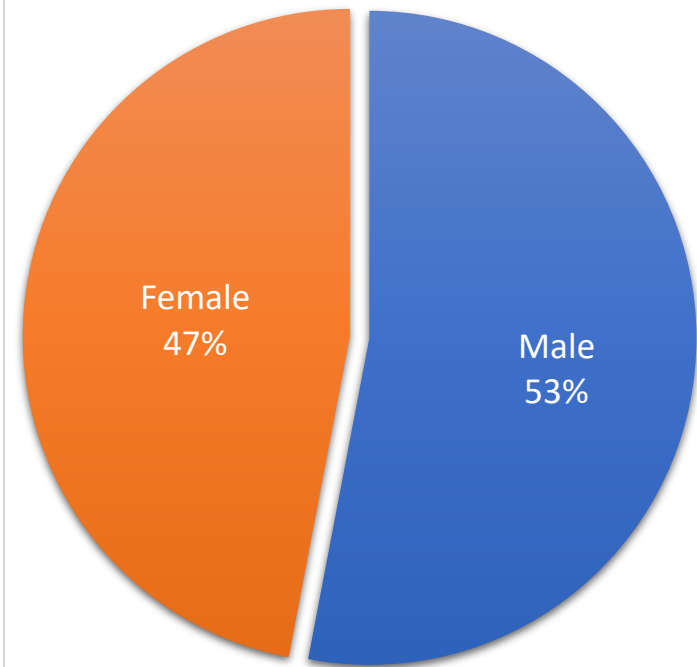
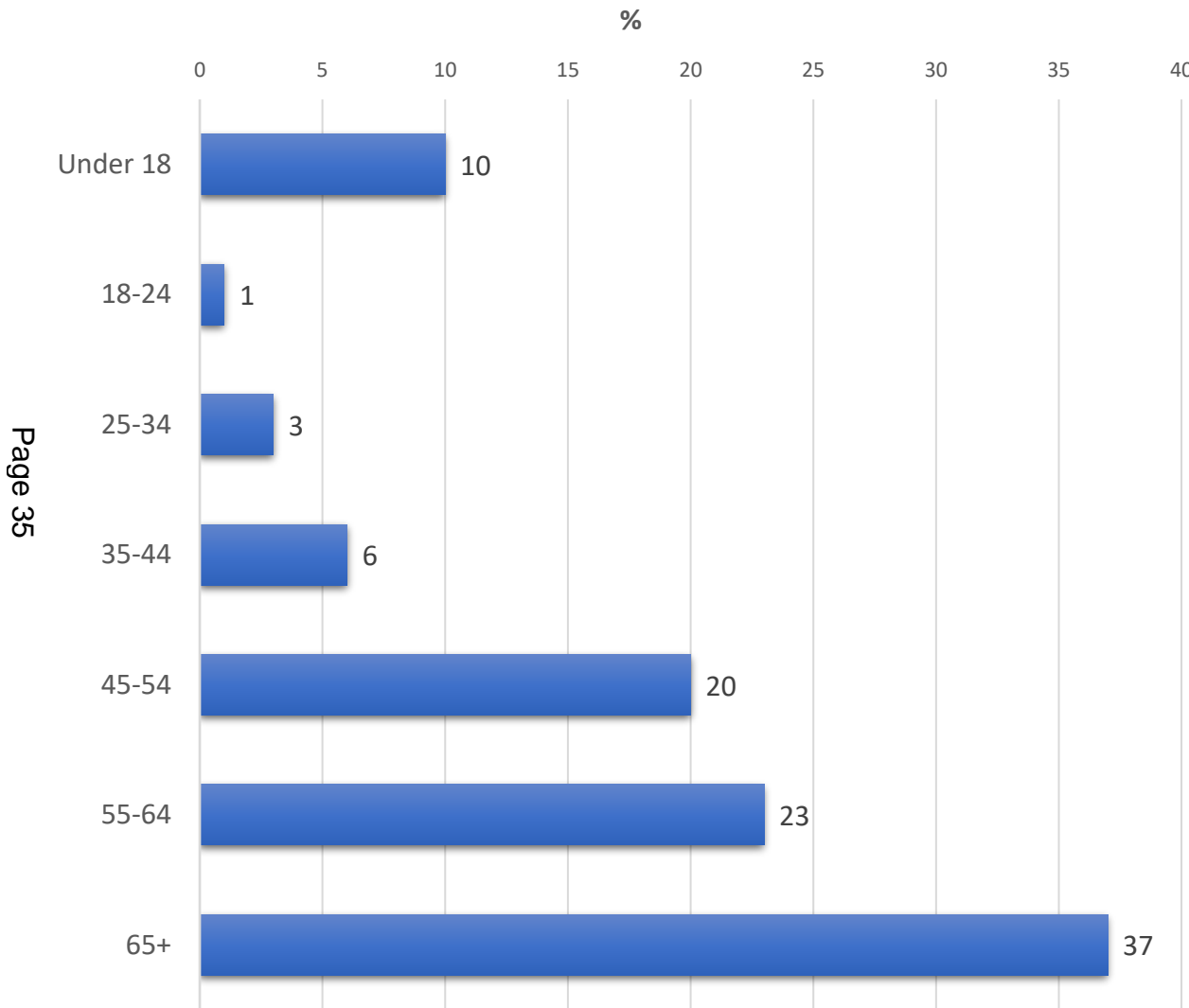


3 Engagement Results

3.1 Age and gender - Survey



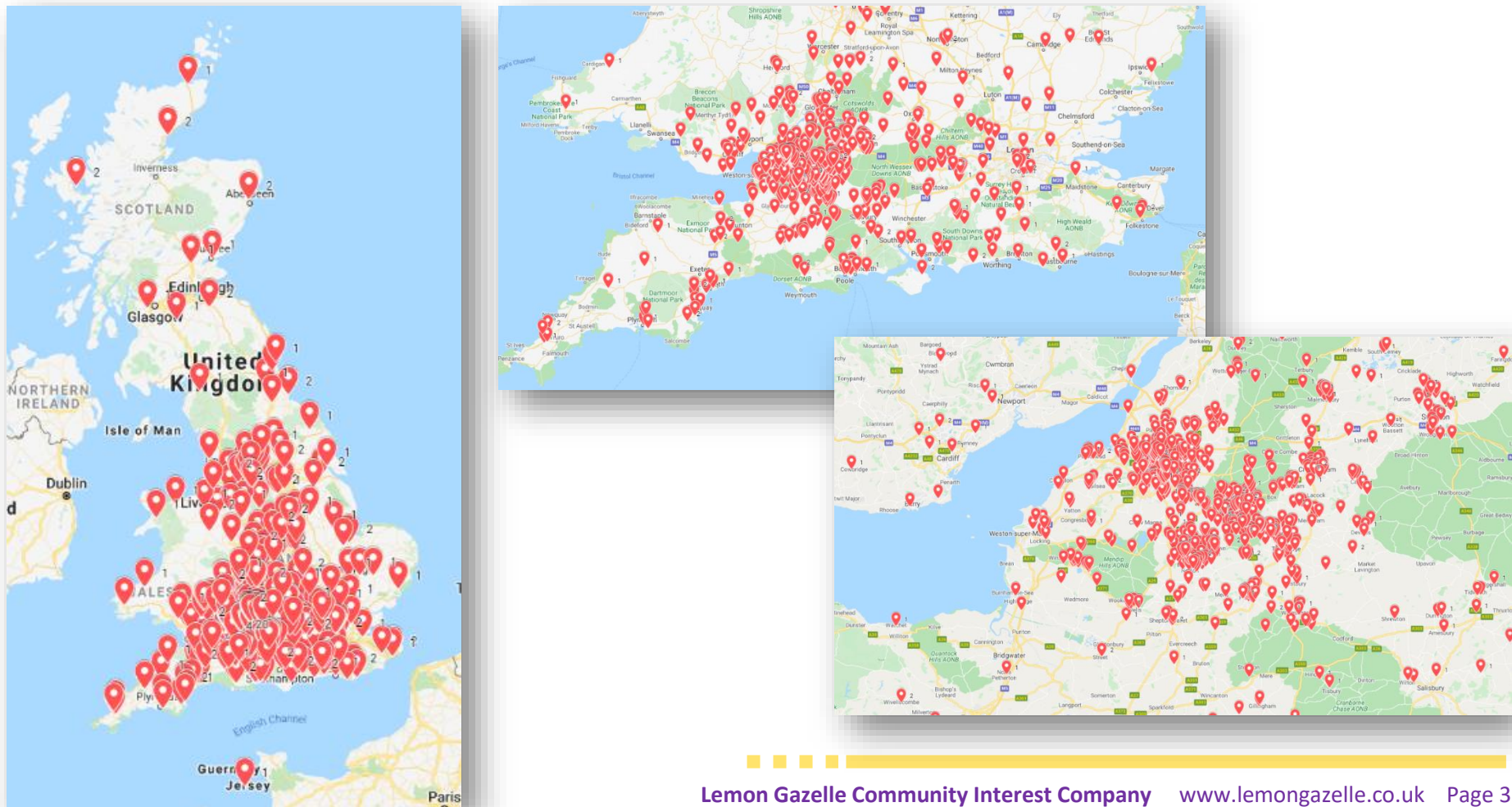
3.2 Age and gender - Events

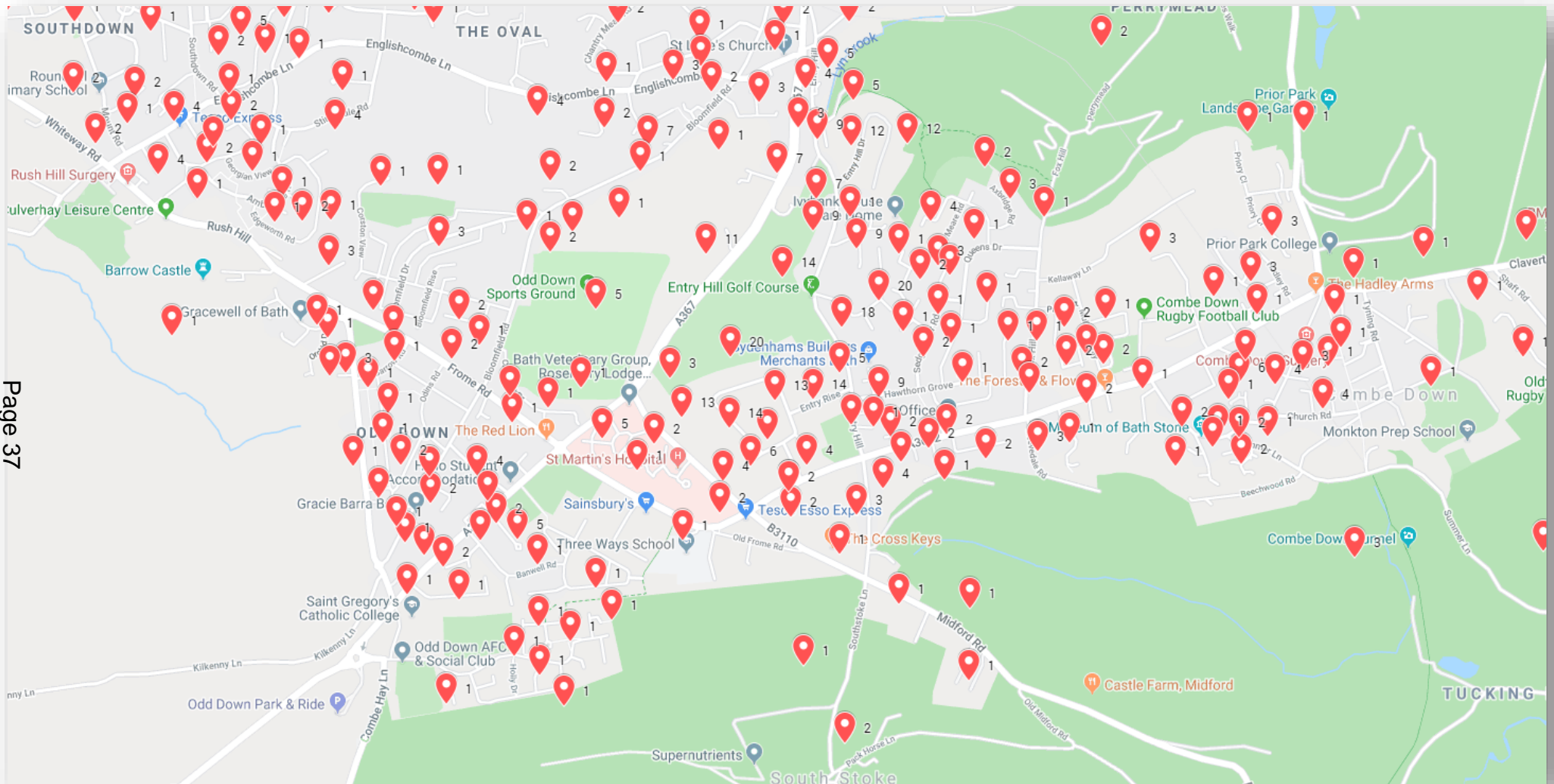


3.3 Geographic spread of survey respondents

Postcodes were collected to ensure that there was a wide spread of respondents including local people and those with an interest in Entry Hill Golf Course.

As expected for locals / residents those addresses that were closer to Entry Hill tended to have the higher response rate per road, but as shown in the maps below there was a very wide national spread of interest from individuals and organisations (numbers next to the flags show number of responses from the respective postcode).



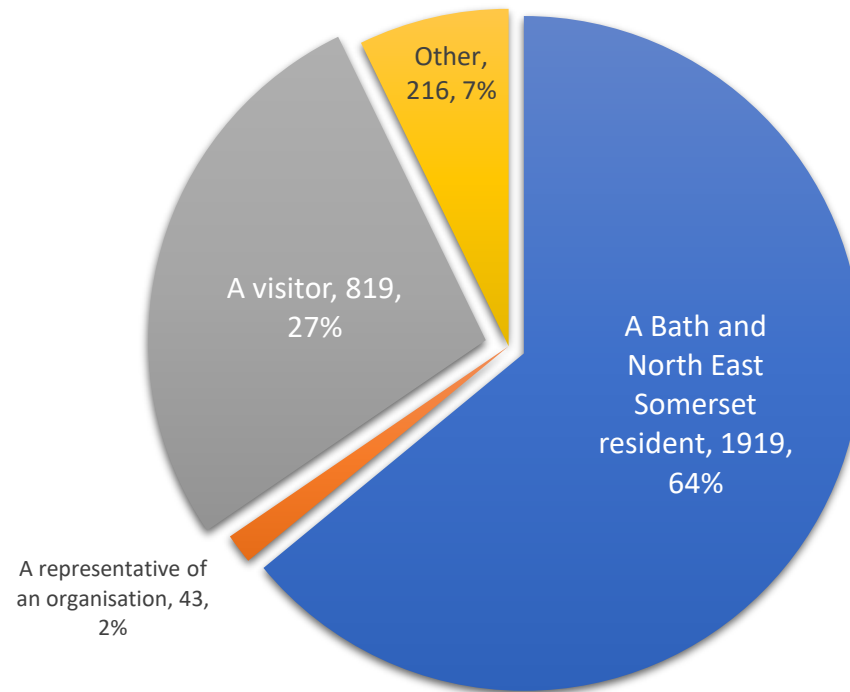


3.4 Situation

Individuals were asked in the survey about their interest in Entry Hill Golf course.

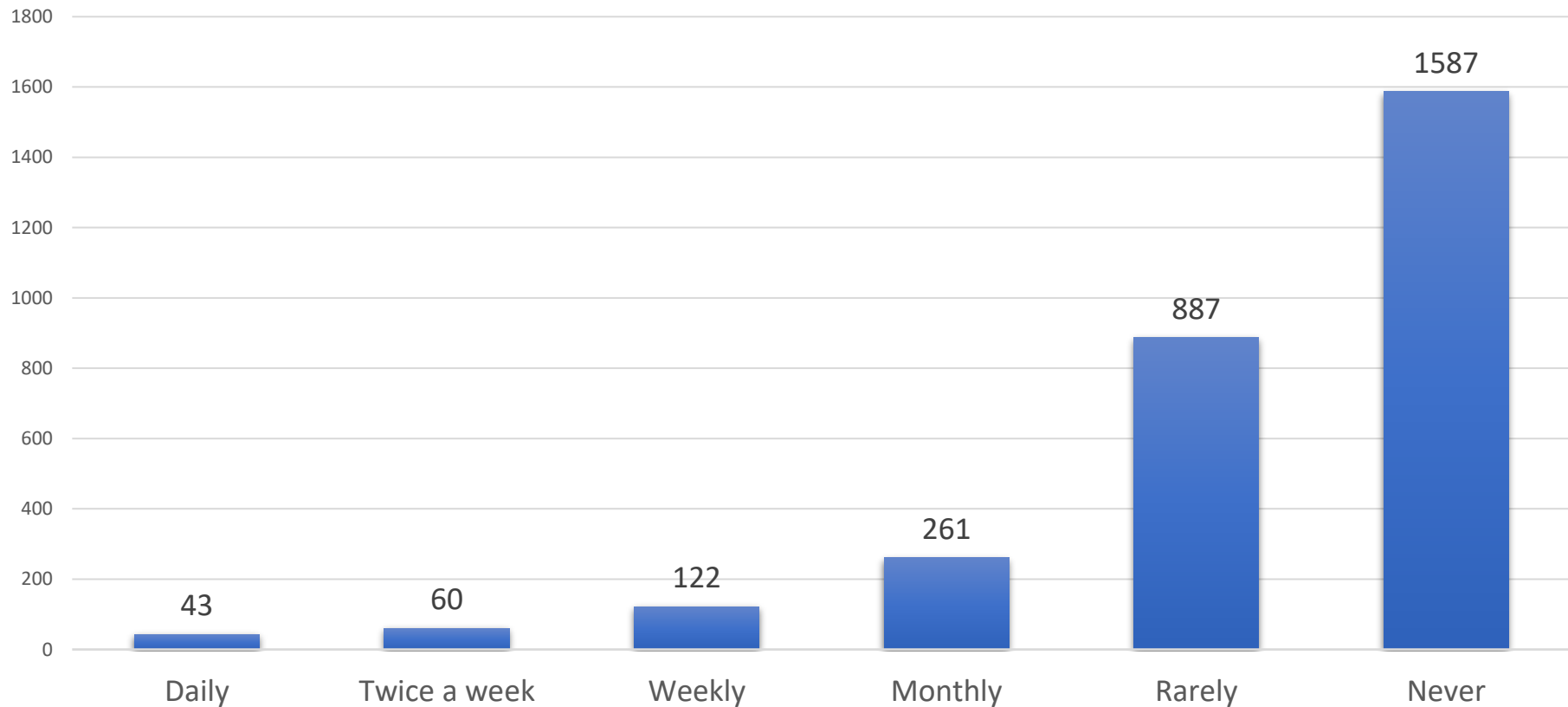
The following organisations submitted views as part of the engagement, either in writing or through the events or the survey;

- Avon Wildlife Trust
- B&NES Council Public Health
- Bath Preservation Trust
- Bear Flat Association
- British Cycling
- British Triathlon
- Cirencester College
- Climate Emergency Watch B&NES
- Creativity Works
- Entry Hill Golf Club
- Experience Community CIC
- Folly Flyers MTB Group
- Friction Collective
- Greenway Residents Association
- Montessori Bath
- Odd Down Community Association
- Play Sports Network
- Sulis Scorpions
- Three Ways Special School
- Woodland Trust
- Youth Connect South West



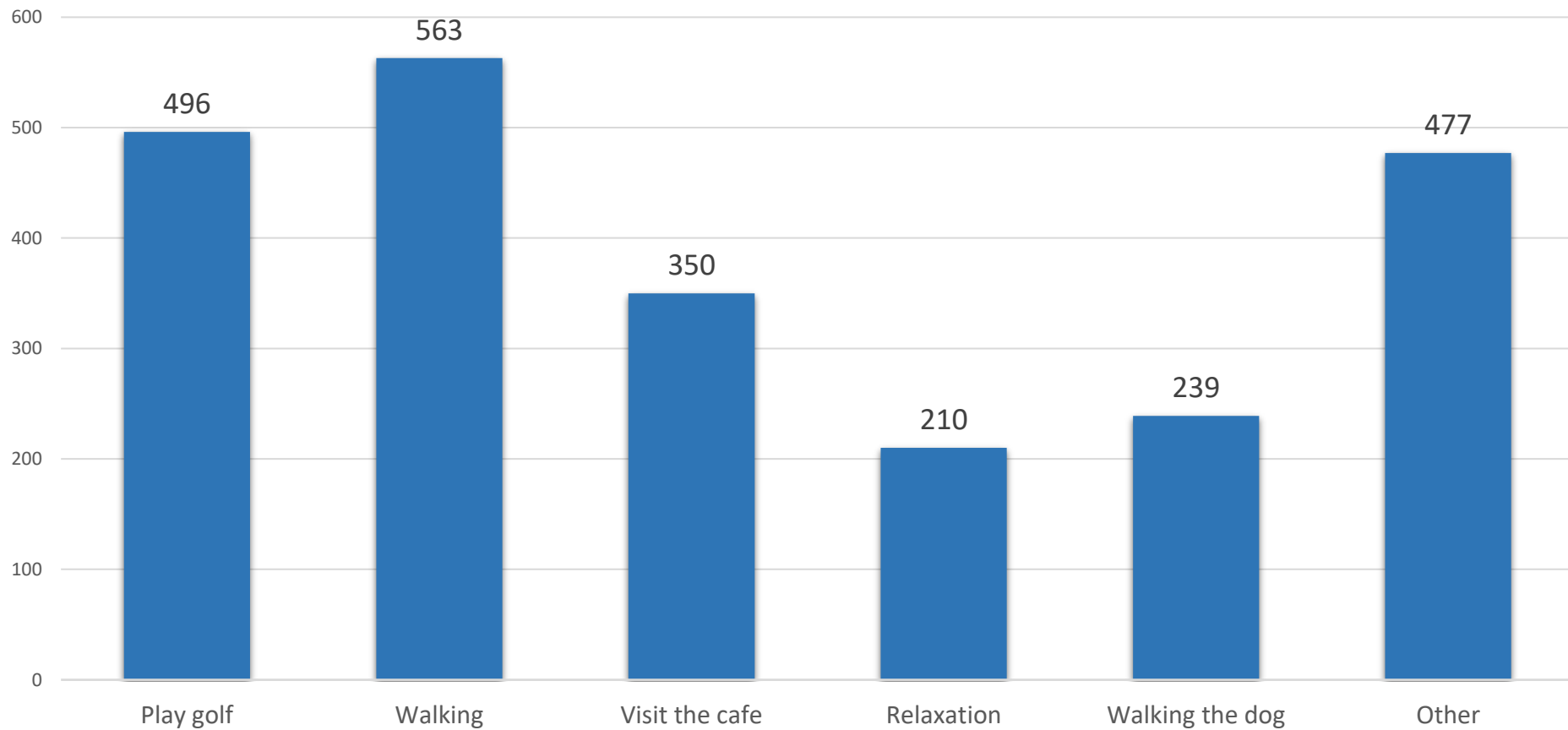
3.5 How often do you visit Entry Hill Golf Course?

Respondents to the survey were asked how frequently they visit the Golf Course, with the greatest number of people visiting never visiting (53%) and a further 29% rarely visiting.



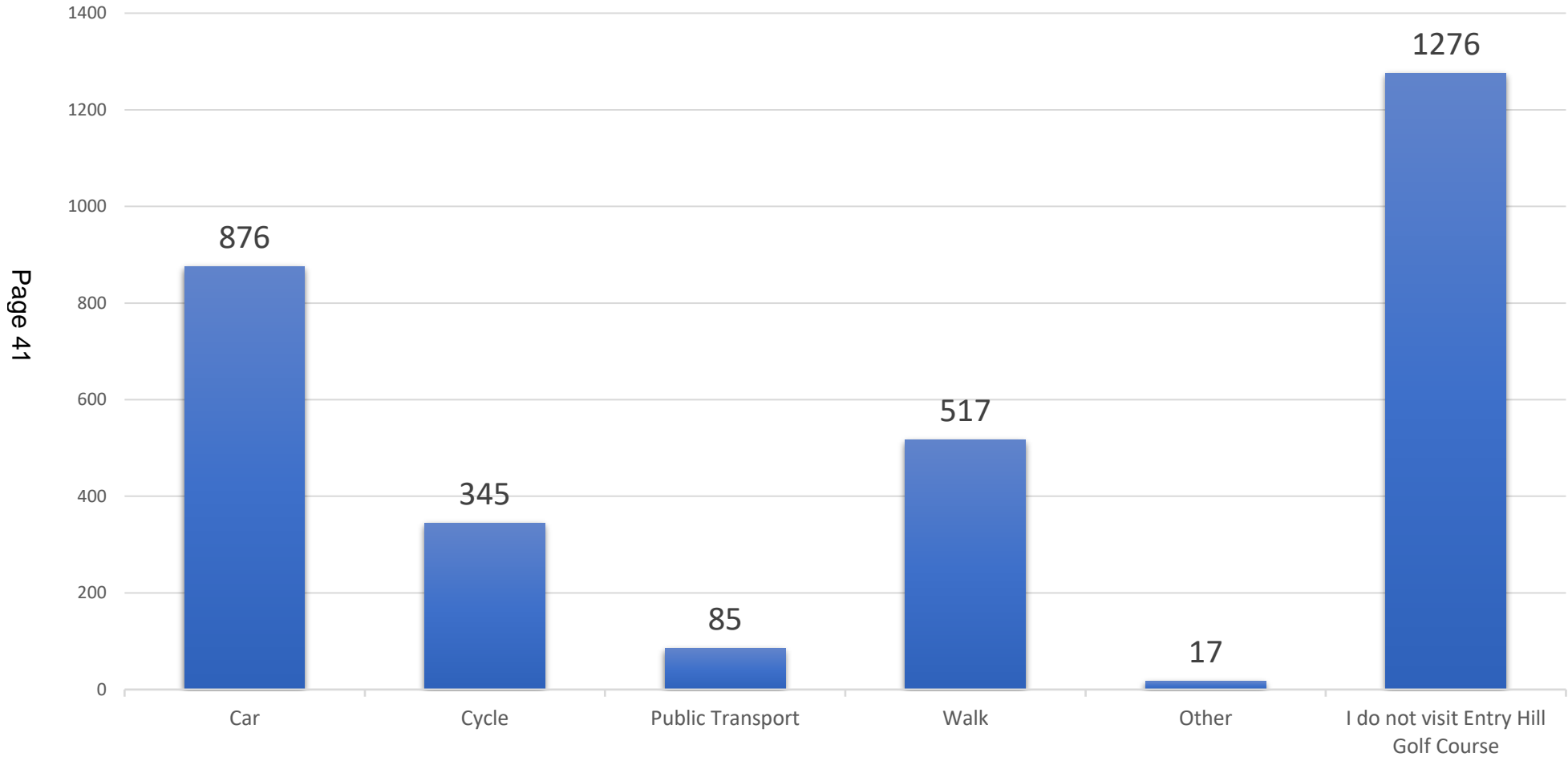
3.6 Activities

Individuals were asked what they do at Entry Hill Golf Course, if they use this space, and 1743 people chose to answer this question. 32% of those who answered this question stated that walking was the activity they carried out here, this being the most common activity stated. The majority of those who made supporting comments to this question reinforced that they do not currently use Entry Hill Golf Course, many remarking that it does not offer activities they are involved in.



3.7 How do you travel to Entry Hill Golf Course?

Whilst 45% of those who answered this question do not use Entry Hill Golf Course, the most common mode of transport for those who do was the car (31%)



3.8 What do you like best about Entry Hill Golf Course?

The survey invited respondents to pick out their favourite aspects of the golf course, if they are current users.

1,522 people chose to answer this question.

The attractive landscape and the quality of open space were the most commonly mentioned attributes in response to this question. The views, trees, feeling of openness and wildlife were also remarked upon by many, who value this as recreation space.

Entry Hill's location in close proximity to the city centre and people's homes was felt to be a real positive and makes the site ideally suited to playing a role as "green lungs" for the city, a term used by a number of respondents.

Those who use the site for playing golf remarked that it is an affordable, challenging course that they enjoy using. Those who do not currently use the site noted its potential to be a great resource for a large number of people in Bath and beyond.



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The most frequently occurring dislike, noted by those who chose to answer this question, was golf and the idea that as a golf course, the use of the site feels limited to one activity and a minority of leisure users.

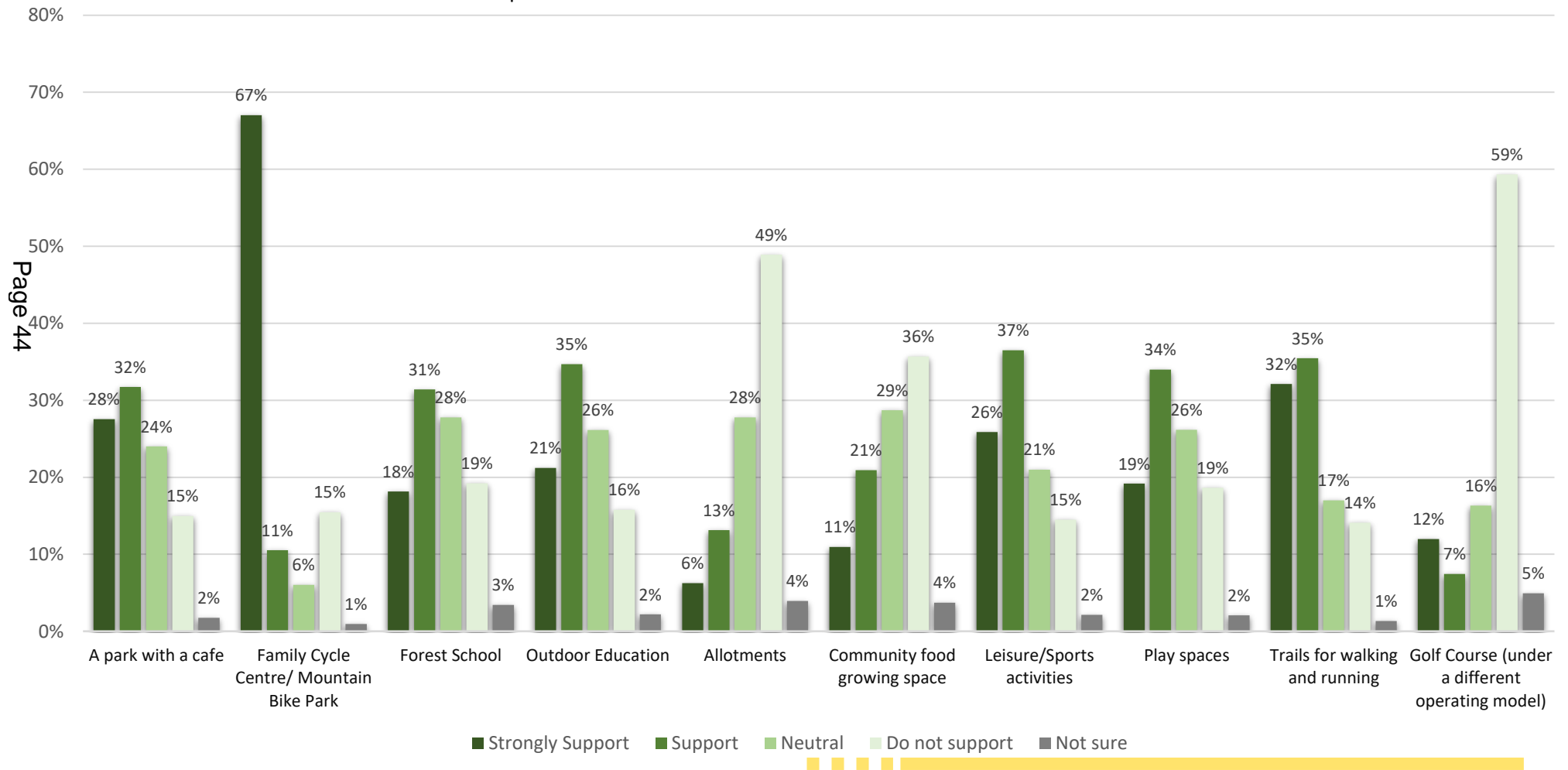
- Poor course maintenance
- Lack of advertising leading to low numbers of players
- Poor drainage
- Lack of tree maintenance
- Inadequate investment

- Choice and range of food on offer
- Cost
- Dog friendliness
- Physical accessibility for those with limited mobility



3.10 Views on possible new uses for Entry Hill Golf Course

Through both the survey and the stakeholder events, people were asked to provide their views on possible new uses for the Golf Course. 2,617 people provided their views on this question through the survey, and 1,126 also provided long answer comments to reinforce their views. The survey presented respondents with 10 choices on which they were invited to state whether they were strongly in support, in support, had neutral views, did not support or were unsure. The chart below shows their responses.



At the events individuals were invited to leave comments on all options, using post-it notes, which provided the opportunity demonstrate support, concern or to ask questions. The data from both the events and the survey has been combined in the narrative below, analysing the comments made and drawing out the key themes.

3.10.1 A park with a café

Whilst some individuals felt that Bath provides sufficient park space already, many others supported this suggestion, and especially with an improved café. There was support for a “natural” style park, rather than a formal garden, and many people noted the desire to increase the amount of planting and trees, to make space for wildlife and enhance biodiversity. Some of those who commented on this option reflected that it may be difficult for sufficient revenue to be raised to be able to cover the maintenance and staffing that would be required. Some further suggestions relating to the café were that it could be,

- Community run
- Accessible
- Larger
- Offering cooked food as well as drinks
- A destination in its own right
- Offering plenty of both indoor and outdoor seating
- Child friendly

3.10.2 A family cycle centre/mountain bike park

Many respondents were highly enthusiastic about the possibility of a family cycle centre/mountain bike park, providing substantial further information to support their views. This option was either “strongly supported” or “supported” by 1,976 people who completed the survey.

Some individuals remarked that they did not believe a cycling facility was needed because there are cycling opportunities at Odd Down Sports Centre. However, it was recognised by many that the facility at Odd Down is directed towards road rather than mountain bikes. Several individuals expressed concern about potential noise generation and the drainage issues on the site in winter especially.

Those who supported this option drew attention to other similar successful schemes in their comments, especially Leeds Urban Bike Park and Ashton Court in Bristol. These were cited as examples of locations where city sites can provide a valuable leisure function to their local and wider populations. There was also enthusiasm for linking this site up with other cycle friendly locations to provide green routes for cycling which will encourage more people to use bikes instead of driving. Other suggestions in relation to this option included;

- Opportunities for people to learn mountain biking
- All weather trails suitable for all ages and abilities
- Bike hire/repair centre
- Improved café/restaurant
- Support for improved planting and increased woodland on the site

3.10.3 Forest School

The use of the site for Forest School activities was either strongly supported or supported by 1,188 individuals who answered the survey. Over 50 people provided further views about Forest School in the survey, and it was commented upon by 54 people at the events. A number of individuals expressed interest in this option but wished to know more about it, supporting in principle the idea of learning in a woodland environment, and especially if this offer could be extended to all parts of the community, rather than just children. Some people noted that similar provision is already on offer at Rainbow Woods, and that St Martin's Garden Primary School is also considering developing a Forest School activity, and so there may be other options already in existence in the area. There was support for the idea of running this activity alongside some of the other options proposed, as it was felt to be compatible with outdoor education in particular.

3.10.4 Outdoor education

Outdoor education was a popular option for Entry Hill Golf Course with 1,344 people who completed the survey (those who either strongly supported or supported this option). As noted above, it was felt to have the potential to be combined with other options, especially Forest School and a park. Some individuals were concerned about the impact of encouraging more visitors on the flora and fauna of the site, and others questioned whether it would bring in sufficient revenue to remain viable. Many people supported the outdoor education option as a way to help engage young people in particular with the natural world and felt that the proximity of the site to the city made this location especially suitable. Some of the other suggestion points in respect of outdoor education included;

- Ensuring the safety of users in respect of shallow rooted trees
- The desire for inclusion of people with additional needs
- Providing opportunity for young people to spend time outdoors immersed in nature
- Concerns about parking, toilet facilities and potential for vandalism
- The possibility of keeping golf available at weekends and other uses during the week
- The need for covered outdoor space for poor weather and for breaks/lunch



3.10.5 Allotments

Allotments were a generally less popular option with those who completed the survey and attended the events. 459 individuals either strongly supported or supported the provision of allotments at Entry Hill Golf Club, lower than many of the other options. Whilst some people were supportive of the idea of allotments in principle, questions were raised over;

- Potential contamination of the soil from underlying landfill
- North facing steep slope which could make growing difficult
- The necessity for additional allotment provision in the city
- The possibility of local wildlife consuming food grown here

3.10.6 Community Food Growing Space

762 people either strongly supported or supported the idea of community food growing at Entry Hill Golf Course through the survey. Some of the same issues as were raised over allotments were mentioned in response to this idea. Whilst there was support for the concept, questions were raised about its capacity to raise funds to cover its maintenance and upkeep. Some people proposed this idea be developed alongside other options, including outdoor education and a park, so that there are a variety of uses which would help to make it viable. Community food growing was also seen as an opportunity to help develop community resilience and neighbourliness, bringing together different generations and facilitating understanding.

3.10.7 Leisure/sports activities

Leisure and sports activities were supported by 1,497 individuals in the survey (strongly support/support) and commented upon by 81 people at the drop in events. Some individuals proposed retaining the space as a golf course, whilst a wide variety of other leisure and sporting uses were suggested including;

- equipped outdoor fitness trails
- meditation spaces
- ping pong
- tennis
- dry skiing
- pitch and putt
- wildlife watching
- climbing wall
- Paintballing

- Cultural activities such as music and theatre

Some of the concerns that were expressed about potentially intensifying the use of the site included;

- Disturbance to wildlife
- Traffic problems
- Parking
- The need for increased facilities such as toilets, staffing and supervision

3.10.8 Play space

Play space proved popular with 1,497 of those who completed the survey (strongly support/support), and attracted 59 comments at the drop in events, some expressing support, others concern. Some of those who supported this idea suggested that access be made to the site from other sides, including Wellsway, so that people are encouraged to walk or cycle to the facilities avoiding transport issues. Proposals were made to ensure there is provision for older children, allowing recreation space for all ages. This option was felt by some to combine well with a café and perhaps other uses to utilise the site to its maximum. Play trails, with natural wooden based play equipment were a popular idea with some who responded, providing opportunity for adventurous active play.

Concerns included;

- Noise
- Need for supervision and safety
- Parking, traffic and congestion
- Sufficient parks elsewhere and therefore an unnecessary investment
- Inability to raise revenue

3.10.9 Trails for walking and running

Trails for walking and running were supported or strongly supported by 1,658 of those who responded to the survey. As noted above, walking is currently the most popular activity carried out at the golf course, according to the results of the survey. Many people would support greater opportunities to walk and run on the site, making the most of the natural environment. Several people proposed the site would make a challenging Park Run venue, and there were ideas about providing outdoor gym equipment stations at intervals around the site. Golf or other activities could be combined with walking or running, according to some participants, who felt that these activities were compatible either by creating separate areas or separate times for different

uses. Questions were raised about the possibilities for raising funding through this option, since it would be unlikely people would pay to use a space to walk or run. Councillors also answered questions and comments directly by email from individuals who wished to see greater access to the site for walking and running. Other issues raised included;

- Ensuring paths and surfaces are suitable for buggies and wheelchairs
- Security of the site at night
- Questions over the necessity for further walking/running when there is the Cotswold Way and other parks in Bath
- Improving the café to help this become a destination for a mix of leisure users

3.10.10 A golf course, operating under a different model

A total of 465 individuals commented that they supported or strongly supported the golf course remaining at Entry Hill under a different operating model. As noted above, some people felt that with improved management, investment, advertising and marketing the golf course could attract a wider membership and may be able to become financially sustainable. Some of those who supported golf being the main activity at Entry Hill also proposed other uses alongside this, for example walking (which many people do already) and an improved café. Questions were raised about the implications of a new operating model and what this would mean for subscriptions and fees, as well as the impact on maintenance. Golf is enjoyed by those who play here, and suggestions were made about the possibility of subsidising golf in a different location for members in the event that a new model was unable to be secured. The provision of a driving range was proposed as a way of generating additional income and appealing to a wider number of players at other times of the day/evening. Other suggestions included a pitch and putt course and the reintroduction of golf lessons at Entry Hill to greatly increase the number of users.

3.10.11 A combination of uses

As noted above in previous sections, many people felt that combining different ideas and uses within Entry Hill Golf Course would be an ideal compromise and enable a much wider use of the site by a larger and more diverse population. Retaining golf, with walking and improved café facilities was suggested by some, though many people felt that making provision for young people on the site and providing opportunities for learning and active play was a priority. Promoting the enjoyment of the natural world and making space for wildlife was important to many people who engaged with the consultation, with a recognition that there are currently habitats and species on the site that should continue to be accommodated. A combination of uses which covers daytime, evening and weekend use would also help to reduce pressure on parking and access arrangements and make provision for large numbers of visitors.

3.11 Do you have other ideas for future uses at Entry Hill Golf Course?

727 individuals answered this question in the survey, many reiterating the comments they had previously made in other sections and reaffirming their wish for particular options. Other uses that were proposed over and above those discussed above included:

- Adventure playground
- Creation of a Low Traffic Neighbourhood
- Zip wire
- High ropes/ Go Ape course
- Sculpture Park
- Botanic Garden
- City Farm
- Rewilding space left for nature
- Affordable housing
- Community hub offering classes and events
- Outdoor theatre
- Outdoor film screening
- Music performance venue
- Nature Reserve
- Boules
- Indoor climbing centre
- Swimming
- Zorbing
- Archery
- Dry toboggan run
- Downhill karting
- Obstacle course
- Basketball court

4 Evaluating Options

The consultation and engagement process have provided a wide range of data which can inform the future use of Entry Hill Golf Course.

The detail of the delivery of a recommended option is beyond the scope of this report and much of the thinking around future management can be taken on board if/when the potential for technical assessments have been investigated by the Council.

The following methodology utilises a Multi-Criteria Decision Tool to assess future uses of the site in an open, accountable and easy to understand way. It is designed to assist discussion and assessment and provide a recommendation to decision-makers.

4.1 How has the engagement informed each option under consideration?

The engagement helped find common ground and evaluate the support for the different options as well as ascertaining the potential requirements for a preferred one.

In considering the future options the central focus is on the responsibilities and duties of the owner of the site, in this case, Bath and North East Somerset Council. Other parties have put forward strong views and submissions based on their own interests, remits and responsibilities, as requested. The duties and responsibilities of Bath and North and North East Somerset as owners of the land in question are very different from single interest organisations, although some may be shared. This point is an important one in considering the following options.

4.2 Assumptions

There are a number of unknowns which will need consideration prior to any option finally being put into place. However, in order to give a pragmatic and useful assessment of the options that were part of the engagement process, the following assumptions have been used:

- That an option under consideration is a viable one
- That the option is a significant use of the space
- That it is a primary use

The following gives further explanation to those assumptions.



4.2.1 Viability

In setting out the uses being considered in the consultation, Bath and North East Somerset Council assessed the deliverability of the options, only consulting on deliverable options. All those, whether they were partial use of the site or as the most significant primary use, were considered viable. The Council were aware of some limiting factors, such as the prior use of the ground as a landfill site. For example, use as a food growing area, in the choices around community food growing space or allotments, needed to be considered in this context and an awareness that should these types of use be delivered mitigation measures may be needed (for example the use of raised beds or liners, in this case). Other viability aspects were considered around the deliverability aspects, such as cost. The continuation of the Golf Course as an option was retained, provided a different management model could be negotiated.

4.2.2 Significant use of the space

In considering the options, it is necessary to evaluate those which require a significant user of the space. Some of the other options which require less space, and certainly not the whole site, could be included alongside those options. For example, Trails for Walking, Forest School and Play Spaces would not be excluded by the by the more significant utilisers of space. These uses could be integrated to a greater or lesser extent into whichever options were under consideration.

4.2.3 Primary Use

The options under consideration would be deemed to be the primary use of the space, given the amount of space (see above) or the resource consideration in setting them up and running them.

4.3 Options

Given the above assumptions, the options under consideration are:

- A Park with a Café (plus other uses)
- A Family Cycle Centre / Mountain Bike Park
- A Golf Course

4.4 Criteria

Bath and North East Somerset Council's objectives informed the criteria against which options are measured. The scores of each option will be set against these criteria.

These criteria will be further broken down into more detail in Section 4.6.

4.5 Criteria weighting

Using the objectives of the organisation, Bath and North East Somerset Council Members and Officers weighted the criteria against which the options were to be assessed. The weightings are

Criteria	Weighting (%)
The Council's Climate Emergency declaration	70%
The need to get more people more active more often in more ways	60%
The need for the Council to operate within its budget constraints	50%

4.6 Criteria Breakdown

To help refine, define and weight any attributes of the criteria, the evaluation broke down as follows:

Criteria	Attributes (measures of contribution to criteria)	Weighting (from 1 to 3)
The Council's Climate Emergency declaration	Tree planting	1
	Biodiversity	1
	Sustainable Management	1
	Sustainable Transport	1
The need to get more people more active more often in more ways	Children	1
	Teenagers	1
	Young Adults	1
	Middle Ages	1
	Elder	1
	Multi-generational	1
The need for the Council to operate within its budget constraints	Capital	1
	Revenue costs	3



4.7 Options Scoring

4.7.1 A Café with a Park (plus)

Climate Emergency	Score out of 100
Tree planting	70
Biodiversity	60
Sustainable management	50
Sustainable transport	70

Activity	Score out of 100
Children	50
Teenagers	20
Young Adults	20
Middle Ages	40
Elder	40
Multi generation	60

Budget	Score out of 100
Capital	90
Revenue costs	20

4.7.2 Family Cycle Centre / Mountain Bike Park

Climate Emergency	Score out of 100
Tree planting	80
Biodiversity	80
Sustainable management	70
Sustainable transport	50

Activity	Score out of 100
Children	50
Teenagers	80
Young Adults	80
Middle Ages	70
Elder	30
Multi generation	70

Budget	Score out of 100
Capital	30
Revenue costs	80

4.7.3 Golf Course (under different operating model)

Climate Emergency	Score out of 100
Tree planting	20
Biodiversity	35
Sustainable management	40
Sustainable transport	30

Activity	Score out of 100
Children	20
Teenagers	20
Young Adults	20
Middle Ages	60
Elder	80
Multi generation	20

Budget	Score out of 100
Capital	70
Revenue costs	35

The scores for each attribute are set against any weightings and these calculated and set down in the following summary table.



4.8 Options Scoring Summary

Each option was scored against each of the above Criteria (attribute) out of 100, appropriate attribute weightings included and the combined scores / criteria weightings are summarised below.

Options Scoring Summary Table

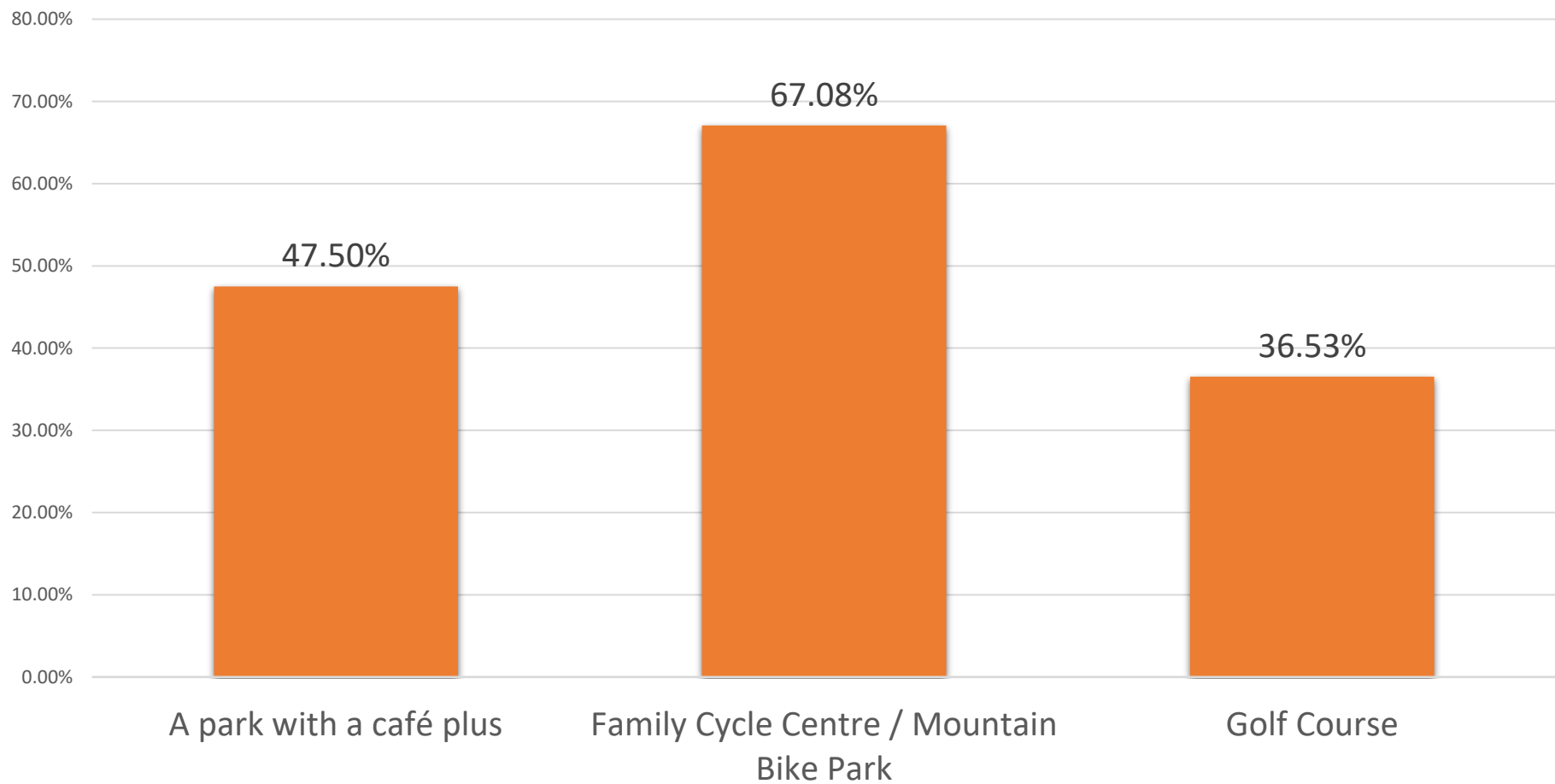
Option 1 - A park with a café plus				
	Climate Emergency	Activity	Budget	Total
Score	63	38	38	
Weighting	70	60	50	
Total (score x weighting)	4375	2300	1875	8550

Option 2 - Family Cycle Centre / Mountain Bike Park				
	Climate Emergency	Activity	Budget	Total
Score	70	63	68	
Weighting	70	60	50	
Total (score x weighting)	4900	3800	3375	12075

Option 3 - Golf Course				
	Climate Emergency	Activity	Budget	Total
Score	31	37	44	
Weighting	70	60	50	
Total (score x weighting)	2188	2200	2188	6575

Options Summary Graph

Overall preference against maximum possible score



5 Conclusions and Recommendations

The consultation and engagement process have shown the strength of opinion from the community and stakeholders who use and would wish to use this valuable asset in Bath. The Options Analysis has furthered these views and opinions and set the context to assess the site against the objectives of the Bath and North East Somerset Council as the owner of the site. These objectives are:

- The Council's Climate Emergency declaration
- The need to get more people more active more often in more ways
- The need for the Council to operate within its budget constraints

From the primary, significant use options available, the strongest is the Family Cycle Centre/Mountain Bike Park. This option stands out for best fulfilling the objectives and being the most highly supported option within the consultation and also offers the opportunity to be combined with a number of the less space intensive uses as appropriate.

APPENDIX 1 – Question 6 – Text Answers - What do you do at Entry Hill Golf Course?

Very little I can do at present!

Do not visit

Look at it

Purchase golf balls for the family

I look at it from my own property and think we are lucky to back on to it

never been there

Looking for new mountain biking locations near Bristol

Wildlife watching

Do not visit

N/A

N/a

I don't

N/A

I don't

Do not visit

Not been

nothing

Nothing

when it snows

We have not been yet

Sledging in the snow

Not used before but may in the future if its suitable for families



N/a

I often walk past it and just admire the view and tranquility

none

I walk or cycle past.

If developed, I would visit this place to cycle

Yoga, jogging

N/a

never attended

Nothing (as I never visited).

don't go

Mountain Biking would be a huge attraction especially when combined with the natural bridle paths in the area...

write my autobiography

Jog

Pick apples, Look out for wildlife, particularly animals

Accompany my husband when he plays golf

never been

Mountain bike

Nothing at the moment

Nothing at the moment, it's a golf course

I have never been

Never visited

never been there

n/a

I don't

Currently never attend

Never been



Nothing

Community events

enjoy the view

N/A

I dont

I don't visit as per Q5

Never visited

Nothing

I've not been yet

Never been to the park, but do visit the city.

Would mtb if possible

Nothing yet

Don't currently go

Never been but might if there's decent MTB trails

Nothing

I don't go, yet

Does not Appel to me as a good course

Sledge in the snow

I have never been as it's a golf course and I have no interest in golf. It's a male dominated game with a bad a history

Ride my bike

Mountain biker

sledging in the snow

Riding bikes

None

Ride

Take residents from care home



Not used to it's full potential.

I've never been but would if it was a bike park

Never been, but if it were converted into a MTB trail destination then yes I would.

park

Have never been

Biking

I don't golf so nothing

Never go there

Nothing

none

I dont currently

I do not visit

Sledging

Riding bikes

NA

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Nothing

Na

Nothing

Cycle

Golf is for the few mountain biking is for the many

Nothing.

Urban bike park

Wed

Don't rly go there much

Haven't been but would go for mountain biking if trails were built



Ride

Sledge

N/A

Not applicable

None

Mountain Bike

I don't go

Mtb

A mountain bike park

Cycle past it using the Wellsway or Entry Hill

Not a visitor

Mountain biking

Mountain biking

I don't.... yet!

Don't attend because it doesn't appeal to our age group

N/A

Golf lessons and Sledging in winter

I have never been there because I am not interested in golf

Cycling

N/a

Nothing

Cycling

Not visited

not been there

Never been before

None



I would prefer to ride my mountain bike there

Don't

I didn't realise it was open to public !

Ride my bike

Q5 - dQ5. daily during summer; less often during wet winter days

None

Never been

Running

haven't been yet!

I don't go there

Nothing yet

N/A

I don't

N/A

Never been

Mountain Bike

Ride my bike

Mountain biking

Sledging

N/A

Running

Nothing

Mountain biking

Do not visit

Nothings

Nothing as I've no interest in golf



Mtb

Waiting for the Bike Park

N/A

Currently do not visit

Bike

None

Cycling

Cycle past

Nothing

Do not currently come

Dont

Na

Don't visit

nA

Didn't know that it was open for anything other than golf

Haven't been

I would bike and use cafe.

Never been

N/A

I've never been

Will cycle if scheme approved

Mountainbike

Would like to see Mountain biking grow there

Would visit to mountain bike

None

MTB



I do not

N/a

I have not been, but I would if it was a mtb park

Would attend if a new use was found

Nothing, don't visit at present

Mountain biking

None

NA wouldn't visit under current use

I have not visited

Cycling

Cyclist

Cycling

Went snowboarding there once!

Walk past it twice daily

Lived in Englishcombe lane for 30 years but never went there as I'm not interested in golf

none of the above

I'd only go to ride

I don't visit

Never been there

Na

riding bike

None

Nothing

Never been

Nothing

not been



I don't currently visit
 Mountain bike
 Hope that it'll be turned in to trails
 I don't
 winter sledging (don't tell anyone)
 Drive passed
 N/A
 The bike park
 Nothing
 I will come for the bike park
 Have not been there want mountain biking place
 Walk past thinking 'waste of space'
 I've never been
 N/A
 Ride my mountain bike through it
 Mountain biking
 None
 I do not play golf.
 Never been
 N/A
 I don't
 Never been
 Nothing
 I do not use currently
 Don't use the club as it is poorly maintained. Greens are appalling.
 N/A

Never been but i would if it was a bike park

dont visit

Na

Nothing

None

I don't visit currently

Work

Mountain biking

N/A

Cycle

cycling

Mtb!?

na

Working (council grounds)

N/A

N/A

Do not currently use the golf course

Do not currently visit

Never go

Haven't been

n/a

Never been

NA

I don't play golf...

Never been

Never been



I don't

Biking

I have never visited

nothing

Na

Cycle

not visited yet

None

NA

Nothing

n/a

Mountain Biking

I never visit because I do not play Golf

I dont play golf

Never been there

Nothing at present

Rode my bike through to the BMX track

Mountain Bike

no visits

I never use it

N/A

Don't go there

Na

Love to ride

Never been

Jogging



I don't - but would ride mountain bikes if it were a dedicated bike park..

Hi

Run

N/A

one visit just to have a look

Go through

N/a

No reason to visit yet

Cycle past

Use the café

Never been

Cycling

Cycling

Natural history exploration

Walk past it daily wishing it wasn't a golf course!

N/A

Sledging

Sledging

Mtb

Nothing at present

Sledging

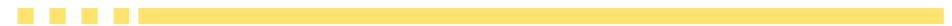
Nothing, I live beneath it

cycling the bridleways

I don't golf

Don't go

Nothing



I don't go

Don't go

N/A

Never been although it is over the road

Sledging

We do not visit

Never visited

Never go but want to

Tobogganing

N.a - as at the minute, I have no cause to go there as I dont play golf

Never have been

I never knew that I could do things other than golf

sledging

Haven't been

I don't go there

None

Hanging with mates

Look at it

Never been

Never been

I've never been golf does not interest me

Nothing

Walk past it

Never knew local residents could use the site

n/a currently

As a golf course it has no appeal. Wouldn't enter for fear of being hit by balls. Golf course = Keep Out



NA

N/A

Cycling

Never been - don't play golf

Sledge when it snows

Cycling

I don't

Mountain Biking

Have never visited

Don't visit

Bike ride

Na

Nothing yet but would visit a bike park for sure

Pick up my child from golf

never been

sledge

Sledging in the snow

sledging

Sledging

Sledging in the snow

Sledging when it snows

Playing with the snow.

Walk past

Sledging

I live very close to the golf course, my children sledge on the golf course when it snows, as do most of Hansford Square and surrounds. It's wonderful to see children enjoying the slopes in this way.



sledging with children when it snows

Overlooking it and walk across it.

Running

Watch other people play golf

volanteer work on the course upkeep,

Running

Nothing

Birdwatch

Birdwatch

watching the nature

*never visit it is a golf cours

I dont go to entry hill golf course

Have not been

I don't visit as the the facility's aren't great and there are better golf courses around bath

Not been before

Sledging

Don't go

Tobogganing

Sledging

Na

Dog walk

Don't play golf so haven't visited

Currently do not go

running route

Never been. This is first I've heard about it

doesn't apply



Never visited

drive past

Na

none of the above

Sledging

Not been

Never been

Bmx

Sledding

I look at it while I cycle up Entry Hill or Wellsway heading for the mountain bike trails.

Cycle

I never go there

NA

I don't go as the facility's aren't great

None of the above

Not been

never

Sleighing in the snow !

Meeting friends

none

Ride near in the forests on bike

N/A

Riding my bike to get to woods

N/A

Don't go there

Cycle around



We come to Bath skatepark and bmx track and come here

Do not visit

Nothing

Have never been.

Do no use it

N/a new to Bath

Nothing

don't play golf

I have never been as golf does not appeal

We use it for sledging when it snows!

Running

never

I do not like Q5. My routine is to use Entry Hill 3 times a week but it might be more in Summer and less in Winter depending on weather and conditions.

Not a visitor currently

Nothing

None

I'm yet to visit

run through it

Don't use

I don't currently go there.

Never go. If I did walk

See question 5

N/A

working

Snow sledging

Visit Odd Down cycle circuit



see above

Cycle

Nothing at present

Don't currently visit

Never visited

Socialise with golf club members

N/a

Cycling

I will ride my bike

Not been. Yet.

Don't visit as golf isn't a hobby of mine

Never been

Cycling / Mountain biking

Never been but plan to if the bike park happens

Running

Nothing

Play with my kids

Cycle past commuting to work

Do not visit.

Mountain Biking

Never been

See above

Never visited

Cycle past it everyday to work.

Never been

I rarely go but have played Golf in the past



N/A

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Do not currently visit

Not visited

Very little at present as I don't play golf

I have never visited

Never been

Sledging when it snows!

Don't go there as don't play golf

Nothing

I have never been

Sledging went it snows!

I do not visit as I do not play golf

Q5 - dQ5. daily during summer; less often during wet winter days



APPENDIX 2 – Question 8 - Text Answers – What do you like best about Entry Hill Golf Course

Its landscape value and potential for a range of environmentally sustainable activities

Nice large green open area

Thought it was for golf only, would have visited more if i knew about walking, cafe etc.

Natural beauty, tranquillity

price, location, difficulty of course

The trees & nature

Trees/birds

Beautiful patch of countryside near centre of Bath

A green lung just a couple of miles south of the city centre

An green space in the heart of a City

Location

Trees

It is an attractive and valuable open space, for people and wildlife to enjoy

location and its hilly

Green open space and useful facility for bath residents

sledging

Brilliant open space much needed with the air pollution problems facing Bath

nothing

A green space on my doorstep

Convenient Location

Available to all, cost effective for low income families, challenging course, lovely views



golf

Quiet location and excellent views. Accessible golf course - location and financially.

That it is a green space, that it gives access to nature, that it is a green lung for the city.

The price, the views, the course itself. In a city of expense it is one of the few remaining affordable activities

The wildlife: deer, badgers, foxes, birds including buzzards, pheasants, bullfinches, jays, woodpeckers, owls, bats, frogs, newts, butterflies. It's a beautiful green space a conservation success story landfill to recreational / wildlife open space it needs to be conserved as such

Pay and play

Its location

Fun

The fact it could be used for riding

The idea that it could be turned into a bikepark. I can assure you it would get a lot more people there if it was a bikepark.

Nature and views

lovely little golf course, great exercise

beauty

Accessible to all and very reasonably priced

Indifferent

You don't need to be a member to play

location

N/A

The fact that it might be turned into a mountain bike trail

Nature

Na

The scenery



It could be a MTB trail

N/A

It's a lovely course and is accessible to all

good to have access to green space in the city

Green and pleasant land and trees

Cafe

The landscape/view

Everything about it is lovely as it is

It's affordable, with lovely restorative surroundings,

Nothing

fun to play and local

All levels welcome

It is a large, green open space

Green open space near the city centre

Quiet and reasonably priced

Location, Open to everyone

A lovely, quiet green area. Beautifully landscaped. A pleasure to be there

Distinctive topography, enclosed by green, long views to the city

Green open space close to the city - council owned

Affordable

The golf course

hills

Windhill Bike Park

It is a nice quiet open space



Location

Never been

Open green quiet space

great challenging course, relaxed, affordable

Location. Accessible pricing

Location

Proximity to home

Accessible and friendly, great for learning the game

Large open space & Location

fresh air, open space, great views

Its a good, challenging course, short (three quarter size). Quick and convenient to get round

It's green space

It's a beautiful place to walk around the cafe staff and so friendly and the food it really really nice

A green lung in the city

Proximity

The open space

It is a Green Space

Inclusiveness

It's green

Proximity to the city. Parking and the layout

It location and trees

Views

Trees

There's nothing there for me



Beautiful hillside location with nature trees

The views, peaceful place without loads of houses on it

Trees for wildlife. Green space.

How quiet it is.

Location

setting, views the people

Countryside

The views

The course itself

Challenging

The beauty and openness, a very beautiful space.

The open green space

N/a

green space

Interesting site for a mountain bike course

potential for a great natural park close to the city

convenience

don't go

Love all the trees and the green space

Views

Never been

The facilities

Nature

An oasis and wildlife place



Beautiful scenery, affordable golf, close to home, hills make playing very enjoyable

It's relatively wild in places and a great habitat for local wildlife, especially birds.

It's rare to have large open spaces of land these days. They are precious, necessary, important wildlife habitat and carbon capture

The views and the greenery

That it is a green open space and wildlife haven in the heart of the city

An area of green; a golf course without being stuck up.

A lovely green space in the middle of the city

the sport of golf

It is a quiet, green space with a hill to walk up without a "theme". Outdoor spaces in cities don't have to have an idea to be of value, or a narrative, or a place to buy anything, or to be explained to you by someone, or to have lighting schemes or decorative planting. All of these things make them contrived and less peaceful. Leave the entry hill golf course alone. Do something else, somewhere else.

Very challenging little golf course with attractive tree-lined holes and at the same time providing lovely and energetic walks among a lot of trees

lots of space

Short challenging course very accessible from the city centre

Beautiful site and views

Good outdoor space

you can breathe there, with least pollution (perhaps) in Bath, lack of vehicles such as Mountain bikes. wild life

Natural surroundings

The course, affordability, no membership required

Beautiful landscapes

That it is a beautiful quiet green space

Cheap

Attractive Green space walking but supports wildlife, including deer and owls.

As it is there is nothing I like about it

The space

nothing

Green space

The green space it provides

Undulating landscape, trees and wildlife, and views of Bath

Haven of nature in a busy city

It remains a green lung in OUR city.(Not the Council's city)

A green space in the city and a beautiful (and challenging) golf course

Near and cheap

A great facility for the casual golfer.

Never been

location and views

Not been

the setting and location

Wildlife

Sand pits

the setting and location

Open air

Nothing

The lovely ground and it gives me an opportunity to socialise when I golf and make friends which I wouldn't get anywhere else.

I like how it has transformed derelict land into a green lung with nicely matured planting.

playing golf

Nice course



It conveniently close

The view

The fact that it a green and open space which should be open to all residents and visitors to this beautiful city. It also provides a 'green' introduction to the city as one travels down from the southern entrances to Bath.

Nice bike area with mix of terrain

proximity to home

Nice holes. Challenging Course. Friendship of seniors group

Inner city, surroundings/environment

It's location

It looks beautiful but I've never been!

Quiet aspect

Beautiful views and serenity

the beauty

Amenity space open to everyone particularly in such an expensive city

Its relatively convenient location

It's pretty

The trees

Have never been

Good location

Never been

Green space

A rare open space in the busy tourist town

That the green space could be converted into a asset for bath residents

Its location



N/A

Never visited

It's a municipal

The beautiful peace and environment

Location

It's a cheap round of golf

Big area

IT SEEMS A HAVEN OF PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY

don't use

It looks like a beautiful site that needs protecting for leisure use

Location

That it is an accessible public leisure space

Views and the green outdoors

The quietness

The view across the city

The surroundings.

It's a green space

Nothing

Nothing

Beautiful quiet area above the city.

its a peaceful, green space

An affordable and challenging golf course near to where I live.

The green space

Location



Na

The fact that it is an open green space

Near

N/a

The area

Site

Breakfast

Pay as you go

Area

A green space close to my home

It's position

It's a nice green space

Golf course in bath

It's a big open space

the view

An interesting course, and very peaceful.

N/A

I don't frequent the course, but visit Bath regularly.

It's potential

Its a hill

Views

Never been

NA

N/a



the open green space

How close it is to the city

Open space

Fresh air

The woodland areas, I walk close by and see the trees and birdlife there

The land

Convenience / close to city centre

Location

It's well kept

Greenery and Access

Green spaces

green open spaces, wildlife and stunning views

Nothing particular

The trees, natural surroundings and wildlife

Being close to nature

Quiet open space

The trees

Fantastic 9 hole course really enjoy playing it as an alternative to my home club Fosseway.

Affordability and situation

The open space and the trees and occasional deer

The beautiful grounds and cafe.

Great for sledging

Nice location, good view

It's outside



Its natural open space and trees

Views

environment and location

Close and a lovely setting

peaceful and relaxing

Golf

Open green space and views

The Green Space

The Green Space

Nice location

N/A

Peace and quiet and cafe

Accessibility and Location

N/A

Nothing

Nout

I enjoy the nature and the green space along with the freedom from traffic and the great views

green space

Views

It's beautiful

It provides a very pleasant outlook to my home and garden, which overlook the golf course

Perfect for biking

Open space

Nothing



nothing yet

Leisure facility

Near me

Everything

friendly / quite site -suitable/great for younger families to use

The green space

Distance from Bath, accessible walks

Relaxing space

The outdoors.

It's good for sledging

Clean clear open spaces

the ease of access to a great open space

The scenery

The view

Views

Playing ona. Fantastic, accessible golf course

The scenery

location and accessability

Parkland

That it offers potential space for the whole community and adapting to the climate crisis.

good views

Mtb trails

It's friendly, beautiful and a great place to play golf

Green space and view



The golf

Location and outdoor space

That it's goin to be turned into a bike park

Didn't know it existed

The open space

Location, rise, peace

The wildlife

View

Lungs of Bath. Undeveloped open space.

The location

Being outdoors

Proximity to central Bath

Trees

It's big with good views

Nothing

Fresh air

Not a golfer so don't go.

Views

Location

View from the hill, open space

It's location and potential repurpose, including a pedestrian link to Odd Down sports ground

Green in a city environment

Hills

its accessibility.



It's proximity to Bath and Bristol

Location and environment

Open green space

trees grass views and absence of traffic

People

The scenery

Wonderful place

Large green space

Accessibility

Natural beauty in an urban landscape

Lovely views

Great location and varied terrain

The hill next to it.

Views, green space

Location

Open space

Lovely quiet scenery, nature.

Its potential to be turned into an urban bike park

Location

peace and quiet, accessibility, nature, fresh air, ability to walk the dog

Area of green space

Location and views

Open green space and trees cape

Location



Low cost way to get into golf

The large amount of green space

Woodland glades

The fact it might become more valuable than being a golf course

Its potential not-a-golf-course-ness/mountain-bike-park-ness

N/a

Good course at a reasonable price

Open space

An oasis of calm in the city

Close to home

golf

open space, nature

open space

Get away from the city in the cuty

Green space

Nice little course at a great price.

It's a good place to walk

open space

It is a green space in the heart of the area

Preserved green space in the city

Tranquil tree lined park

Nothing

QUIET

Scenery



It looks like a lovely space

The View

Quiet open space

Challenging course

It currently has no interest to me

Its situation in the city

that it may be a mountain bike park

It is calm parklike facility which enhances the area

Location, tucked away in central bath.

Green leisure space in the city

Location, price, scenery

Urban countryside

GREEN OPEN SPACE FOR WALKING

Great price, lovely location and challenging course

Open space and landscaping

green

I pass by and the green spaces look good.

N/a

Variety

Trees and views

Beautiful and affordable, you wouldn't know you're in a city.

The trees and green spaces

Landacape

Short



Convenience of have a golf course nearby

bountiful landscapes

Beautiful setting for a public course

cafe

it is an interesting course

Thinking about riding my mtb

It's a very special golf course that I've been going to since I was 14. It's also very affordable compared to other options in area

The possibility it could become a bikepark

green space in city

It's not a bike park

Mtb

Green /open space -beautiful

playability of the course

Never been

How it could be turned into a mtb park

Exercise. Beautiful scenery. Peace. Challenges. Friendly people.

n/a

J

The scenic views

Food

Never been

Clean

The surroundings and the peace.

Trees



Cafe

It's good for informal golf

I've never been there

Playing golf

Open space it's beauty fresh air good for the soul

An open green space

Accessible

Nothing

Its locality, in the city and easy to use. It's accessibility, being a place where beginners can easily try the game.

Its elevation

The scenery and the opportunity for mountain biking

It could be an mtb park

Green space in the Bath area

Location

Its potential for rewilding and its ability to provide support for biodiversity and carbon capture

Never been

It is a good short golf course

It's MTB potential

The views

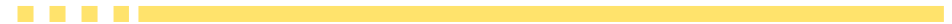
It's potential to assist in protecting biodiversity and carbon capture

Quiet

Large outdoor space easily accessible to many in Bath

No idea, but a mtb Park would be sweet

The size



Beautiful scenery

Open space, country views

The scenery

The forest

Countryside leisure activities on the doorstep

The tree's and slope

The breakfast

Footpath around the edge

Cafe

Beautiful location

Mountain biking

yes

Open views

N/A

I would be curious to discover the green space

the outdoors

Nothing

I like that it's a wedge of green space that makes the To of Bear Flat feel more like the country. It's green and has trees.

I can get there by walking or cycling

Location

It's very close to my in-law's house and allows me to get some fresh air when I'm visiting.

If it became a decent mtb park

N/A

accessibility



Trees

Location

Golf course is a good one

The terrain and wildlife

N/A

N/A

Green space near city centre

Location

Nothing, never been

The position within the city

It's location, price and pay as you play structure makes the game of golf (which is generally quite elitist) accessible to those on lower incomes

Challenging and beautiful, and affordable

Scenery

The positive contribution it makes to the green landscape setting of the World Heritage Site, its significant trees and green character, and views over the historic city.

It could be a mountain bike centre.

Trees grass the fact that a green space is so accessible

How is could be a great cycling location

Stunning location

Hilly, beautiful area, peaceful.

Nice scenery

It's a green space for the public

Location and Topography

NA



The testing course

the trees and the biodiversity

Space, vista, countryside, fresh air, trees, view

Outdoors

The surrounds area and view

the fact that you may build a MTB course there

The scenery

Nice atmosphere

Haven't been, but a 4 wheel bike specific trail would be amazing

Scene

It's a beautiful oasis a short walk from where I live

Never been

Great location and good to have greenery in the sea

Location, open space

green space near the centre of Bath

N/A

Tranquility

I love the space and the trees, and that it's so close to town

Ease of access from central Bath

N/A

The open space

Pretty views

Greenery

Open space



Mtb

Don't currently use the space

The views, trees, grass etc.

Countryside

The green open spaces

Nice little course for a quick game

It is an open space that lets that part of Bath breathe. We lived very close to it from before the days when it was built.. It is a beautiful jewel.in Baths crown. Do not destroy it!

Open areas and away from the town

Never been there

Views

The leaves

Nice place to walk the dog

Location

location

Decent green space to enjoy

Nothing

Outside space

N/A

Pleasant open green space . It is a good little golf course .

Amazing views

Pretty

Beautiful surroundings

Wide open space

Prices . And it's a challenge



Accessible

The hill

Area,peace

Scenery

Nothing

Price, great place to practice and introduce my son to golf, not busy,

Good location

Nature

N/a

It could be a bike park

Open space, much needed green space

Cycling

I currently don't use it

Location and trees

It's peace away from the hustle and bustle

Possible new MTB park to visit

Trees

It is excellent value for money

Cafe

Local, accessible. Well priced. Good for families and players of all abilities

The grass is soft

N/a

Grass and views

It's affordable



Golf

Everything

Location, outdoor space near city centre

The possibility of a bike park

Open green space

Cheap

The views

Well maintained

The location

The landscape

Never been

Nothing

space

The potential for a new place to ride bikes

The idea that a bike park might be created there

Never been

Views

It could be MTB trails

Accessible for all and not expensive like other courses.

Challenging

Scenary

Scenery

Location, views, locals, topography, wildlife, atmosphere...

Cafe



A nice 9 hole course

The cafe

That it could be a mountain bike track

It's about to be redeveloped

The space that's available to turn into a MTB park

Natural environment close to the city centre. Wildlife haven.

Mountain biking

NA

Never been there

Space

The green space

It's full of wildlife and a great outdoor space

The open space and the proximity to my house

Nothing

It is a hill

People getting outside to be Active.

Decent course, looks nice

The views

Its location

Open

The mountain bike trails

N/A

Affordable course, interesting course, in the heart of Bath, offers the opportunity for all levels to play this sport, all too often only afforded by the few.to

Nice area



A great public green space suitable for public pastimes and sports

N/a

Grass

That it's a public course

Green space near to where I live

Never been there

It would be a perfect sight for a mountain bike park

Location and challenge

N/A

It's a welcome green space among the housing.

The vast green space. It's very peaceful

Stimulating course, lovely environment and friendly

The view

Nothing

Haven't been

Scenery

n/a

Peaceful, the deer and other wildlife

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Never been

NA

Its municipal - pay & play

It's outdoors

An open green space away from the city.



Price

Location

open space

green space in the city

Fresh air and natural surroundings.

The pleasant surroundings and the affordability

Relaxing location

Peace and quiet

Large green space with wild life and trees

Nothing

Green space

Open space

Beautiful green space

Views, green environment in the heart of Bath, accessible

reasonably priced golf in bath

THE NICE CLEAN PARK

na

The landscape

The view

The cafe

Views

A challenging golf course, reasonable price to pay.played there for many years.

Location

NA



Green Space

It's steep

Easy to reach, challenging and affordable

Nothing make it a bike park

Location

It's size, the walk, the views, the challenge of the course

The wonderful green lung it is and the social aspect

Green space

The opportunity to play just nine holes

Location

Views

green space

Open landscape

A chance to play golf at an affordable price

location

Views

NA

The space

Unknown

N/A - haven't been but would like to visit

Peaceful

N/A

A valuable green space

Nice green space when i travel to work



NA

Cafe

location

It's peace and tranquility

Views

Nothing

It is a cracking and much loved little course

Dunno

I don't visit

Views and inclusion of the city

Green area

The relaxed Golf

setting

Na

Walking

Location and value

Convenient location and excellent breakfast at the cafe

Central position and easy to get to

Quiet green space

Urban green space

Views

The location

The idea of a mountain bike park

Green space and trees



Na

Scenery

The potential for a MTB park

Excellent location

Countryside

Great location. Needs a change of use to encourage more visitors

The nature

Rural surroundings but so close to the city/suburban environment

Well kept area of greenery

Breakfast

The nature

Scenic

A green open space

Green space and trees

Location

Quiet Place

location

A good space for recreation

NA

The Area

It's beautiful area that I grew up within walking distance of.

It place to cycle

It's beautiful

n/a



Natural space

N/a

Beautiful Views

Varying gradient is very suitable for a mountain bike park.

scenery

I'd love for me and my family to be able to use it as it's local

pretty, peaceful

It's lovely surroundings

Green space

Easily accessible

Location

Seclusion and quiet

Space and location

It's nice to have open space but I've never been (not a golfer)

Location

Fantastic green space with huge potential

The undulations and views as well as the quiet seclusion

It's beauty

Reasonably priced

N/a

Beautiful landscape and close to the city

scenery

Good little course. Was convenient.

Outdoor space



Views

Not been so don't know

Green space and views

Want more cycling facilities in regionw

N/A

all the trees

Tress

The setting and green

Nice green space

N/A

Scenery

Location

well maintained

Potential of the site for enjoyable walks - with views

Getting away from it all

Nearby green space

Beautiful countryside

Tough narrow holes

The views

Little oasis of nature

Nil

N/a

Great views

Na



Large open space

My son likes to visit to play

Trees

Open green space

Beautiful location, views, trees and open space

I've not visited as I assumed it was only a Golf Course

The environment

Open space

Green space accessibility near city centre

Beautiful location close to the city centre

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Green open space

The views

views, location

IA n oasis of peace and beauty in residential area.

location

It's gradient and open space

the views

Open space

Views

IA n oasis of peace and beauty in residential area.

Green space in a built up area

Nice course, easy to play 'a quick 9'

Location, space, nature



It's a bit of nature in a congested city. The wildlife and nature trees.

Pleasant facility; sad that it is underused.

green space and trees

The Cafe and the rural space

The scenery

never been

Lovely Green area to walk around

Playing golf on a beautiful 9 hole course with friends.

It is the only municipal (not pitch and putt) golf course in the area

Location and green spaces, dog friendly, quite a hilly walk for good exercise. Cafe is good value.

Green space with a sense of wildness within the city

good location and beautiful

Great local low barrier golf course for the residents of Bath

The space, stillness and greenery

I'VE SAID I DON'T USE IT. CHRIST.

I visit the city 4-5 times a year to see family and we always play a round of golf when I am there. It is where I started playing golf in a serious way, which has developed into a great passion in my life. As an affordable course for beginners and low income golfers it is a vital facility.

It's a green space just waiting to be utilised

It's an accessible golf facility available to all, not exclusive like members golf courses

Views, greenery

That its green space and not housing

Never been

The beauty and the trees

I've never been but it isn't far from central where I live



Open space

A great open space with loads of wildlife

The views and elevation change

n/a

Location

Views

It is right on the doorstep and offers great views of Bath

I imagine there are wonderful views.

It's a green area close to the city

green area

The trees, peace and nature

A challenging course which is also great physical exercise in a lovely location. Good cafe and friendly, efficient staff. I also am pleased with the pricing structure as a member.

Quiet

Location and views

trees, wildlife and tranquility and space. Golf is relaxing to watch.

Incredible views

The ability to disconnect from noise , pollution and crowds

My son loves playing golf there as it's so close to home. He can walk there and it is affordable.

Green space

The opportunity to play golf at a reasonable price and benefit from the fresh air, social ambiance and meeting others for a chat and a coffee.

The open green space

It seems scenic and close to nature whilst being accessible distance for the school to travel

Greenery



Decent golf course

Never been

Green space, convenient

Easy access and cost per round is perfect for a beginner

Green space

It is an open space in close to town

Location

A nice 9 hole golf course to play as some of the grounds are fairly challenging not just for golf but for keeping fit by walking as the course is hilly, it also contains many species of tree, shrubs, flowers and animals whereby they are respected by users and allowed to flourish as disturbance is kept to a minimum.

Views / availability of a beautiful area and situation. My husband was a member before he died

Size and location

Walking

The location

You can play a round of golf in under 2 hours

It's a quality difficult golf course at a reasonable price that is very welcoming for all types of players (probably the most welcoming course in Bath)

Greenery in the city

I didn't realise you could go in unless you play golf

Green lung in the City

Location and views

It's a nice green space that's in bath

Open space

SPACE

Wildlife and peaceful



The greenness, trees etc

Green space

Green space close to home

That it is publicly-owned

It is an attractive area and a haven for wildlife on Entry Hill

Pleasant surroundings

Green space and cafe

Good value and close to home

The fact that it is a large green space within the city

Greenery

The setting and the trees

Never used

Large green area with interesting topography and special "secret place" feel

Lovely landscape and outlook

Green oasis

Proximity to my house

Golf course

Views

Big open space

Beautiful location

I would like it to be a public park area, with a walk way that links between Wallway and Entry Hill.

The open space

Nature

It's a good course at good value



Walking

Only easy to get to golf course in bath

n/a

Trees

Nothing never been

Na

Easily accessible by foot.

Easy to park for cafe

Location, view, wildlife

The green space it provides

Nothing

Views

Countryside

Countryside

Never been

the quiet space and beautiful views. also, the expanse of space.

Location

Location

The open space and the landscaping

i Don't play golf anymore but very much enjoyed the layout, design and flow of the course when I played in the past.

Location and views

Cheap and convenient place to play golf

Green space within an urban area provides for better environment and particularly air quality

Assumed it was private



It's an easily accessible green open space close to central bath

Location

Location

Views, open space

Open space

n/a currently

trees green space

The quiet

Open to every one

Views

The green space

Close to my house, large area

The green space with an urban area

A golf course available to everyone in the centre of Bath

Open space

Calm area

It's appearance

Its a big space that could be used for mountain biking

It provides a green corridor for wildlife in an increasingly built up suburb. The mixture of trees and grass are an enjoyable place for a walk and visually.

Amazing views and a par 3 course with challenge

Location in Central (ish) Bath

It's a good open space.

Tricky but short golf course

Getting to feel like your really outdoors



It's a green space not covered in student accommodation

The views, trees, plants natural surroundings. The peace to walk.

Beautiful space

the steepness of the hill makes it fun for playing with the kids

The open green space

Beautiful are

Openness

Location

The nature

Mountain biking on it

Pretty

It is hilly

The views

It's a nice open space

View

Location

It's a golf course

The outdoor space

The open space and sporting use for bath residents

Open green space in the heart of the city

Views

The golf course. Great introduction for younger players

The location is extremely convenient for local residents

Open space



Convenient and peaceful

I don't use it currently

Great golf club and community around it

Peaceful place wildlife

The views and green lungs for the city

Nothing. Just a golf course, nothing for me to use. No entry from Wellsway.

Green space

Golf

Environment / green space

I expect it is a lovely site with amazing views

It could be a bike park

Na

Open space

Position and size trees

Expanse of greenery, views

Trees, valley, wildlife

The expanse of land, the views, nature

wild overgrown paths at the bottom

Green space

Quiet and beautiful

Easy access for a game of golf as I am not a member of a golf club

Nice view of Bath

A short drive from the centre and it feels like you're in the middle of the country. Peaceful.

Open space trees view



A green space

Great location for potential uses

Space

It is a golf course available to all without the pretensions of private courses. I have played at Entry Hill since it opened and I would've disappointing to see it close particularly as I hope to soon retire and play more.

The trees and nature

its a great affordable course

Not a lot

Location

Affordable golf. Good exercise for me as I get older.

Trees

Views

Views

Greenery

On my doorstep

I have never been there as I don't play golf

Location and setting

price

steep slope, views

The fact that it is an affordable golf club accessible to most.

Scenery

affordable, lovely location, friendly staff

Well designed, so it's tricky though short. Feel like I'm in countryside while still in town.

Golf



Nature

reasonably priced golf

Provides golf cheap golf facilities to enable young people and those with low income who would not otherwise have an opportunity to play. facilities

N/a

It's open

It's a big but hidden treasure in Bath. I love the trees.

It is a great little golf course and provides me with a convenient and enjoyable experience near to home and it's like being in the country in the town

Green space, mature trees

the setting

I don't visit as I don't play golf

It's peace and tranquility

The location and greenery

Quality of course

It's a green space within Bath

Sledging

Views and sledging

the trees

Spacious outdoor environment near city centre with lovely views

It's natural appearance, the wildlife and the view from my house

Not built on

Not golf! Sledging. It's beautiful, peaceful, an oasis of green and improves the look & value of the area I live in.

location

Only golf course affordable in the area



the peacefulness in a very built up area, it provides greenery in a very densely populated zone.

Can just turn up and play

Low threshold to play golf

I used to live near and enjoyed walking my dog, enjoyed having the green space right by a very busy road

Lovely location, good surfaces and always a nice atmosphere where I can play golf with my friends

It is a lovely golf course, easy to move around and always a lovely experience

It's not stuffy. It's friendly and great for both me and my dad to practice our golf

Challenging and not too long

I like the challenging course suitable for all ages!

the challenge of the course and the comradeship of other golfers

Landscape. The deer.

A piece of green land with trees very close to the city, providing some breathing space

Golf

It's a lifeline for my father who plays golf 2-3 times per week. He gets exercise and social interaction that he would not have if entry hill were to close.

Green quiet space with wildlife

Peace and quiet, view, wildlife and trees etc.

the trees

That it's for all ages and it's brilliant

Affordable

convenience

That I can teach my son to play without breaking the bank

Friendly ,Challenging , price



The challenge, the wildlife, the terrain, the cafe & the price of a round of golf. It is THE ONLY easily accessible golf course within 15miles of Bath, to lose it would deal a devastating blow to local golfers who can't travel nor afford the green fees required by other local golf courses.

Its beauty

The position and layout

Views, open air, trees, wildlife

Very convenient location

Big green

A short but challenging course at a reasonable price

The green space close above Bath city centre and Victoria Park - a route I often use

It's location

Lovely position. Home to small herd of deer.

It is an excellent quite difficult course for beginners and experienced players

Picturesque, good challenge, nice walk.

Green space

views

The trees. The view. The green space in the city. A rare safe cycle space.

It's an accessible way into golf

Available to all and don't need a handicap.

a truly great little course that's good value and very welcoming

No Knowledge other than look at it is over wall while walking about.

Beautiful grounds, quiet city centre green space

Relaxed atmosphere. Location.

The greenery

The ability to socialise doing a sport I love



Tough little course with great views.

It's location and peacefulness

The mix of trees, bushes and open grass

Peaceful

The landscape and views

Green space close to home

Views

Beautiful Location, close to City centre and great potential to encourage healthy living

A pleasant green space to relax and enjoy the wild life, play golf, walk, visit the cafe.

Fantastic small course which enables people to learn to play at a reasonable price as opposed to the pricey golf clubs in the surrounding area.

The hilly layout and the cooked breakfast

Space

wildlife

Lovely setting

Location

It's a lovely open space with great views an ideal place to relax

Integral activity related part of the community for mostly the current generation of grand parents.

Friendly. No dress code! Not snobby. People can borrow clubs. I can get there on the bus or by bike

The fact that I can get there on the bus and don't need a handicap

The inclusivity- you don't need a handicap, no dress code, can get there by public transport. Always meet friendly people. Lovely café.

It's easy to get to and I don't need to be a member. It's relaxed and open to the community

Convenient location

Open space



The calmness

Peace and quiet ability to play golf without large course

Its lack of pretentiousness; ideal for a learner

The potential for an mtb park

The views

close to city

Have not been

Open space

Location for mountain biking

The location

Haven't been

A testing golf course and a pleasant walk.

Beautiful area

Nothing

Lovey views and greenery in urban setting

Being outside in the open air

Green

The lovely trees

It is a gem for its trees and undulating terrain and just right for a struggling golfer like me.

It's a short course that suits us seniors and keeps us fit and active. It also helps us meet with likewise people to converse with and enjoy the fresh air and exercise, without this facility we would stay at home and vegetate.

City views and landscape

It is an oasis of tranquility in the heart of the city.

Outdoor space with wild areas



The space

Tranquillity

The golf course is great I've been using it on and off for 30 years

The trees, calm, view, special spot

Walking

It's picturesque

Fresh air and space!

Space!

Green space!

Trees.

Beautiful course, well kept and challenging

Great Golf Club and well run by lovely people

Ease of access, and open spaces

Proximity

It's very close to home and is a challenging course.

The views and quite

View, greenery

Open space in the city

Price and accessibility

Views

It is an attractive and challenging 9 hole course

Proximity to Bath and 9 holes - quicker to play

Lovely area for wildlife, birds and other things. Like the wild areas at the edges. Important

Green space that helps keep our air clean and absorbs carbon.



Green space in a built up area

The difficulty

Location

It's a beautiful green space on the edge of the city with lovely trees and stunning views over Bath. It's great for sledging when it snows!

Beautiful

Space

Trees

The view

Na

amazing location

It could be a nice community outside space. Looks like a nice place to walk

It's a large open space, peaceful and lovely wooded area

Children friendly

Only course I can play 9 holes after work.

Challenge and natural environment for golf

Open space

a quiet place to enjoy a bit of countryside, and golf

I've never been

Not applicable

That it's a green space

Location is convenient to family

Green space

Ease of use. Reasonable pricing.

Nice location



It's inexpensive, well-maintained and good value for money.

Location

Nice to walk past

green open spaces

Cheap fun round of golf

Never been

green space

NA

Playing golf

Nature, views of Bath

Playing

Open space

Proximity to my house and lovely breakfast

Its location

It's openness and peacefulness as an accessible open space in the urban area.

peaceful wildlife area

The natural beauty of the grounds.

It's a green space

The tranquility

Scenerie

Views trees peace

Traquility, views

City centre golf option

It is a haven of peace and a place for wildlife in the city



Best value for money golf in Somerset

N/A

Proximity

Never visited

The open space and flora and fauna.

Space

The space and trees

Green space

It's a challenging course (golf wise) it's hilly site is great exercise good cafe and staff

Food

Space

Peaceful

The landscape

I go sledging there at winter

Oasis of green in urban environment

The open green space in the middle of the urban environment.

There is a cafe however, I have never been.

The scenery and wildlife

I dont go there as there is nothing that appeals to me

Golf and the fantastic open, wooded countryside in the middle of bath.

A challenging 9 hole course for all ages and it is affordable

Trees

The site is in a good location

An interesting public course at an affordable price. A good local amenity.



Cleanliness

Wooded landscape

Green space, not built upon

It's a quiet space in a built up area

Close

Accessible

Never been - it's just a single facility for golfers

The local provision of a sensible priced golf course for all to use

The open space & trees but I was not aware members of the public could walk round it!

Green and close to home

Don't visit

Nice scenery

Location

Quiet with excellent trees

Space

Location

Seems to be in a good location

Peaceful green space

Open space

Open green space

Good value golf available to all

It adds greatly to the green space, tranquility and overall vista greatly enhancing the exit and entrance to the city of Bath

The space and walking



It's an affordable public amenity. I like the open space in this area and watching the golfers. It's very important for my age group to have places for exercise and relaxation

How close it is to where i live

Outdoor space

The cafe

It is a friendly site and you can pay and play

The view and walking

It's a big area of green

Nothing

Nothing

It's a lovely green space in the city

The size and potential of it

Cycling

The cafe

It's a lovely oasis of green space in the middle of the busy roads.

Peace and quiet and the trees and wildlife

Open space for all of Bath residents to use

Views, good outdoor space

A great outdoor space that could be used by the public

Space

Scenery

LOcation

It's flat

Accessibility

The trees



i don't like it

It's location

The vast open space

Access for youth, who don't have much choice for public open spaces

Cycling

Local amenity for broad age range

Lovely space

location

Its location

Beautiful space

Trees

Its quiet

I have never visited.

never been

Cafe

how about a dry ski slope, walking, nature trail for children

I don't go, if I want a nice walk I go into the lovely nearby countryside, I appreciate it is a valuable green space for those that do use it.

Space

Its local and a great social club

N/a

n/a

Open air

It's on a hill

It's a green space



N/a

Space and countryside

I think it would be better to be a mountain bike/cycling area and would attract everyone from all ages encouraging fitness and wellbeing

Green space in town with carbon sequestering trees

Beautiful spot

It's a huge green space

Enclosed green space

It's a nice outside space with lovely trees

Location and open space

Beautiful surroundings, lovely to watch the deer, excellent golf course, a real challenge, my partner and I took lessons with the pro(who wasn't replaced) and that was the reason we joined and I have played in the women's league for many years.

It is beautiful and quiet, and a great place for the kids to run free

N/a

N/a

Open green space

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lovely little golf course, great exercise

Nature/ landscape/ green space

Valuable green space, beautiful views

Natural Space on varied terrain

Open green space in the center of town

Its situation, the challenging nature of the course, 9 holes doesn't take a day, the friendly atmosphere, the opportunity to make friends and keep fit

Location



open space

Spotting the deer, the peace and quiet and xiews

Have never been despite living very nearby.

Views and peaceful

Nice tight course. Great nature. Good fun. Not often busy.

Nothing

The peace, tranquillity and the wildlife

Nothing currently - it's a great space not used to full potential.

It's an open green space with great views of the city

It is quiet

Nothing

The strength and difficulty, wildlife and views.

Council Run, and no houses on the land! Green space.

It's setting

It's a lovely, open, green space in the city.

It looks like a nice open space with trees

NA

Green Spaces / Trees

natural

Nothing I'd rather a bike park

Challenging to play.

n/a

Protected green space, attractive

the greenery and quietness relative to the busy roads surrounding it



Not been there

Location close to City. Unspoiled nature.

It's location

views

Location

the green space in the city, views of the city

A good fun urban goolf course available to play at a good price

Hilly

It is a beautiful course open to everyone to play golf

aera

Location

I have never been

Huge open spaces

Lovely green space with mature trees and wild life

The tranquility and beauty of the golf course

Beautiful scenery

Potential for conversion to cycling and related/other outdoor activity

beautiful loaction

Views

Trees & wild deer

Its potential

N/A

The location

Lovely scenery



The fact it's open, recreation space

Don't know

Accessible, reasonably priced, easy parking, friendly staff, good cafe

It is beautiful and challenging

The views and the fact that it is a challenging golf course open to all.

Friendly golfers and the testing course. Also the beautiful setting.

The vast open spaces which could be used for a multi leisure facility

picturesque, challenging golf course with great wildlife

The accessibility and it's welcoming feel to beginner standard golf. I like it's relaxed feel where anyone can play golf regardless of ability

Golf, socialising, clean air, unspoilt perimeter of the course.

Amazing views

Easy access, interesting course, friendly staff and members, the flora and fauna and finally affordable golf for many of us to play at a private club would not be possible due to the high cost involved

Beautiful and challenging golf course

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Cannot comment

Fair price

Public access to a good nine hole golf course

The setting

Open Space

Lovely course in the centre of Bath. Reasonably priced compared to prestigious golf courses in the local area.

Lovely area to walk through

Could have MTB trail which would make me a regular visitor ...

Playing Golf, socialising with friends, the view



Escape from the city

Beautiful views

I haven't yet visited

The potential for a bike park

Open spaces

It's a handy, well priced and convenient place to play golf. It's short distance means that you can get a decent round in in just over an hour.

Heard there is a good cafe

The outdoors

Never been

The scenery

Views and nature

Golf course is nice.

Local place to visit

Green, peaceful and spacious

The scenery

The golf, pleasant surroundings and good company

Fresh air

A pretty space

Wildlife & nature. Good views

Natural beauty

The open space gives a sense of freedom

Views are stunning, and it's just a nice place to be

views

Natural space



Na

Location

Never been

Having an outdoor space to walk and get some fresh air

N/a

Potential mountain bike facility

Location

Outdoors

Situated close to town.

Local facility with parking

The location

Peace, quiet and green space

The view

Good views

That it could be opened for more people to enjoy for more activities

Natural area, good for leisure activities

nature

View, woods

The available Space

Outdoor space

Fresh air

Don't play golf

Green open space

It's beautiful



It is a peaceful place full of wildlife and a diverse range of trees. I enjoy playing golf with friends, watching the changing seasons and spotting the deer, buzzards, woodpecker etc that call Entry Hill home.

never been there as don't play golf

Potential to become an extraordinary haven for Wildlife

Fantastic views across the city

Convenient to where I live

It's easy accessibility for hundreds of households in the area.

Beautiful views and wildlife

Playing golf

Views over Bath, wild borders for foraging, pathways and access to syon hill and golf course

The 'green' nature of the site

Cheap leisure activity, getting fit and healthy, natural setting, fresh air

Challenging, beautiful trees, reasonably priced certainly not a boring course. Best thing for me in Bath for health & regular exercise

Location, setting

Location

Nature

It's a great location

It's still a green space

The open space and easy access

Looks nice, woods, and on a hill

Lovely trees and green space

The nature.

Views!

Space and large trees



It a practice course for me that I can go round and practice my strokes with nonpressure

I didn't know anyone could visit it, I thought you had to play golf there.

It's close.

Close to home

Location

Challenging course but good fun

It's a valuable open space in Bath

The open green space. The course is nicely set out.

Beautiful views

Setting

The lovely position

That there is an accessible golf course available to everyone on this side of Bath that balances the rest of the green spaces available in the surrounding area

Never been

Great chance to play golf that I can afford, location etc

Green space

Space. Location.

A green space

Never go there

Nice surroundings

The nature and the proximity to my house

Close by and large green place

Never played Golf there

Undulating green space

Accessible golf for all at a reasonable cost



Open space away from roads and traffic. Trees, views.

A open green space away from traffic

Beautiful location , wildlife. Dog walks

The free parking

I like it remains as a green space that hasn't been captured by house builders

Scenery plabts

Green space

It has trees, is an open space

LOVELY VIEWS

Trees and hills

it beautiful setting

Everything

Spacious

Haven for wildlife including foxes, badgers, deer, bats, birds, squirrels. Green open space with mature trees and great views of Bath.

It's a quiet and open, large green space.

The mature trees and varied landscape. The area provides an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city centre and the pollution from cars on Wellsway and Entry Hill.

Golf

The mature trees and varied landscape with views.

Exercise. Beautiful scenery. Peace. Challenges. Friendly people.

The deer

The wildlife . There are deer , badgers and foxes , as well as many species of birds including buzzards and woodpeckers. The woodland habitat must be preserved at all costs , especially with the onslaught of climate change .

The golf



Play 9 holes, beautiful surroundings, exercise

Golf

Peaceful

Nice views. Easy walking

Beautiful sweeping grassland, deer, quiet amongst the traffic, the trees.

Open green space

Possible mtb venue

The fact it may be a mountain bike park

the choice of difficult to easy holes.

Peace and tranquillity and squirrels and deer

Fresh Air

Good cafe

Green space

It is a very beautiful and challenging course for all abilities and ages. The club members are welcoming to everyone. It needs to be advertised to the students in Bath who are probably completely unaware of its existence. It is Bath's Hidden Gem and could easily make a profit if people knew about it.



APPENDIX 3 – Question 9 – Text Answers – What do you like least about Entry Hill Golf Course

Current use and participation would seem to be exclusive and limited

Cannot just explore and enjoy open area without interfering with golfers

n/a

Traffic noise

condition of some greens

As a golf course, it is only really usable by golfers

Nothing

Because back in the 1970s part was used for residents to dump domestic waste during the long collectors strike. The council encouraged this and siad they would manage the dumping so no harm came to residents. Now for planning permission the Council now expect residents to pay for special surveys required by the government most urgently as the dumping allowed the Council off the hook at the time

Never visited as it feels unwelcoming as I am not a fan of golf.

Underused golf course with sterile grass which does not attract wildlife

N/A

Golf

It is badly managed by the incongruously name 'Better' group

relatively small

golf

Nothin

the old people

Golfers and lack of trees and wild spaces. Wildlife has noticeably diminished in the last 10 years I've been here

Nothing

n/a

Cafe

That it is not more widely acknowledged

Just needs a bit of investment in greenskeeping, that's all

The brambles that invade my garden. Some of the unpruned trees cut out my sunlight in the summer and restrict my view. A few years ago they put a bench by No3 Tee, near my house. within days it became home for a group of drunk men with unruly dogs - it was quickly taken away! Councillors - be careful what you wish for!!

Poorly maintained at times

Hill

The fact it is not currently used for riding

Golf

nothing i don't like

danger from golf

The greens could be improved

It's a golf course

Indifferent

nothing

restricted access to public

N/A

The fact it's a golf course

Not enough to do with children

Na

The golfers

It's not a MTB trail

It is a tremendously inefficient use of space with appeal to only a very limited demographic.

Council keeps it in poor conditions

it is a golf club so didn't realise it could be used for anything else

Traffic noise

golf

The golf facilities are out dated

NA



The loos were a bit grim last time I visited

Lots of space taken up by very few people

n/a

The quality of the course and the maintance

As a non-golfer I'm not incentivised to use it

Golf!

Quality of the greens and tee areas

Nothing

Feels isolated

Could be used more effectively for teenagers and young people

Tricky fairways

Golfers

golf

Golf

Never been

the greens aren't great (appreciate that's likely a budget issue).

N/a

Low budget, not a great course. Wouldn't recommend it

Feel unless you play golf you cannot use the space

The fact it might close

Don't visit as I don't play golf

Golf! (sorry, prefer walking and cycling!)

No view

the extra cars in the area

Nothing really I love the place

It's next to the polluted and noisy Wellsway

the traffic it brings to Entry Hill

Could have more to do there



Traffic

Not well maintained

It's up hill

It's a golf course

Never been

Its not used enough

Waste of space

Golf

It's one of the many golf courses in and around bath

nothing

Golf.

The fact it's very rarely used.

you never invested! thats why people left!. i little investment and people will come back.

Badly maintained

Poor conditions of the course

Could be better maintained

Having no dedicated cycle route

N/a

golf!

That it was a golf course and is currently unused

it is a golf course

too narrow

it's a golf course

maybe hit by a golf ball when walking!

Nothing

Never been

Nothing it's great

Golfers



Hilly

Cafe is outdated.

The golf and exclusivity of the space. It could be much more inclusive of the broader community and a richer diverse wildlife

It serves no use to me

It's just a golf course

Cost

The golf balls that end up in mt garden

The course is under used and could be better utilized and draw more customers from around the uk

nothing

The idea B&NES Council might mess it up.

clubhouse/cafe facilities could be better and would then generate more use including non golfers

far away

Under marketed. Lack of awareness of its existence

Limited use as golf course

The distance from my house

Human disturbance from bikes and tobogans

Council has let it get run down

Keeping an eye out for flying golf balls

People should be able to walk there freely.

seems to have gone down hill in quality. Used to use it more and would use more if standards improved

How overgrown/scruffy it has become apart from the golf green.

Sadly it looks like it is under used

The golf and litter

nothing

Golf

That it is a golf course! It could offer so much more for people and nature

Limited Cafe facilities, and only one point of access

That's it's devoted to golf. Such a space could benefit the wellbeing of a much wider range of people



The Council using its disposal as an expedient.

The club house could be improved.

Poor quality golf course

Nothing

never been

Waste of space

Not been

the fact that it's used for golf

The road next to it

the fact that it's used for golf

It's a golf course and shouldn't be paid for by residents

That it is a large swathe of land catering to the interests of a tiny minority (golfers) who in any case seem to prefer to play elsewhere.

nothing

Difficult when wet

Due to dwindling interest my generation has for golf the course is hardly used and could be used for something better

The golf

It seems to be a one sport area which greatly reduces other uses, so it is good to hear that the Council is actually reviewing this situation.

Lack of use

condition and maintenance of the golf course is poor

Site not fully utilised

Poor conditions in the winter months. Leaves on the course. Wet patches of grass.

It's entrance

Lack of awareness it's accessible

Muddy

Could be better maintained

It's a golf course

nothing

It's only golf and we don't play



It's a golf course not a mountain bike trail

Not enough facilities

No idea

It's a golf course

Never been

It seems a waste of a beautiful location as the golf is infrequently used and cafe is not very good.

It's not in Bristol

That just just a Golf course used by a few people

That it's a second public golf course in a small city

It's a golf course

Never visted

Not enough investment

The hill ;)

Nothing

I don't play golf

The course is in very average condition to be honest

Waisted space

I've never been there

don't use

Golf

I've never been as it's a golf course currently and so offers little currently

Lack of awareness of who it serves who can use it

That it is also a golf course

The golf

Nothing

The golf

The hills!

It's a golf course



It's a only golf course

Golf

Not used enough

it is adjacent to 2 busy roads

The upkeep of the course is poor

I don't play golf

Unsure how to get there or what I can use it for

It is built on a rubbish tip so gases etc can leak. Should have been left as the lovely old farm

No comment

Didn't know it existed

The fact that nobody gets the benefit of it other than golfers...

Golf course not very good

N/a

No mtb

Parking

Narrow course, finding balls

Not wildlife friendly

The fact its subsidised by the council

Unless you play golf it's not that accessible

Cost, quality of course is low

It's a wasted resource as so few people actually use the land

the cafe is never open when i visit

What's not to like.

It's a golf course

As above.

It's a golf course

Its a golf course

Nothing



Never been

NA

N/a

It's a golf course

the golfers

It's a golf course

Golf

The golf

The golf course

N/A

Golfers

Nothing

It's a golf course

the golf course isnt used as much as it would be because of the poor state of the greens, lack of investment = lack of players

Nothing particular

Golf

Golfers

Use of pesticides to maintain greens and fairways etc.

The fact that it is not looked after. The poor members have to put up with the course being in a mess. Maybe this survey would not even be needed if the people running it looked after it better... More people would use it. To turn this delightful course into anything but a golf course is ridiculous. The people in charge should be ashamed of themselves. Entry Hill is a golf course that should stay. Look after it! Please

None

The litter from the Wellsway side and the fact there is no entrance from Wellsway

Nothing

Golf

Golf and golfers

I can't say I dislike anything about the area.

Golf



cafe could be much more of a social space for non golfers

Underused

that it is under threat

The Golf Club and Bunkers Cafe- Rude Staff

The Golf Club

Not enough places there to ride

N/A

The Golf Course!

N/A

Old

Deh like golf tbh

slope

Golf

That it's just golf, mountain biking would be cool

The fact that vegetation around the periphery is not maintained and therefore spring daffodil bulbs are unable to show through the undergrowth.

It's not a mountain bike park

It is only for golfers

Golf

Its a golf course? And not a mtb site.

nothing yet

Golf

It's a near by hill

Nothing

general/poor up keep of site

Golf

Golf and walking pose safety risk where not segregated

It's used for golf by only a handful of people

The fact its just a golf course.



We don't use it at all apart from sledging and occasional dog walk

Golf

it's limitations as a golf course for other users

I don't really want to play golf!

Golf

Space given over to golf

The fact that it's not maintained or promoted in any way

The golf course

golf

Golf

That it is currently used by a tiny proportion of the community.

not much there

Open space with little happening

Its not a bike park

It's going to be a bike course

Litter

What could be there

Golf

That it's a golf course

Didn't know it existed

Nothing

I dont play golf and think golf courses a bit of an eye sore in what could be forest or a more natural environment/habitat

Golf

That it's a golf course

Nothing

Litter

Lack of bike trails

Waste of leisure space



It's a golf course

Golf

No mountain bike tracks

The golf

It's a golf course

The fact it's closing

Golf

Not accessible as a route up Wellsway, and only has one access on rat-run prone Entry Hill itself

I don't play golf. I'd have to walk along the Frome Road to get there, which is a horribly busy road

Not being used to full potential

Golf

its upkeep

The walkers

Lack of use by non golfers

Litter

trees need managing

No bike park

Golf is an elitist sport predominantly played males with high income. Less than 5% of people under 30 yrs play golf

Unused space

No mtb tracks

No mountain bike park

?

Hills

The clipped greens

No marked cycle paths

The hill next to it.

Seems that it gets little use

It is a golf course



Golf

golf

Golf

not being able to let dog off the lead

It's a golf course which is very exclusive

Golf

Lack of access from adjacent roads

Only useable for golfers

Course not always in a good condition

The golf course

Golf balls!

It is the other side of Bath :-(oh well, that's really not far on a bike!

I didn't even know it existed until recently

That it's only applicable to a certain age group. There isn't much in Bath to do that appeals to younger generations that can't afford things like meals out, cinema prices and shopping. The skate park is fantastic, but I was always too intimidated to go there and found a love in Mountain Biking, something which is massive in the SW England (bristol for example) yet Bath doesn't have anything similar to offer.

Lack of investment

Not all ground is usable for walking due to golf course

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I don't play golf.

Nothing

Difficult to get to

Often poor quality grass and landscaping, would be great if the quality would improve id attend much more often.

It's not as good as other golf courses in the area and could be utilised for other sporting activities

golfers

having to cross wellsay to access it then walk all the way around to Entry Hill

Golf

That it's a golf course



golf course

Toilet

That it is a golf course

Nothing

Golf is a minority sport, curenly provided for in Victoria Park

The way it's been left to dillapidate

foods not the best, make it a mountain bike park

N/A

Can be hard to get to without car

Could do with attention

Quality of golf course

Should be a bike park

GOLFERS

Could be better maintained

N/A

hill

Golf - please...

N/a

Too far away

No mtb park

Clearly it is not being maintained as it needs to be.

No marked trails

Golf

Too hilly

nothing it is very convenient

It's a golf course

not open to all

Cafe a bit dated



nothing

it probably needs to use chemicals to keep the greens okay

Not being able to ride my mtb

Golf

It's not being looked after properly

The fact it isn't a bikepark yet

too managed

It's not a bike park

Golf

N/a -didn't know it was open to walkers etc

That it's a golf course

tee off mats

Never been

How it might not be turned into a mtb park

Lack of support from Better

n/a

J

It's a golf course

No cycling

Its not a mountain bike park

Not much wheel chair access

Putting greens

The golf course

I hate golf

It's a golf course

Traffic

The nearest course to entry is Bristol

That it's a golf course



Its condition, which reflects the lack of resource that's been put into it.

That it is a golf course!

It doesn't facilitate for families

Poorly maintained and not used very much

Its a golf course

Its a Golf Course, which is a waste of land and resource

Its present use which only minimally supports biodiversity and carbon capture and its limited value to the whole community

That it's a golf course

It's a golf course, but I don't play golf

That's it's might not be a MTB trailb

It's present use which does not provide much of the above

Golf

Golf

Lack of options for outdoor sports including mtb

No bikes

It's not a mountain bike park

N/A

Lack of parking

The lack of mountain bike trails

The course

None

Not promoted or mentioned, gets very little publicity. Access via Entry Hill causes traffic conflict and speeding cars.

I am not keen on golf or the golf course aesthetic

Golf :), it's Time to pass it's use on to the next generation. Biking is more popular and accessible

The golf

Golf

It's a golf course, and I think golf and the chemicals its upkeep demand to be unacceptable

Golf



yes

Limited use

N/A

Looks not accessible..but I never tried to enter the park really..

nothing

Nothing

That I don't feel it is very inclusive for local residents. We walk further to Alexandra Park to get attractive green space. I don't do golf.

Golf Course

Tired

I'm not especially into golf

That's its not a mtb park

N/A

that so few people ever use it for golf

Golf

I never play golf!

That it is not a man park

The golf course

N/A

Lack of provision for activities I am interested in

Not very interested in golf - waste of public space

Golf

Nothing, never been.

The fact that it is a golf course

There's an awful lot of golf facilities out there, it'd be interesting to see something new there.

I can't comment as I do not use it myself

The fact that it's under threat

Golf

That it is currently only accessible to paying golfers and is inaccessible to the wider public.



It isn't a mountain bike centre.

The golf!

How it's not a cycling location!

Location, quite a long journey if traffic is heavy in centre of Bath - live in Batheaston

Despite relatives using it years ago, I presumed it was private, like most others. I've never seen it advertised to regular people or those of lower incomes, as an option for exercise or anything.

It's for golf

NA

Nothing

the intensive maintenance regime required for golf course upkeep

A little run down, things to do

Golf

N/a

The fact it's used for "yawn" golf

Nothing

Haven't been

Some form of elevator from the bottom to the top would help!

Never been

Needs better upkeep

Golf

Golf !

N/A

No mountain biking

The fact it's a golf course puts me off, it has so much potential

Not used an awful lot, and ideally would be better suited to a change of use to make the area more inclusive for all

The fact it is a golf course

Golf

Getting run down



Large unused space

No mountenbike track for offroad wheel chair or handicap mountenbikes (4wheels or 3wheels)

Don't currently use the space

Its in England, im in Australia.

Slope

The lack of facilities

It's lack of cycle access

Never been there

The rain

Nothing

Golfers

Parking

the land could be put to better use

N/A

Even less

It's a golf course

N./A

Charges if you play 18 holes compared to larger cources

Little run down

Its a golf course

Limited cycling facilities.

Golf

Lag of maintenance and mismanaged

Waste of space

It's a golf course

The fact that I can't mountain bike there

That its a golf course

Nothing



Nothing

No facilities for me

N/a

Exclusiveness

It's a golf course

It's not inclusive enough

It's a golf course

It feels like a wasted space on my doorstep which could be so much better used for family

Golf

I don't

From my understanding it is an underused facility in the city - such a shame as it could be such a well used amenity if it offered a more community relevant experience

It's a golf course

Golf

No

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I am sad to see it may be closing. It is a valuable leisure facility for older residents of Bath. It encourages health and well being and I believe that without it, there is a likelihood that the current members' health would suffer, increasing the burden on local health care

N/a

It's boring and the grass isn't green in the summer

The golf

Condition

Golf

Everything

Golf - would rather it was for outdoor pursuits (cycling?)

It's a golf course

Feels like it's for golfers only

Location



The course
 Loss of potential
 Golf
 The lack of bike park
 The golf club house
 Never been
 Don't know
 golf
 The idea that a bike park might NOT be created there
 I've never been there, so can't comment other than it's currently a wasted space
 Never been
 It not being MTB trails
 Nothing
 Far away
 Not enough mtb
 Nothing notable
 Facilities
 Old Council tip area from 60s
 Lack of maintenance
 Parking
 That it's not a mountain bike track.
 Empty
 The fact it's still a golf course
 The collapsing metal frames and damaged netting at the bottom of my gardenmetal
 Mountain biking
 NA
 The golf course
 It's a golf course

It is not the best use of the space

It needs better management

The state of the golf course

Everything

Golf

Takes up space.

The journey there (in laws live near)

Golf!

It's a golf course

Its a golf course rather than something more general

Lacks cycling facilities

Nothing it's great course for all abilities.

No mountain bike trails

N/A

None

The golf course

N/a

Lack of cycling

The members

Since it is called a Golf Course and my husband and I don't play golf, we had never thought there would be anything of interest for us there

Never been there

It's not currently a mountain bike park

Poor maintenance

N/A

It only has one use which is not of interest to me.

Nothing

Nothing

The golf course



It looks awful

Haven't been

Hill

n/a

Unkept

-

Never been

NA

The upkeep of the greens & tees

Lack of use.

It's not a mountain bike park

Quality of the course

Golf course

lack of facilities

golfers

nothing

needs some TLC

Lack of bike park

Nothing

The fact that it is neglected by GLL

Golf

Lack of bike trails

Golf

Lack of off road cycling paths

Course is poorly maintained

Dog and cat mess.

BETTER ACCES POINTS

na



Car park

Parking

How dilapidated it has become and now looks like scrub in many areas. The golf course is rarely utilised and is often empty.

Nothing, apart from being run down.

Lack of usable space for alternative activities.

NA

Limited access on foot.

Not always well maintained and too many houses near by

Not kept in such good condition putting people off using it.

Everything make it a bike park

Limited services

I don't play golf so can't use the facility

Nothing

It's a golf course, something that there are a number of in the area.

The state of the fairways and greens

The fact that it is a golf course.

It's not a bike park

golf course

Its deteriorating condition

Golf

It's a golf course

NA

It's a golf course

Unknown

N/A

it's a golf course

Poor upkeep of facilities by council

N/A



Facility for a limited group who have plenty of other options

Its a golf course

Nothing

NA

golf

The fact that it could become a mountain bike park! It would get too muddy and ruined.

The condition that it has been allowed to get into by the useless operators

No bike trails

It's a golf course

Golf

I don't visit

Lack of use

Better use of the area by building a bike park

underfunded, a shell of its former self

golf

Na

Lack of maintenance

Golf

I have never heard of the space. I live not far from Bath and visit often but have never heard of the golf course

N/A

Not been well looked after

Lack of access

The Golf course

That the mountain bike park is not built

Its a golf course.

Nothing to not like

Na

Access



The lack of an MTB park

It's a bit mundane

Dogshit

Golf course not as popular as it was. Alternative uses would encourage more visitors

Not being used to it's potential

Poorly maintained

The hill

None

It's taken up by a golf course

It is only useful for golfers !

Nothing - do not visit

Lack of Cycling provision

Dogs off leads.

lack of amenities

That its a golf course

NA

The Golf

It doesn't feel very accessible to anyone other than a golf player

A game of golf

There's a golf course on it which restricts it's use for walking

n/a

Dog poo

N/a

No Mountain Biking

It's not a bike park!!

rundown

It feels closed to anyone who doesn't play golf

not used enough



Needs more activities

under utilised

Lack of use

Nothing

Being a golf course it's use is limited.

Golf

The golf

nothing

N/a

N/a

Lack of diversity

Cost too much for what it is.

Golfers

Not been so don't know

Feels exclusive

Golf

N/A

Golf

N/A

Near the road

N/A

Poor facilities

Upkeep

It's a golf course, not best usage f the space.

Assumed it was just for golfers, and I'm not a golfer!

Not enough mountain bike trails

Lack of activities

That it's a golf course!! No cafe. No off road cycling trails.



It gets very wet!

the manicured aspect of the greens and fairways

Golfers

Hills

Nil

N/a

Golfers

Na

Lack of use

No path to get in from Wellsway side

Golf

Golf. It appears unwelcoming to non-golfers, cafe looks uninviting and bog standard and there are no amenities for those not wishing to play golf.

The golf course

Metal poles sticking out of the ground

No entrance on the wellsway side so limited access

It's a golf course

Golf!

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There is no pedestrian access from The Wellsway side

Nothing really

Gradient in places - needs more surfaced paths

waste of open space

It is only good for golfers

the golfers

Not a golfer

Gradient in places - needs more surfaced paths

Doesn't get enough use

Mud!



It's a golf course

use as golf course

Nothing

The golf

that i've never been!

Golf balls occasionally land in our garden

Not enough is spent on its upkeep and this puts people off playing here.

nothing in particular

Nothing

Maintenance of course could be a little better

Golf

Look...you're annoying me now

The artificial tee mat on the 2nd hole.

lack of maintenance of greens & bunkers

It's major use is for a minority of people

Unused

That it may be turned into non-green space

Golf courses use lots of chemicals and have limited biodiversity; they are only for golfers!

It looks a bit neglected

It's all about golf!

Noise from the alarm

Greens could be in better condition

n/a

Single use for a few people that like golf

Nothing

Golf

It's just for golfers

Has little benefit to the majority of residents



It's not used

Golf

Mucky carpark and slightly less maintained than it could be

Locked outside hours so inaccessible

Current golf use.

The fact that most people do not know anything about it, that they can use it without being a member etc.

The golf course

Love it

The attitude of those running the site towards the general public and the fact that it is currently for golf players only, denying local residents the full use of nearby green space.

Poor maintenance and facilities for golfers, no input of improvements from the current franchise holders. The facilities and state of the course have declined as there has been no support given to the current Green Keeper by Go Better.

It's a golf course

The exclusive promotion of golf at the venue.

Golf!

Facilities poor

Never been

That we cannot use it

No dislikes

It's a golf course and not a park

nothing

It is a Golf Course

To change its use and to destroy the natural habitat that exists in tandem with the golf course.

The fact that it is a golf course

Golf

N.a

Course management

The lack of facilities to store clubs etc



Golfers

Access seems limited to golfers

Golf

traffic noise

Access

It's a golf course

Golf, especially flying balla

Didn't know it was accessible to general public

That it is a golf course

Nothing

Nothing

The golf! Lack of ability to access site from the top. I live in Hansford aquare and have problems with mobility.

Nothing

The fact I hardly ever see anyone using it

Much of it is given over to golf, so not useable by non-golfers. It feels exclusive/unwelcoming. It's unclear that it's open to the public.

Never used

Too small and narrow

It's a bit run down

The golf

The golf

Can't gain access from Wellsway road and you have to walk all the way round the golf course to gain access to public footpaths on the other side.

Accessibility to the golf course from the road

Restricted use for golf

Nice place

Artificial tees

n/a

This space could be used for something much more useful that can get everybody involved not just golf, there should be something built that changes the way Bath/odd down look this could be a new look for tourists and could really be a site changer.



Golf!

I didn't know it was open to non golfers

Na

Doesn't appeal to the local area currently.

Dont like golf!

Lack of entry points

Everything

You cannot cross between wellsway and entry hill

environment

Hardly play golf

Golf

Never been

Golf

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Its golf surely there are enough courses in the city!

Golf

no complaints to be honest

Poorly maintained

Non sustainable use of land

I don't play golf.

Unknown

Dog mess

Golf

Why it's only used for golf

Nothing there that would interest me

Nothing

Such a large area of green space reserved solely for golf

Not used much



n/a currently

limited to golf

Golf!

Bad condition of the course, could easily be improved

Parking

The golfers

Feeling unwelcome, but sure if I am allowed to walk there as it is a golf course

That it is a golf course - which implies non-golfers are not welcome

Nothing

Golf

Wasted space on golf

Nothing

Golf is played

Nothing

Not a fan of golf. Other sports (e.g. Mountain biking) would be a better use of the space

The council have not utilised it to its full potential

Nothing

I don't play golf

That it is a golf course.

Just for golf

it doesn't seem to be used much and is not in line with what people are looking for with leisure so much now

The golfers

Golf

Golf

Golf course

The golfers

The fact that it's a golf course who even likes golf

Mud



It is muddy when it rains

Golf course

The steep path to the cafe, completely inaccessible for me pushing elderly mother in a wheelchair

it would be better with more trees

Golf course

No money being spent on it.

Nothing

That it is mainly for one age bracket and is t as used in winter

Thats its a golf course not mountain bike trails

That activities are limited.

Golf

It's in need of investment, seems a very under utilised space

The Golf

Nothing

I don't use it currently

that it is being taken over

Not very well used

Nothing

Just a golf course.

It's a golf course

N/a

Its a golf course and I don't play golf

It isn't yet a bike park

It's a golf course.

Needs a cafe

Golf

Golf

Golf



golf course

Golf

That I don't use it enough and now look as I will lose it

Steep site

Fertiliser used on the grass

During autumn. It's difficult to see golf bunks

The golf

Not used currently

Golf

It is a great little course that welcomes all

Not enough trees and wild flowers

The lack of keeping it up to date ie lack of investment in the course and badly managed

I have no interest in golf and that's all its advertised as so I've never visited. The entrance isn't very accessible/visible for pedestrians either.

There is little reason to go there I, don't want to walk around it when people are playing

Price

Hills

The lack of care and maintenance in the last 2 years.

Don't like golf

Dogs

Activities

That it's a golf course

Na

Don't play golf so has nothing to offer me

only has 9 holes

It is a golf course

that it's restricted to golfers during the day

The fact that the course no longer has the resource to maintain it to the condition it once was.

Have to get up big hill



golf course and facilities need updating and refurb

You haven't maintained it well in the last few years.

Golf

It is not accessible by bus, under resources and so under used

Hilly

The Golf

How steep it is and that is used for golf.

It's not used

The greens are sometimes underprepared

n/a

the golf

I don't visit as I don't play golf

Nothing

That it is used for golf

Short grass no biodiversity or variation in habitats

Needs more investment

It's a golf course

Nothing to do for young families

it doesn't seem tp be used much

restricted access because of golf course

Poor management of the trees

Only of use to golf players.

Nothing

nothing

Not kept in the condition it used to be

the access for pedestrians is limited due to it's location in a built up area

Not maintained to a high level as a golf course

nothing unlikeable



Nothing

Some days the fairways aren't mowed. Too many daisies meaning too many lost balls!

Like it all

Nothing its great!

the overall condition of the facility due to poor maintenance

The cafe

Nothing

Na

It needs to be promoted more widely, discounts for students etc. Could it also be used for foot golf? Could other income streams be explored in addition to golf?

tree need cropping in parts

Height of trees in places.

The monoculture of grass and the amount of weed control I imagine it take to keep wild life from thriving there!

Nothing

That we may lose it.

waterlogged state it gets in the winter months

Mud

Not enough money spent on the course

Nothing aside from the fact that some areas of the course hold water in the winter apart from that I love the place.

the hills

Zero

Not always in the best condition

Waste of space

The drainage is bad and the maintenance is sketchy and sometimes poor

It's a golf course and I dont play golf

It's a golf course

Lack of interest by Better. No advertising the course

The fact that it has been allowed to become so run down through lack of maintenance for several years



Lack of upkeep by so called council.

Golf

not used enough, poorly known about. poor advertising

Danger of being hit by golf balls. It's a space for old men to play golf so feels massively under used.

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Nothing

not as well maintained as it could be

All the rubbish over the wall when doing the above.

Nothing

The golf

The courses condition could be improved however I still enjoy playing golf here

The lack of work done on the course to keep it nice. More time spent keeping it up to scratch the more people will come and play

Tall trees near to my house

It's used for golf

Should be more diverse

I don't play golf

Seeing the land underused and under-utilised in its current form

Nothing - its all good.

Lack of investment by the council , they could make this a fantastic little course but have not bothered to encourage it .

Little investment and attractiveness

It is a limited use area

Bad transport links

N/A

Nothing that comes close to the existence of a Costa Coffee in every high street in every small market town in this country

Nothing

A bit muddy sometimes

Nothing!

Nothing. It is perfect.



Losing balls!!

The golf course

There's no mtb park

its a golf course

Have not been

It's a golf course

The facilities and lack of use due to it being run down

Haven't been

Everything

Sometimes the hills, but hey. . . .

Not enough to do

Golf

The bunkers need improvement.

I like the course but it could do with a bit of drainage in places

Under utilised

It has a low profile so it's value is not recognised or utilised by those who could most benefit.

Poor golf course as too wet and uninteresting

The golf

I don't see the point.

Lack of maintenance

Lack of driving practice

Nice place

That it's a golf course. Space could be better used.

N/A

Traffic noise and pollution.

The suggestion that I might change

The thought that somebody is trying to take golf away from this wonderful course

There is nothing I dislike about the golf course



Steep

The overall condition of the course, and the facilities need updating.

Cafe

Not enough for kids

Nothing

Course maintenance and cafe

I don't play golf

The existing cafe area should be upgraded for non golfers

Lack of investment - facilities could be much better

Huge space devoted to a small number of people interested in golf.

Lack of flexibility - all that space for golf restricts its use by residents who have very limited access to a green space within walking distance.

The conditions

It's a golf course

Not interested in playing golf, it could definitely be put to better use.

Facilities

Un used space

Golf

The parking

Na

not easy to access

Not well advertised locally. I don't know if I can walk there or if it's exclusively for playing golf

A bit hilly (I'm pregnant) haha

I didn't know it was accessible to the public

Golf

The thought that it might stop being a golf course!

Lack of driving range

I don't play golf

club house could be nicer, more a destination to invite more



It is a golf course and therefore not something I am likely to make use of, unless it's purpose changes

Not applicable

Golf

That the golf reduces accessibility & wildlife habitat possibilities

I didn't know it was open to people who weren't playing golf! Otherwise I would have used it for dog walking etc

Golfers

Nothing!

I don't like golf

It's not available and accessible to the wider public

The lack of publicity and interest displayed by GLL and BANES council which has allowed user numbers to decline.

Completely underused.

Golf

Never been

the golf course

The hills

Never been

nothing

NA

Poor drainage

Littering

Council could do more on the up keep & advertise golf

Nothing

size, would be great if it was 10 times bigger

The unsightly and (some) dangerously leaning and dead (mostly Ash) trees on the top level adjoining Hansford Square rear gardens.

The long climb up Wellsway to get there. Perhaps provide a cable-car?

Entrance is difficult

Accessibility restricted out of golf course hours

Golf

The golf

Its a golf course

Poor drainage

Seems like wasted space given how quiet it always is

It's not a mountain track yet :-)

Cost of a round of golf

The greens could be better kept

Golf

Never visited

Cafe is run down

That it's solely a golf course

Near road

Golf

Lack of access points

maintenance is slipping

Nothing

Golf

Nothing

Honestly, the golf

There is nothing for the community other than a small cafe

Golf

That it is currently the preserve of a minority sport.

Its a wasted space as i dont know anyone who goes there other than for the cafe.

Dog walking

Im not a huge fan of golf, so i think the large area could be used for something better for the community e.g. the bike park

Not used enough and boggy underfoot

Rough off the fairways

The empty golf greens



Sadly lack of maintenance by the authorities. A great facility which would be more used if better looked after and maintained as a proper golf course. There used to be a pro, equipment to borrow, lessons and a welcome facility for beginners and children alike but this was all done away with so no incentive for new people to use it.

I don't like golf

Space

Golf

Access into the site is poor

Unused

Little activities for people uninterested in golf

Could have better use

Could be utilised for other purposes

That it's only for golf.

The way in which the condition of the course has been allowed to deteriorate

Golf

Don't visit

Golfers can be unsociable

Golf

Boring

Seems under used, and Golf has a reputation of being exclusive and elitist.

Access points

golf

Golf balls in my back garden

Tight course

Nothing

The poorly maintained state of the course

The price

Man made elements of the golf course, and the maintenance of the green

It's a golf course



It takes up space for a limited-interest sport and the land could be much better used

Not inclusive enough usage for the community

just golf

Everything

Golfers and golf balls

They play golf there

Cycling

Gets muddy in the winter

Dog walkers

The golf

I do not play golf

Could diversify its use

Steep slopes

Popularity

It's just gold. Cafe needs improvement

There is golf balls flying everywhere

Lack of activities

The golf cars

it's not a bike park

It's a private golf course that's under utilised.

Golf

Limited to golfers effectively, and yet that's typically a provider domain (by choice) and there's many other golf courses eg in Clavwrton Diwn

Need more cycling areas

General upkeep could be improved

NA

That it is a golf course!

Nothing

Could be used for other activities



Golfers

Its a golf course

I have never been.

Never been

No bike track

not a golf person

It's a golf course

It doesn't have a bike park

Golf, boring grass

its condition - the necessary investment has not been maintained

Golf is arguably a limited interest activity, there are many others available locally and a publicly owned space could be so much more

N/a

Lack of interest stops me going there.

The golf

Not hugely inspiring space

N/a

Getting there on public transport

Waste of space

It's not accessible for those who don't play golf

That it's no where as near used as a golf course than it would be a bike park

That I am not interested in golf!

Can't walk on it because of the golf!

Has a specific use for a specific demographic, is not inclusive or benefitting the wider community

Sometimes boggy, traffic noise

Golf .

It's a gold course

It is a 40 minute journey from where I live but I still am happy to make the effort to play at such a delightful course.

You never know if it's OK to be walking there - would be an amazing park



N/a

N/a

It's not a bike park! :(very sad for my boys, we need more places for children to be free in a safe environment

nothing i don't like

It's a golf course

n/a

lack of use for a prime location

Hilly

The golf course

Single formal use

The poor maintenance by the council, it's neglect, the split responsibility between council and GLL the lack of promotion of this unique facility

Lack of advertising to remind me to go!

golf

Unkempt/run down areas

I don't like golf!

Nothing, could have better greens as a golf course

Greens not in great condition

It's not a bike park

The poor upkeep of the site

See above.

I don't like walking through it in the dark

It is underused

It's not a bike park

Dog walkers.

Not a golf fan, but do appreciate that people are.

It's a Golf Course

I don't think you're allowed to ride your bike there - I race cyclocross and it's so hard to find places where you are allowed to practice

NA



Buildings,

It's not a bike park

Not maintained enough

That it's a golf course

I don't play golf so have no reason to use it

nothing

See above

That it will be over developed or commercialised

That it's a golf course

Golf

Limited use

the playing of golf that constrains other uses

It's a large space that could be much better utilised

The quality of upkeep

Mud in winter

na

Golf course

I have never been

The thought it might change.

litter

the belief that everyone wants to play golf

Lack for equipment for regular maintenance

Nothing

I don't like Golf, have no interest

its a golf course

Golf

Golf

It's a golf course and I am not a golfer.



Its a Golf Course

N/A

Limited activities

It's used for golf

It's a golf course

Don't know

All good

It is poorly maintained

That the council does nothing to promote the 'golf' part of the title .

The maintenance of the course.

The wasted space

not very accessible without a car

Standards of green. They have been improving

Lack of investment, unfulfilled promises, no one seems to be accountable for any short comings for the ongoing neglect.

It's hard to enjoy the space for fear of being struck by a stray golf ball - it's not a welcoming space

The low level of investment in both the condition course and the advertising of such a valuable asset in the city.

The hills

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Cannot comment

That it's used for golf and not something more fun and more accessible to kids

That not many people know about it or play!

It's not currently a bike park

Be nice to have some other things to do there

Last of MTB trail

The management which neglects the facilities and appears to have no particular expertise or interest in golf.

Good price for golf but Could the space be used better.

I don't play golf

I haven't yet visited



It's a golf course! 🙄

No space for mountain biking

No bike park

The condition of the course has got steadily worse over the years, particularly the greens.

There isn't a bike park there yet

That there is no mountain bike trails

Never been

No opinion

Not open to cycling!

Can get very wet

Lack of marked cycle routes

The poor state of the course due to lack of investment and poor maintenance. The grass on the fairways is often longer than the second cut of rough on other golf courses also the bunkers have been completely neglected.

Could be more to do

Under used

Golf

Nothing

There's no fun cycling through there, which would make life a lot more enjoyable

car parking

Na

Its a golf course

Never been

The golf course

N/A

N/a

The golf course

Golf

I've never used it...

NA

Golfers

Doesn't get used for anything

Access + Golf

loads of places to get your ball stuck!

That it's only used for one sport

Lots of unused space

for golf

that its not being used to its full pottential

parking

The Golf Course!

Lack of cycle tracks

Hill

Golf

I don't think it's well linked to walking routes in the area

The golf

It can get very muddy.

Golf courses usually focus on human requirements at the cost of wildlife due to use of weed killer etc

lack of biodiversity

The fairways are a bit narrow and it is quite hilly.

It's a golf course

N/a

The condition could be improved

That even thou it's a right of way public golf course, golf isn't my thing

Quality of the course. Lack of availability of use by other users

Not very accessible without a car

Golf

Golf



Golf

The standard of the course has fallen away over the last 10 years

It's yet another golf course

Poor maintenance of the facilities by the owners

You need to be a member

Access in at the top end only - would be better to access at the bottom end too

The dog unfriendly cafe.

The greens are terrible and it's hard not to lose a ball or 2 per round!

Hazard of golf balls

Hopeless when it has rained heavily and in autumn it's difficult to find your ball in the fairway because of the colour of the leaves

That I didn't know you could go there for a walk

It's for golf.

It's a golf course

Nothing

Current usage

Artificial tees

Poor access unless within walking distance, i.e. Bath's all but non existent cycle infrastructure that would allow people to leave their car at home.

The greens are not well maintained.

Little steep but can't be helped

It is a golf course and could be used better

That it is a golf course

Golf

It is a wonderful piece of land in the heart of the community but is underused

condition in winter

Golf

Nothing

It's a golf course with no real wildlife value

Golf to me has never appealed.



No entrance from Wellsway

Not used properly, could be a nice family park

Can't be used for leisure activities and the cafe it's disappointing

It's too exclusive

Nothing

Bit messy

It's a golf course with limited access to public

Tends to be mainly for golfers , having to walk around edges , dogs have to be kept on leads . Paths need to be accessible to young and elderly, disabled

N/A

I don't really know much about it - who can use it, what facilities are there, do you need membership?

Golfers

Golf!

Nothing

It's a golf course

GETWATERLOGGED

Lack of facilities eg Miami Gym

can get very waterlogged and muddy

I have no dislikes

Traffic using Entry Hill

Nothing

Really can't think of any negatives. Maybe getting hit by a golf ball.

That the cafe isn't really utilised.

The lack of advertising/information regarding the existence of the golf club and the fact that it is open and free to non golf playing members of the public. My wife and I have lived opposite the golf course for 6 years and have only just found we are free to walk round the course without being a member.

Shop could stay open longer

The fact I might be hit by a flying golf ball and the fact I don't feel welcome as a non golfer.

It's a beautiful open space in part of the heart of Bath



Lack of support from Better

Nothing

My house directly overlooks it , and it is one of the main reasons I moved here 25 years ago . To me , there is no downside .

The council's maintenance of the course

Poorly maintained

State of the course

Golf balls

Nothing

Difficulty of access.

Nothing

No mtbing

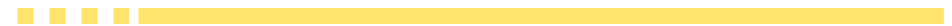
The fact it may not be a mountain bike park

Love it!

Dominated by golf

Additional traffic

It gets a bit muddy



APPENDIX 4 – Question 10 – Supporting Answers - Please give your views on the following possible new uses for Entry Hill Golf Course.

Strongly supporting the Family Cycle Centre/ Mountain Bike Park proposal:

B&NES currently has very limited scope for dedicated, legal and local off road mtb and cycle trails. The provision of urban bike trails has merit as an easily accessible recreational facility within a short distance of high population density. It offers good value in terms of relatively low cost of construction and maintenance. Limited impact on natural environment and can incorporate locally occurring materials in construction. Trails can be designed to be in keeping with landscape features and in a relatively small area well designed trails can accommodate comparatively high volume of trails of a mix of skill levels. With it's natural 'fall' the topography of Entry Hill is well suited to the creation of satisfying and - where appropriate - challenging trails that would attract both local riders and have the potential to become a 'destination' for mountain bikers form a wide area. As a 'family cycle centre' the facility would need to be inclusive and incorporate accessible and graded trails with the design specification including trails that could be ridden by trikes, mountain trikes and similar adapted cycles. Wheels for All Bath & West could be a local stakeholder in this aspect.

I would support any public open space where I could enjoy cycling with family and friends.

if it is used for any cycling centre it would become a area of muddy tracks and bear grass

Many opportunities for community use is best. Due to the poor air quality in Bath, and because the park is on a major route into Bath, as many trees as possible would help offset and minimise the carbon footprint. Children and young people need a space where they can learn about nature and the environment. Food production is great for this and provides food resources for the community. Mum's with buggies, older and disabled people can have a safe, clean space to walk etc and enjoy the fresh air. Using the park as a nature reserve would also provide physical and mental wellbeing for residents and provide a "natural corridor" for wildlife, plants and trees.

A single track mountain bike trail similar to those at Ashton Court would be great

Bear Flat Association does not favour one use against another. We see the golf course as a resource for local residents including those nearby at Bear Flat and ask that whatever use or uses are provided that there is in addition space and scope for quiet enjoyment of the open space with its peacefulness, beauty, trees and wildlife.

Bath residents deserve an affordable golf course.

I think food growing space is great for those without gardens, but this isn't typical of the local area. My experience is that these garden extensions for those who already have gardens and I would prefer more general use



Do Lemon Gazelle CIC really know this location and fully consider the surroundings of this location?

A large number of children from Foxhill and Mulberry estates will benefit from open space activities

I light of so many local government cuts, to be able to actually invest in open space with the prospect of creating a new public park can only be encouraged. Do not support the idea of a cycle centre / Mountain bike park with Odd Down and the Two Tunnels Greenway so close.

The whole area should become an open green space for everyone, appropriate trees should be planted to combat carbon emissions, biodiversity through planting wild flower varieties that attract birds, butterflies and bees. Shallow ponds (with appropriate fencing to safeguard young children) should be put in place to encourage pond loving vegetation and wildlife.

The golf course at entry hill is excellent, my usage has declined due to having children but previously I did use it a lot. I appreciate the usage of the course has declined generally and the space it occupies is extensive. I think it needs to be changed. it would be great for part of the course to survive or for it to be redesigned to include other outdoor sports and draw more users. Perhaps a joint venture with Bath Golf course to provide a smaller course for beginners to get more interested in the game as playing at somewhere like Bath Golf course is daunting for novices which is one of the great benefits of Entry hill. Adding more facilities such as a Café. I do however think the area should be devoted to sport and there are plenty of childrens parks in the city already.

Mixed use of mtb trails and walking paths with a cafe would be great

The course would be more attractive to play golf on if better managed (or should that be 'not managed by Better'?). It is a beautiful site and the course challenging, but it should not be challenging because the greens are not up kept and full of worm casts. It has been a very wet winter but regulars say this has been the case for the past two years, roughly the time Better have been in charge I am led to believe. It is used by many senior citizens for which it is excellent exercise, and affordable where private courses often are not. Therefore a different operating model should take this strongly into account and not remove the golfing facilities. If they were better managed you could charge a little more, a fiver is too cheap but not if it is in a bad state. I am sure people would be willing to pay a bit more for better conditions to play on.

It is though a big site, and it is necessary to bring in more money, so I can see the value in partitioning off a small part of it for other activities, such as climbing facilities or obstacle trails, and attractive parkland areas protected from stray golf balls for wandering and relaxing. The cafe is already good.

The course has a history, having been a tip at one point. Turning part of it over for growing food is therefore questionable.

It is an excellent facility as it is and should be retained.

bike parks are cool

This space should primarily be given over to nature. More trees and undisturbed places and wild flowers to support biodiversity. A community cafe and community growing space could easily be accommodated along with a tree nursery - BANES will need somewhere to bring on all the trees it's planning to



plant. Some limited trails and path connecting the top of the Wellsway through to the 2 tunnels would also be helpful. Growing may require boxed beds to provide additional top soil to mitigate any effects of toxicity from the dump below.

The urban areas of Bristol and Bath have a lot of mountain bike enthusiasts. But the nearest maintained facilities are in Tidworth or Forest of Dean (both over 1 hour away)

Given the price of golf at local private clubs closure would stop many enjoying golf regularly

It would be a shame to lose this accessible golf facility which is affordable to those who are just learning and cannot afford a membership. It should remain as open space for outdoor activities and wellness, maybe an outdoor ski slope as there is nothing similar locally, but some use for community food growing would be great.

Golf has such an identity problem at the moment. This course has so much potential. Just needs marketing properly and a bit of investment. Few people can afford the Bath golf club by the university.

The space needs to be kept neat and tidy but accessible to all the wildlife that use it more than the humans. Fences would restrict access as would cycling tracks, allotment / growing spaces areas.

This is the only course in the area that operates this model. Making it accessible to many more people.

The space should either provide an educational or sporting benefit to the community. And this should be of benefit to as many people as possible.

Would be amazing to have a safe bike park in Bath

I would love to see a rich habitat for wildlife and opportunities for people to experience native flora and fauna and connect with nature. I think a small cafe/visitor centre would make this inviting and accessible.

Families in Bath need more dedicated leisure activities.

It would be great to have a mountain biking facility in the Bath area which didn't require driving to for those without access to a car.

Agree that more people should enjoy this lovely peaceful space with its trees and wildlife. Suggest Avon Wildlife Trust are involved.

Entry Hill golf course with its 9 holes and some long fairways provides a unique facility for local residents and visitors. The pay and play principle is excellent opening up golf to the wider community. The other golf courses around Bath are members only and extremely expensive, and do not provide a facility for the general public. There are other facilities in and around Bath that meet the majority of the other needs and the National Trust provides walking, running, cycling facilities and meets a number of educational needs. It would be a great shame if the only inexpensive and generally accessible golf course was lost to the community.

The SW is terribly under developed for mountain bike parks and all weather mtb trails. Many people will travel past this location to go to Wales to use the facilities there. There are already examples of existing successful mtb park and I feel that this would be a great addition to the SW.

There are not enough spaces for young people to have fun outdoors. There's plenty of just lawned park loved by dog wakers such as the Firs in Combe Down, but not many areas where teens can have fun.

Bath is rubbish at encouraging its sporting prowess especially in the city centre as 1 upset local seems to stop everything so keeping this as a golf course or an area for exercise/mental well being in beautiful surroundings is important.



Urban bike park is a great idea for MTB in southwest

Having a mountain biking park would give me a reason to visit, where otherwise I wouldn't have. I feel the other options are already represented

Amenities that can be used by the most people would be most helpful.

It would be wonderful to see the site made suitable for families with young children as there's not enough places in Bath at the moment

Several of the above options can coexist, but a golf course would require the entire area to be utilised for that one activity.

The golf is of good value but it's disrespected by the Council and BETTER the operational organisation.

If serviced correctly it would increase its use and offer the city access a really important sport contribution to the proven health of participants in the city and district who play there.

accessible for the whole community keep it green no tarmacs and a few small environmental friendly building

We already do road cycling, cyclo cross and BMX at Odd Down and we would love a facility for MTB to complement our offer to young people in the area. We already have 12 coaches at Odd Down and it wouldn't take much to have some coaches qualified to coach MTB (we have 2 already). It would also be a great facility to take school and youth groups.

Again this change is suit a few and not considering the people that this course is important to..

I used to play pitch and putt as a teenager here and latterly with my family as a regular visitor to Bath. Sadly our visits are rare now due to my husband's ill health, but it's constantly in the back of my mind to revisit when the opportunity arises. I'd be so sad to see it close.

I think a bike park would be a very good idea. There is few other bike parks around Bristol and Bath and would be a great way to attract new visitors to the area. If cycling is going to be a transport method of the future. There should be more dedicated spaces to cycling / biking.

Lots of areas to grow food / garden/ walk / run. But little to no areas to bike.

In the context of the climate emergency, anything that helps provide more trees, better conditions for wildlife & pollinators, and if possible helps with community sustainability, should be regarded as a priority.

A Mountain bike park or outdoor sports area would be a great use of the space. There is nothing like that nearby and would complement the cycle track just round the corner as well

The space needs to remain open to all local residents, it shouldn't be transformed into a school where you end up with the local community not being able to benefit from it and therefore pushing locals further afield where they would have to drive to access a community space.

Whatever the space does become used for you must consider that Entry Hill is becoming busier and busier with traffic thus leading to locals having their cars damaged by speeding and impatient road users and also struggling to park near to their properties. The site must consider not only parking but what measures may need to be implemented on access to avoid further issues to local residents.



Wonderful golf course. Been under promoted. Provides a 2 hour course of challenging holes. A loss of £200 per day would not require many new players. First step is to have a much better promotion of the facility. If it cannot be saved, then open it up more for a mix of public uses. It is large enough to accommodate a range of activities. Make it more accessible with further entrances, with a mix of activities alongside keeping some areas wild. It provides a very valuable open lung in this part of Bath and this must be fully recognised in any future usage.

I found the course by chance only a few weeks ago. This course is a beauty; a great design with lots of interesting playable lines and undulations . But i don't know that it's going to appeal to "serious" golfers in it's current state. It's not far off. The course is really interesting but the greens are just not up to standard. I appreciate that's daily maintenance which is more money... Catch 22. Still, golf needs more easily accessible, friendly golf courses; with relaxed dress codes and affordable prices. There's a trend in golf at the moment to promote 9 hole golf, it's quicker ! 9 is fine. I play golf with 2 kinds of people, one serious type where we travel all over the country/world to play great courses; and another type who just want to go out and have a relaxed fun game. This course should be going for the later.

There are not enough amenities for young adults/teenagers in particular. We need to think carefully about what we can provide for them. Dog-walkers and walkers in general have many places to use around this area already.

A mountain bike trail centre would be great also

My real desire would be to see this turned into a Mtb centre with trails and a skills/jumps area. I have got into this sport with my children and it had proven to be a healthy way to connect with nature. It also provides a much needed environment where young adults can learn risk assessment. Such an idea - eg mini Forest of Dean Mtb area- could certainly accommodate all of the other options I have ticked above.

For the people who live nearby like me, I enjoy the quiet and the nice green view of the golf course. Keeping the area environmentally friendly is also important

All good ideas, I higher funded and maintained golf course could also work, living on entry hill I would be concerned about traffic as it is already too busy and dangerous with no car parking!

I would like the space to be public wooded park with an engaging educational focus on connecting people with nature, specifically a woodland environment with educational and play space for all ages and abilities.

Thoroughly support multi-use outdoor space, cycling, mountain biking, running, allotments - so many uses appealing to a wide range of people, and getting lots of people outdoors and active, rather than just a golf course

Allotments and community food growing may be unsafe because of previous contamination from former refuse tip... likely to be unsightly too and detract from the general wooded and green ambience.

Cycling already available at Odd Down. Mountain biking would detract from the park and pedestrian use.

Overall favour general park use with trails and green spaces, or maintaining as a refreshed golf course with cafe and perimeter walking/paths and trails



I don't want anything that's going to bring more traffic up the hill. So, while I think the cycle centre is a good idea, people need to be able to get there by bike easily. It is essential that the green space is maintained in Bath. I support growing food however this needs to be carefully managed (which is why I don't support allotments) so that the area doesn't end up becoming wasted, messy, and not available for the use and enjoyment of general public.

I'm a local mountain biker and think it will bring a lot of people from all over the country as the closest bike park is long Leat

Any land use or services provided should have in the site plan *reduced parking availability* (e.g. solely for disabled users) to ensure that less traffic visits the site than does currently. Access should be prioritised for pedestrians and cyclists at the top and bottom of the site. Growing vegetables and plants, perhaps selling produce to raise money for the site and the community. A place to increase awareness of sustainability and encourage people to make small changes to their lives. A hub for encouraging active living. Participate in charitable events for the benefit of local residents, regional, national and global communities. Support the Clean Air activities of the council, provide services to residents, e.g. a bike elevator - <https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2014/04/bike-elevator-take-you-steep-hills/8774/>.

It should be well lit, accessed via discovery cards or similar, be safe, welcoming, offer spaces for all ages of youths, have security cameras for reassurance. Thank you for taking these views into consideration.

Why not have an off-road biking course linked to Odd Down cycling circuit with a bridge over Wellsway? Could also include a walking trail and café. This would be far more inclusive and well-used than the current golf course

Definitely needs a mountain bike trail

More outdoor activities would be very benefit to Bath especially those that can be used by all ages.

Our deeds state we can not grow 'Trees' as it would be detrimental to the view from surrounding houses. Already 100+ year old trees were felled by neighbours as the council incorrectly stated they were not under a preservation order.

When Chris Patten was our MP I asked that a clear space{two car lengths} be supplied on Entry Hill as a pull in-nothing!

I would like it to remain a golf course, but if change is to happen, it should be made into something everyone can use.

A Bike park would be an amazing addition to the area as few city's have one so close to the centre it has a large following that would help support the local business and economy close to entry hill.

I think a bike park is an excellent idea

I dont bike much but it could draw alot of ppl to the area and help boost local talent

No

I support anything that is easily accessible to the public and PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, do not build ANY houses or accommodation on it

I have many relatives in Bath and surrounding areas. I would use this facility when I visited, and I know they would use mountain bike spaces with their families too



Mountain biking is for all abilities this would attract lots of people to bath

sell it to me. Or give it to me I will invest a little cash bring course back to a good standard membership will go up. it's a beautiful course with so much potential. Then say in 5/10 years I fail you get your course back.

It's the only course of its type in the Bath area. I know that support has dropped recently, but it is never advertised. There seems to be no attempt to promote what a great golf course this is.

We already have plenty of the other things on offer in particular, the cycling

No more Golf - there are a number of golf sites across BANES that are much better suited and located.

We need more trees. and kids need to be encouraged to get outside to play

I support its retained use for leisure activity of some sort.

Whilst I am not a golfer I appreciate that it is an important resource to some and potentially an affordable entry to the sport. It's existence seems to have been under promoted for many years. It would be a shame to take the resource away if the limited use is simply down to poor management / promotion of the facility.

If another use is definitely the way forward I do like the idea of a mountain biking centre - but is it really big enough?

We already have odd down for cycling, and skyline for running . This golf course is brilliant and energy should be put into making it successful again . We play golf here with 3 generations both male and female

It would be lovely to open up this space for more inclusive activities. Getting out and moving your body is the solution to many of life's problems. Also being part of a community is great for the treatment of addictions and depression .

It is a fantastic place, much better than the other two city centre golf courses.

Perfect middle ground between pitch and putt and a proper golf club, so helps people get into golf affordably.

There are plenty of parks, cafes and play areas in Bath already, please do not waste the land on that.

There are very few truly wild, unmanaged places in and around Bath. There are, however plenty of footpaths and pavements where people can run. Lots of people have gardens and there are allotments already in the area. I would support its use as an area for educating people about natural history and strongly disagree with any built development especially as there is a park and cycling space in odd down nearby. Please do not 'tidy up' the area further as leaving it for people and wildlife to enjoy together is not a waste of space. A cafe is useful and might be a place where young people might be welcomed as there are few places for them to meet up.

I think the more diverse and inclusive the better (people and wildlife)



i've seen family cycle centres/mtb trails in other cities thrive and attract a real cross-section of the population to an area to enjoy physical outdoor activity. It would be great to see this kind of investment in Bath. Whatever happens there it should involve outdoor activity for a range of people.

As a teacher at a school in Bath, I can see that a huge amount of my pupils would make regular use and benefit from a bike park in Bath.

Having seen the options, I realise that it doesn't matter what I think. You've already decided to change it.

But golf is almost out of reach of the ordinary person, with golf courses being too expensive, too exclusive and too posh. The Entry Hill facility should be kept going. Don't scrap it, just make it clear that people are welcome!

I would like to see a mix of activities that can be used by families and people of all ages and abilities

Give the massive success of <https://www.leedsurbanbikepark.com/> the project involved the local community as well as providing fun outdoor activities for a younger generation

Yes yes please advise me by email when I'll send you a comprehensive report. berniebrandon1@outlook.com

Entry Hill golf course is a green haven of peace and tranquillity where golfers and other users can come and relax. Trails can be incorporated in the layout for walkers thus increasing the use of the existing cafe.

It is a quiet, green space with a hill to walk up without a "theme". Outdoor spaces in cities don't have to have an idea to be of value, or a narrative, or a place to buy anything, or to be explained to you by someone, or to have lighting schemes or decorative planting. All of these things make them contrived and less peaceful. Leave the entry hill golf course alone. Do something else, somewhere else.

There is clearly a bias here towards replacing the golf course instead of improving/upgrading the existing facility. There is also a lack of transparency of research into the utilisation of the current facility, and its existing value to the community. Again implying a decision bias.

This area has plenty of parks. What we need is a bike centre.

I do not support mountain biking. there is a very good mountain bike circuit- in Odd Down-only mile & half away,

Could the Bath Naturalists Society do a survey of animal/ Plant life before it is destroyed by too much human activity?

Any use should enhance bio diversity and keep disturbance to a minimum.

In Leeds, the City Council took what can certainly be seen as an innovative decision to turn its former golf course into a Bike Park, and what a success it has been. Anyone who has been there in the time since it opened will have observed its huge and growing popularity. If there was any doubt that it is attracting people to the area, you need only look at the car parking, which has doubled in size since opening and still makes use of overflow space at weekends. You might say that so much traffic is undesirable, but so is lack of exercise, and Leeds Urban Bike Park is full of people of all skill levels getting out on their bikes, including plenty of local teenagers. It's surely hard to argue that it's not a more inclusive use of land than it was as a golf course?

I think it would be wonderful if it could be a community space focussing on connecting people with nature whilst simultaneously becoming a haven for nature to thrive. In particular creating habitats where wildlife can thrive (including wild flowers for pollinators) and planting trees which can draw CO2



from the atmosphere and improve the air quality. Having growing spaces for the community (especially in the form of a community growing space) would also be wonderful, encouraging and allowing people to share their knowledge and learn about growing food and to eat local produce.

1) Golf course under current model, except maintained properly. 2) Rewild it, with paths for walking (not MB). 3) YOU SHOULD KNOW YOU CAN'T GROW FOOD THERE - IT WAS A RUBBISH DUMP, PILLOCKS

Love the idea of a cycle centre - it's a great way to get people used to cycling, without the worry of traffic. It would also be great to have a space set aside for mountain biking in the city, as much mountain biking currently seems to take place where it shouldn't (footpaths, private land etc)

I strongly do NOT support the golf course being changed to a mountain bike/bmx or family cycle centre. Indeed I do not support any future use which will increase the traffic along Entry Hill which is already a problem with the road being used as a rat run by many motorists virtually all of whom ignore the 20 mph speed limit.

I suspect one reason for the decline in golf use is that the existing access to the course is neglected and unwelcoming and there does not seem to be any promotion of the golf course so there is little inducement for people to play there.

There seems to be a conflict between the council wishing to reduce the cost of supporting the golf, understandably, and suggesting other uses for the area that do not seem likely to raise much revenue but which will lead to costs being incurred.

Any use must be supervised otherwise it is not difficult to foresee a situation in which the area becomes a likely destination for undesirable if not illegal use and that in turn is likely to require the council and other authorities such as the police spending time and money to sort out the problems.

When the golf course was established in 1976 the two main concerns for those who lived immediately adjacent were noise and traffic danger/congestion. In my view, these would still be outstanding problems, as over the years Entry Hill has already become even less able to cope with the natural increase in traffic

I think it would be a shame to move away from the leisure aspect. Not sure a trail for running is needed in that area given a) the other trails so close by b) its too hilly

Already a sports area on odd down. Not sure if golf balls in the air are compatible with other activities but am not against golf per se. Concerned about increased traffic on Entry Hill.

I feel that there are a lot of places for people to run or walk, but very little in the way of mountain bike areas.

It would bring in an income from parking like Ashton court bike bike .

There is already golf in Bath.

Small kids have loads to do in Bath.



We need to give more activities for teenagers in our cities hence mountain biking...a great idea to keep them busy and for us to go to as a family too.

Mountainbike park would make a great attraction for Bath, and encourage fitness in the community

I think a bike park is an excellent idea

We need to get people active! It should be very accessible and encourage cycling/walking.

I would love to see the space re-imagined as a wild space for people and nature, supporting outdoor education/forest school and a range of outdoor leisure activities including walking, running, cycling and natural play

I have long wanted to see a Community Wellbeing Hub in Bath. This is the ideal space for this to happen, incorporating many outdoor sports/leisure activities. Nature education and play for children and adults, wellbeing courses, community gatherings. It could also become a hub for social prescribing of which there is huge need and could take the pressure off our local GPs, NHS and social care services

We wish to see as little change as possible, and feel there is still further potential for the site to be used as a golf course, perhaps under better management and with greater involvement of young people eg from local schools. We could NOT wish to see an increase in traffic, or an expansion of the parking requirement

I'd travel to Bath for a mountain bike park.

Golf courses are fundamentally environmentally unfriendly.

As with many leisure enterprises, an effective marketing strategy and inward investment could turn its fortunes around. It has the potential to be a gem!

One idea could be a 18 hole pitch and putt.

Having a nine-hole golf course is a great facility. I intend to use it more frequently, now that I am retired. However, if the use has to change, I would not be happy with anything that increases the traffic on Entry Hill.

I don't understand why any of these options are even suggested when people need homes. (Not students)

The area has loads of potential, it would lend itself particularly well as a mountain bike park which would be great for people who live in and around Bath

Bath is already a popular road riding destination and adding an Mtb park here would make Bath an even better location for bike based fitness. The hill would give a great basis for some fantastic trails.

Do not need increased traffic and noise

Having this beautiful golf course is a life line for a lot of older people like me, gives me exercise and a social event all in one.

NO, but you have not set out why future use is limited to leisure. The council must build truly affordable homes and/or social housing. Why not a model development with high quality, low-cost homes?

In my belief Golf users are a very small niche sector of the community. Better use for a wider spectrum of residents would be more beneficial to the public



Something that can be given back to the community is a great idea. Also there isn't decent mountain biking in the local area and would bring in a lot of money if done well

This would be an ideal location for a family cycle centre and Mountain bike park. My kids would love riding here and we could all do it together as a family activity.

A combined space for biking and walking/running, like Forest Of Dean for example. Outdoor pursuits that can be used to increase leisure activities in Bath of which it is lacking. The Golf course currently serves a minority, which whilst a healthy outdoors activity it isn't inclusive to all Bath residents

Without reading this survey's introduction I had discussed this with my family and we agreed on several activities that could be introduced - some of which have already been included by the look of it. We would strongly suggest the following : a) A Nature, Environment and Climate Change Education Centre - this should be available for all ages, and incorporate visits from all local schools on a planned basis, possibly incorporate seminars and/or guest speakers on suitable topics, b) Parkland with footpaths, seats wild flower areas and possibly an environmentally sustainable outdoor play area for children of all ages, c) A pleasure/leisure heated outdoor swimming pool and lido for residents and others of all swimming abilities - preferably not a pool with lanes - but a place where families could relax in the open air, d) possibly a 'pets corner' for younger children - this could be either a section on its own, a section of the childrens' play area or a section of the Nature, Environment and Climate Change Education Centre, e) Provide any outdoor activities that could be safely incorporated without undermining some areas of Parkland where peace and quiet and nature could be the principle requirement.

Offering something different than that already available in Bath is extremely possible. Being sport related is imperative for the younger generation and bmx/mountain biking should feature in some way or another

The site has a big footprint so it can incorporate multidisciplinary uses.

It has a natural gradient which can be exploited for some activities.

Promotion of a Cafe on the site will bring rafts of people, so as to enjoy its setting and views.

I strongly feel that any solution for this site needs to bring forward a mixture of uses that compliment one another. This will create the best opportunity for attracting the local and wider community to the site, increase footfall and help make a success of the uses that do come forward. Just a single use will be a missed opportunity.

Better kept course and better advertised recommended

Needs to be inclusive for all the Bath family

I think multi-use serving different members of the community would be great.

One of the few places where you can sit and take in the views and animals such as the deer.

There is presently a lack of local mountain biking trails and a centre for mixed biking abilities. Following the huge success of the Leeds Urban Bike Park project, i think Bath and surrounding areas would hugely benefit from this facility, which would provide a more inclusive use of the space.



I think a mountain bike park is a great idea. It could be combined with other uses such as running routes, fitness equipment or/ and play park. It can still be a haven for wild life.

Not sure that the topography is suitable for allotments, and they are at any one time of benefit to only a small number of people.

Bath really lacks a dedicated mountain biking area - particularly for families (Bath is hilly!), which limits opportunities for kids and leisure riders to give it a try and practice without driving to other areas. It would be a fantastic asset alongside the skate park at Royal Victoria Park and the BMX track at Odd Down

Link to the Odd down leisure and cycle facility would be great.

The bike park in Leeds is very popular and brings a lot of visitors to the area. It encourages exercise and is used by all ages. Everyone can enjoy it.

I have lived in Bath my whole life and never once used the golf course as someone who has no interest in Golf. I am always looking to explore new areas with my children and take great joy walking and riding bikes, general family time in parks in open spaces around Bath which I feel we do not have enough of. It would be great to make this site multi use for the residents to enjoy whilst maintaining its beauty.

Cycling is becoming one of England's most popular sports with British cycling memberships skyrocketing! There's not a good mountain bike parking for miles around this place! There's a fortune to be made! Make it accessible for all too! But make it fun for those experienced too! Get more people out of the house!!

If you can get kids to do mountain biking as an adventure sport activity then I guess they are likely to become cyclists for commuting and life.

While skiing is perhaps not the most inclusive sport - is the site steep enough for a dry ski slope?

Our preference would be for a well maintained, open green community space/ park with a nice cafe and potentially children's play area, running routes/ outdoor gym equipment. Im not clear what the difference between allotments and community food growing space is. As local residents we have concerns about the impact any future use would have on traffic flow up and down entry hill. Would access be the same or could it be in part from the Wellsway ?

Mountain biking is a very sought out sport, it can be educational for children and a great day out for families and friends alike.

If you look at the popularity of the Leeds Bike Park model, voted best trail in the UK, there are so many children with mountain bikes in schools I teach. As a PE teacher, it frustrates me that kids just don't ride because they can't bogey out of the city. This pastime is a life long passion for many, born out of participation from a young age. I think a bike park, cafe, running and walking trails etc would be a fantastic use of this area.

Bath does not need two golf courses. Not only does the hill lend itself to it, but a small mountain bike park could easily sit along side other facilities. It would also compliment existing cycling facilities at Odd Down playing fields. This could make Odd Down the cycling heart of Bath.

Former Bath resident alarmed by possibility of closure

A park which you could cycle around. Would be a great idea. Although I worry about parking. An area could be designated to paintballing.

The success of the Two Tunnels linear park and Bloomfield Green show how much the public value and support local outdoor amenities that are free to the user. Entry Hill could be similar.

use that would support educational leisure for all agesgroups



I have a personal bias towards bicycle activities however... Bath has a deep history and connection with the bicycle, from the Future publishing magazines to the Play/Shift Active titles GMBN, GCN etc which call Bath their home. It also supports a strong cycling community from commuters to leisure riders to Road & Mountain Bikers and has passionate & dedicated independent bike shops which have weathered the storms of high street retail to serve & support all of the above. I think it would be also important to cement Bath's commitment to its cleaner future with the CAZ, a public space specifically for cycling activities would add weight to our ideal vision of the future.

Depending on how big the site is, offering a range of activities for people of all ages. The bike trails be great for older teens and families.

Not very many people play golf. Need equipment and skill. Adequate bike facilities nearby at odd down, again under advertised. Walking great as anyone can access.

wonderful opportunity for this area in Bath

If the Golf Course became fewer holes, i.e. smaller and may be clock golf type game for children and the cafe was suitable and set up the site could be used for children's parties, clubs etc. Possibly including some sports training, organised games. Making the experiences free or very inexpensive and fun may enable local children/families from housing estates to get into sports or much needed exercise when they are young. Another thought the area is kept park like nature visits for schools could be organised, competitions and doing and making in the holidays and appropriate marketing may make it more used. A good open space area for the south west of Bath!

With all the cafes and restaurants in Bath, people need some where to exercise

Bath needs a mountain biking facility. The network of bridleways, unlike the footpaths which is very good, is poor meaning biking in Bath is poor.

Combination of walking trails, mountain bike trails and cafe, comparable to Haldon Forest Park in Exeter would be ideal

Whatever its final use, it needs to be open & accessible to all AND dog friendly.

Could be a problem if food is grown on the Golf course, previously a tip so could have various poisonous fumes and or contaminated earth!

Keep the green open space, don't over develop, don't let it fall to one category that only a few people can use - make it viable for everyone by keeping the use general. We don't need more cafes - there are plenty around and people should be encouraged to take picnics. There is no need for a mountain bike park and bicycles preclude other things which have a wider appeal. WHATEVER happens, the entry should not be on Entry Hill, it should be on Wellsway so it is clear for all to see and that will encourage more use - plus reduce traffic on an apparently dangerous (20mph limit?) residential road. Please, no more schools that only appeal to young families - everyone else needs to live here too. An outdoor gym area would be good, a park (given that the area at top of entry hill has turned into a giant dog toilet) - and please restrict dogs here, everywhere you go in Bath is taken over by dogs - there are plenty of places for dogs to go. Let's have something that really adds to Bath like a zip wire and outdoor climbing/activities which will retain the environment but give people of all ages something fun to do (there is nothing else in Bath!) and also will bring in revenue if that is what's needed - it's on a main road into Bath so perfect place for a zip wire/outdoor activity centre for all, with a discount for residents! Look at some of the fabulous outdoor centres they have in Wales - nothing to stop us having one there.

Needs to be accessible for wheelchairs etc



All of the above would be valued by more than the current use of the golf course

I think it is important to develop the site to encourage wildlife, in line with the council's commitment to environmental issues. Volunteers could help with this, as at Alexandra Park. I would not support plans which make the area less attractive to wildlife.

i have only played golf once in the past 4 years, but i did enjoy it.

Retain this green space and advertise its use, I had no idea until I received the local leaflet that one could walk there for instance. Plant more trees and ensure they are maintained and looked after. Whatever choice of future use it should be cost neutral for B&NES council. If there is a cafe then ensure it is a good one and located well in the space to drive trade.

1. Use it for Social Prescribing, working with vulnerable people, to create a wonderful growing space/.café with therapeutic aims

2. Keep it as a Golf Course but expand and promote the ways it is used. Bring in school groups, both primary and secondary, as part of their exercise and skills education, include it in social prescribing a above. Lower the price. use the running, both upkeep and staffing, as a training in conjunction with Bath College and other courses, e.g for those with learning difficulties.

I don't currently use Entry Hill. However if it had a mountain bike park me and my family would definatly use it as I think it's a great idea. I would also be able to cycle there so I wouldn't have to drive. Just Look at the mountain bike trails / cafe / golf course at Ashton Court Bristol as an example of how good it could be. Mountain bike trails at Entry Hill is a brilliant idea!

Given the location, the number of cyclists, my recognition of the number of Mountain bike riders in the area and a lack of communal space for mountain biking, I strongly urge the council to follow in the success of mountain biking locations all over the uk and use the space for this.

Mountain biking was a moulding part of my upbringing and the adrenaline fuelled excitement of it mixed with the exercise make it a fantastic sport for young and old alike.

If you look at the model of Bike Park Wales with its uplift system, it allows for the uphill cycling to be a choice whilst also bringing the more dedicated "Downhill" riders in from far and wide.

There is a lot of open park land in Bath and they aren't enjoyed by anywhere near as many people as a leisure facility like this would be. Charged admission is also entirely viable if required due to the ongoing maintenance that is required and a cafe or location for pop up restaurants would work in perfect tandem to the bike park as the energy expended means regular meals are a necessity throughout a day.

There's a major lack of disabled access MTB trails

Look at the success Leeds Urban Bike Park has seen! I do t need to list all the economic benefits or the health benefits by getting people of all ages active!!!



I would go alot more often if there was a bike park.

An active public space to attract all different parts of the community to come together and socialise. People who wouldn't normally always come together could be attracted by differing pursuits like mountain biking, gardening, team sports, running and walking and ultimately end up sharing the same space and becoming more galvanised as a community as a result.

This is a unique chance to introduce something new. There is no reason why bikes, walkers and runners can't enjoy the same space and have a café available to all.

Indeed, an allotment could be positioned around the perimeter of the trails.

I recommend against a traditional park as these already exist and can be located in more mainstream locations.

Look at the success of Leeds bike park - the SW has a huge number of mountain bikers it will be popular and successful and profitable.

It should be a space that is inclusive for everyone. And a space that does not restrict who can go there after it has been decided what it should become.

Leeds urban bike park was created from a golf course the concept works really well!

The problem with cycling and leisure facilities is that they bring in huge numbers of cars - I live next to the odd down cycle track and sports centre and it has massively increased the number of cars going past my house and in the area. The air quality is worse and it is less safe for my children to walk around with so much traffic. The land should be rewilded for nature with some walking trails, I would hate to see it become a big car park with cafe and not much nature.

Bike park sounds best!

Looking to play more Golf in 2020

the area would benefit massively from an urban bike park and it would encourage many more people on to bikes as a leisure activity.

Cycling is a constantly growing activity that can be done solo, with friends or family. Swinley Forest/the lookout in Bracknell is massively popular but I don't know of any other mtb areas similar along the M4 corridor

Bike park with cafe would be a great idea

we love the golf course, the deer and the amazing views.. it just needs some money spent on the greens and then promote it as its very rarely advertised.

Ashton Court Mtb trail is a fantastic facility for families, I was there today with my 2 children. Another 4 families were riding the trail at the same time, several adults were riding alone including an older lady on an electric bike.

At this time of year its difficult for parents to entice children away from screens. Mtb is an activity which can be done by many different people and encourages families to be active together regardless of the weather or time of year.



There are fantastic trails in Wales for more experienced riders, beginner trails are fewer and we would travel to Bath to experience a different trail.

I would rather it remained as it is

Would visit if MtB course

Why change it??? Question the poor running of it from owners not the course itself. Ridiculous... Poor Entry Hill golf members deserve much better!!!!!!!

A bike park could bring in an income with parking charges. It works at Ashton court Bristol

Bath Council and indeed Parliament have declared a Climate Emergency.

Entry Hill could make an invaluable contribution to Bath's adaptation to this Crisis, through re-wilding, tree planting and encouraging locally grown food.

Traffic on entry hill could be a problem for the suggestions above

Mountain biking has wider appeal to a wider range of people than golf. It is more active than other suggestions on this list.

Maintaining a good wild-life friendly area. Introducing and educating children and families in environmental priorities.

Cycle trails would be a better use of ground, simone exercise coupled with a few exciting trails would be a bigger attraction than a pricey golf club made for old men with nothing much to do

I think the space should meet much-needed health and wellbeing needs of a wider section of our local community - not just golfers and dog walkers

The area is surrounded by houses on all sides. Therefore please consider that whatever it is used for must not give opportunity for it to turn into a hang out for unsupervised youth. Allotments would have my support, but I wouldn't want allotment users burning waste outside residents homes. The golf course is good but perhaps needs more easier access from Wellsway, and be better advertised.

Any use where the use of the golf course can still be enjoyed by those who rely on it! If an area can be created which does not encroach on the golf course' use too much I do not see why children/ others should get more use it. However, golfers that currently use it should not have to sacrifice their sport/hobby for it.

My priority would be to keep the space as green and natural as possible, eg plant more trees and encourage wildlife. Leisure and sport are fine but not if they involve too much built environment that would impact on wildlife. There is already a large biking facility at Odd Down nearby and allotments on Bradford Road so don't see that as a priority.

I don't object to a golf course per se, but it would be good to encourage more people through other uses. If the golf course is to be closed I don't see how B&NES could afford to run alternative activities without impacting on the green space. I wouldn't want to see more commercial use, apart from the cafe.



Other comment - I am very confused about who is running this consultation. At the consultation event there was no introductory information about the background, it was not clear who anybody was or who/what they represented and the method of collecting emails was unprofessional and not line with GDPR regulations. The only printed material available was from a residents' group - fine, but surely BANES should provide a more balanced view of the issues, options and costings.

It would be nice to have a space for youngsters to ride, and encourage more cycling in area

A local bike riding facility with cafe would be an excellent, sustainable addition to the local area

Better handrails on path to cafe for elderly

Make it a bike park! There needs to be more!

I was completely unaware of the space until the consultation at odd down, it should be used for an inclusive space which should be as wild as possible

Mountain biking has transformed the Tweed Valley in Peebles and I really think a MTB trail centre would allow the area to thrive and bring in more business revenue for all local businesses and it would make the town a more popular destination for MTB riders to visit.

local sports areas are at a premium. There are too many trees for allotments (how do people carry water?)

There is a mountain bike area at Odd Down. People Use the golf course who cannot afford other Bath courses.

With additional trees it would be a great benefit environmentally as carbon storage. Also the planting of wildflowers would be greatly beneficial to the local wildlife.

I have recently seen a post on facebook by a local head of PE teacher for children with disabilities, expressing how the building of an off road biking track (accessible for 4 wheeled bikes/off road wheel chairs) is a great way for these kids to be active and enjoy the outdoors. So for these reasons I would like to back his appeal. Thank you.

I cannot see how any of the alternative suggestions for the site can be more financially viable, apart from revenue from allotments, which is a "non-starter" as this is a land-fill site, which has been capped for methane. A number of the suggestions, especially the mountain bike one, would inevitably result in extra traffic on Entry Hill, which Liberal Party leaders have recently said that they were trying to find ways of reducing! Ours is one of the many surrounding properties whose value would be affected adversely by the inevitable noise and destruction of habitat that would come with any unsupervised activities attracting large numbers of children/young people. I am also concerned that the area, and particularly the grass, would no longer be maintained as it is currently by the Golf Club.

Make it a mtb Park the revenue will be incredible

Mountain biking would be good as it gets families together and also gets younger people out of the house

Mountain biking is a growing sport which is hugely popular in the area.

Having not played golf, I don't know much about the site. More detail should have been included in the intro



Mtb Park with disabled access trails, you will attract many more people to the area, that will not only use the mtb park, but also subsequently use other local facilities. Bringing more revenue to the local community.

There is a shortage of mountain biking facilities in the area - this would be great to fill this gap in Bath!
the area have a very good cycle set up @odd down complex

running/walking/cycling all available via the greenway/twin tunnels/ ex railway track

general park/leisure area would be open to vandalism & miss use use by various section of community

Make it a bike park/trail with some disabled access for 4 wheel mtb or off-road wheelchair

Cycle trails, walking and cafe. Tracks would need to be segregated so all could work together along with nature/activities school parties moving about. Rainbow woods is loved by lots of people so this with the addition of bikes would be great as there is plenty of space.

The mountain bike park in Leeds is hugely successful. Young people and teenagers aren't interested in running or golf, mountain bikes have proved to be more attractive.

Bike park for all members of family to use

If you adapt this space to encourage greater use, which is a fantastic idea, you must acknowledge parking. Currently only 25 spaces. Consider effects of on street parking chaos if this site becomes popular without adequate parking provision in place. The parking chaos in Combe down around the timing of skyline parkrun is a great example of a positive activity that should be hugely encouraged but without adequate thought to reality that people drive.

Bath already has other options for play spaces/golf courses and the usual sports facilities. I think the space would be of benefit to outdoor education to encourage local children to learn about the countryside around them and the opportunities it holds. A family bike park would also be a massive benefit to many people such as Ashton Court bike trails have been in Bristol, and Leeds bike park also. They can cater to all abilities and is a great way to encourage families and individuals to enjoy a fitness activity in a beautiful setting. It would also bring in employment to locals in the area.

Golf appeals to a very narrow band of people. It strictly enforces its rules on all people (and nature) in the area, not just those who voluntarily follow them by taking part in the hobby. It is a very selfish use of a very large space. Many of the outlined options could exist simultaneously instead of the all or nothing nature of a golf course. A well run cafe/restaurant/bike shop would surely bring in a larger income than a subsidised golf course and have a broader appeal.

I prefer the idea of a varied outdoor centre with cycle tracks, walking trails, and active pursuits. We need more active, fun, outdoor options for families in this area to help people engage with nature and keep fit.

Not viable as a golf course any longer. Course falls too far short of 'good' quality.

There are no other accessible and affordable golf courses in the area and this is my only access to play golf regularly

I like the idea of mixed use path



Look at the success of Leeds urban bike park. Or more locally the Bristol and windhill bike venues.

A new cycle facility would be a great use of the site

Going forward we will need more places to grow food, but also spaces for building community cohesion and resilience.

I would regularly use a Bike park and believe it would be an excellent use of the space and provide local youth with an activity that they currently lack.

Just look at Leeds Bike Park which is an amazing facility for young and old

Mountain bike park will draw most people's attention, boosting the sport and visitors to the area.

There should be a new space for the community to enjoy cycling and running

Make it a family bike park with cafe and shop

Use it for the many not the few

Many people want to start playing golf without the ability or funds to join one of the golf clubs. I started there.

More safe areas for walking are always needed and good for all ages..

If more widely publicized as a park, this could be a valuable and well used community asset.

I believe an mtb park could be really fun considering most mountain biking areas are either too old and dangerous or end up in private land

A bike park would bring in lots of money, cafe, bike hire/shop for jobs along with trial builder support. Check Ashton Court for riding and what it has done for the area.

It is a fantastic space for healthy activities like walking and running. There is already a cycling area locally and fast bikes are intimidating. A family area with café would be wonderful for a walk and coffee/lunch

Not many spaces near with a mountain bike take

I'd live somewhere safe to cycle that does involve going up to odd down

I feel like the cycle centre is the strongest use, and I'm fairly strongly against leaving it like many of the other underused and fairly bleak open spaces on the hills on the south side of the city.

Bath does not currently cater well for mountain biking. This would complement the sports ground but could be a very different environment with more trees. Similarly with walking routes. Allotments only benefit those with the a plot, which is exclusive of many who are not physically able or don't have the time. A community garden would be better and could be combined with walking trails.

Something different for bath would be great as above; like a bike park or outdoor leisure area with cafes etc...

I love the idea of a multi use site that could house numerous different activities. In fact the site work be a perfect place for for an alternative sports hub. I'm thinking a skate area, mountain bike trails, trail running, a high ropes course, climbing wall or bouldering, mountain boarding and more.



Mountain Biking Parks for all abilities are proving popular across the country, benefiting local economy, improving health, creating jobs etc - the list goes on.

I would prefer a more flexible open use as an outdoor space, so a wider range of people use the space. The Mountain Bike Park would be a new facility not available easily elsewhere nearby and beneficial provided it wasn't the sole use of the park. This, the forest school and education events could bring further income. The community food growing space linked in to the Forest School or Education aspects would make more of a community sustainability move (more community focussed than allotments which while great for individuals, effectively privatise the space from anyone else).

Other opportunities for cycle activities close by. Earlier use as rubbish tip make food growing unappealing

encourage more people to use for dog walking, picnicking and exploring

Outdoor education is an immensely important aspect of learning and development which is overwhelmingly underfunded. A facility on this site to promote outdoor activity would be a massive positive step forward. With the prevalence of mountain biking, and the generally hostile attitude of landowners and other users of bike-friendly rights of way, a purpose built facility on a site like this would be a massive draw for a large local community, as well as a brilliant introduction for many more. See Leeds Urban Bike Park for a perfect example of this model being used with huge success, or the incredible work done more locally by the B1ke network.

I feel it should become a mountain bike park as there is a hugely successful YouTube account called GMBN. I feel that a mountain bike park could bring many people from across the country to go out doors and do some exercise and have fun whilst doing it.

A combination of the above can be achieved. Leveraging the space for bikes, walking, running and a play space near café

There is no where to MTB within 1.5 hrs of bath

A mountain bike course would be excellent alongside natural outdoor activities. If both can be accommodated. I am sure mountain biking would have a much lower impact upon natural world than playgrounds and similar sterile developments.

Really would love a mountain bike facility. Mountain biking is a massive growth sport, it can bring a massive amount of money to the area. Mountain biking is very much not really catered for at all in Banes, a facility here would be of massive benefit to Banes and beyond.

A safe environment for families to use for cycling that isn't a transport corridor.

Best option for most people to access this space

This should be a community area for all local residents. There is a desperate need for those who wish to cycle safely and not cause a nuisance to others. A specific cycle centre for families in the area is a must. Nothing like this exists and this is the perfect opportunity to create a varied and healthy area for all.

Bike Park, Bike Park, please let it be a bike park!

A golf course is too niche for the position that it occupies so close to the town centre and with other golfing facilities already available (although more expensive), I would support a pitch and putt course using half the site. Being able to walk and run and possibly cycle in the space would give the maximum usage for all with an ability to walk dogs off their leads alongside this usage.



Multi use area with mountain bike park would earn money and be used by all the community

A space that can be enjoyed by as broad a cross section of the community as possible.

Can pedestrian access be provided from lower end of golf course from Entry Hill and from Wellsway

A mountain biking facility would be a great addition to the Bath City.

Looking at the Leeds mountain bike site as a possible idea I think this would be fabulous

I think this site should continue to provide a unique leisure opportunity for residents, that could be still a golf course or a family cycle centre, both have merit. I do not agree with turning it into another allotment or a forest school, there are lots of these in the area.

I would like a re-wilding programme to be introduced and woodland to be increased as I should like the deer population to be encouraged and sustained, also birds.

There isn't one legal mountain biking area within riding distance of Bath (bridleways don't count), while there are many many miles of footpath that are perfect for walking and running. Plus you have a thriving local media business that promotes mountain biking and cycling (Play Sports Network). This could be a really cool spot and mountain biking is of course compatible with other uses, but walking and jogging not so much.

growing food/ allotments would be good but does it have enough sun? is it accessible enough ? I'm not sure!

I'd like to see it tree planting as a significant share of it - we seem to have lost so many here. Yesterday I was in Shotover Park near Oxford, wonderful wild wood. I think that would be a good use for people to enjoy the space, not just golfers.

I think a family cycle centre and mountain biking facility would be fantastic and very well used by the community. It is so dangerous/scary to take children cycling on the roads, it would be amazing to have somewhere safe for families and young people to cycle safely. If it had a cafe too, that would mean that we could bring the elderly generation of our family to sit, relax and be social while the youngsters burn their energy off in a safe and healthy way. That way there would be something for all ages. There is nothing like this for biking that I am aware of in Bath but there are plenty of other golf facilities.

Anything with a price tag will exclude younger generations. It's a great opportunity to help fight the growing problem of overweight and obesity in kids and teenagers. It'll help get younger generations into a sport that normally requires a lot more support from other people ie. parents paying for bikes, travel to bike parks in Wales/Bristol etc.

A MTB park with cafe facilities (jump park, dirt jumping, down hill/cross country course) would be brilliant. Most good MTB'ing is over an hour away.

Allotment space would be good, as would a good space for kids to learn to climb/build/get their hands dirty.

Most of the options we have already in the area and I doubt it will be used well. If you turn it into a mountain bike park you will create a visitor attraction and somewhere that families can take their children to do outdoor sporting activity that they enjoy.

Golf is not an inclusive recreation as there are many who do not play it in Bath - the space could be made far more inclusive



The area is likely to be better used with a change in usage. Lack of access from Wellsway is a disadvantage for some residents. Failure to enforce speed limits on wellsway makes walking access risky.

An urban bike park is a major attraction (look at Leeds urban bike park for example). There is nothing like this in the area of Bristol or Bath and would become an attraction in its own right. It's a massive site and the bike park could be one of a number of attractions. Ashton court bike trains are used by far more cyclists than use the golf course on the same site despite no council funding.

Whatever the future proposals, this site should be used to maximise the benefits for nature and should consider an operating model that is not dependent on car transport. A mountain bike route might make sense as people could cycle there and it would take pressure off the countryside where mountain biking can cause damage.

Encouraging cycling is essential for developing a healthier society. MTB is typically accessible but good trails are few and far between in bath.

Get Bath city Council and entry Hill organisers heads together to get the course in a better course condition and stop penny pinching

I would love to see more green spaces In Bath: walking trails, parks, etc.

I don't currently visit, but if cycling facilities were there I would visit frequently.

I believe that mountain bike facilities are not currently provided for in the city while all the other activities have some provision. Mountain biking would be great for a younger generation and would put Bath on the map in the South Wets. It's a very exciting idea.

The large student population in Bath would undoubtedly use the facilities and this would encourage them to commute to the University by bike - which can only be good.

It was built as a community golf course and will cost more to turn it into something that other than what it is than to update it

we need more places to ride locally

The golf course should be marketed better

Would support anything that allowed open free access so u could walk through one end to other instead of walking up the polluted wellways

Please keep it as a golf course! We have lost Bradford on Avon GC which only leaves the big, expensive courses

I agree that the site requires multi -use to attract more users - maybe a mini-golf since Victoria Park is so popular. As a parent with 2 boys we love to use the outdoor space. I feel parents with young children especially will benefit from a buggy friendly cafe and play areas for all age groups. I would also agree to a skate board section / mountain biking for older children etc. Lets make the fabulous site for all ages!

A park that supports walking and cycling, encouraging mobility will retain the context of the leisure park.

I take my children out on their bike every Saturday at mtb centre would be good. I also enjoy biking with my friends and again would be great to have these facilities close to home

Having visited the urban bike park in Leeds and seen what vibrant, well used facility it is, particularly by local young people and families, but also visitors from a wider area, I would strongly support a similarly inclusive model.



Plenty of trees and other plants to balance the pollution levels of the the Wellsway

We visit Bath often to look around and shop, it is a beautiful city. As lovers of outdoor spaces and biking, we would journey to use if a family bike park and MTB park.

I didn't realise you could go just for a walk. I thought it was only open to golfers. It is a beautiful wooded area and with lots of nature and wildlife. A lovely fitness trail and running path/park would be great. I think a bike park would not be suitable as there is already one very close by. The council could do more to promote golf to keep its existing use e.g. golf instructor on site, more people might be encouraged to take up the sport.

A multi use area would be nice, for both bikes and walkers, although separate trails may be needed.

I am a long term Bath resident of over twenty years, keen cyclist, and outdoor enthusiast. I am also a founding member of the Dyson MTB club, with organised after work rides every week throughout the year around the West Country.

Most of the options suggested in the list already exist in or around Bath, whereas the Bike Park idea would be an exciting addition to Bath's outdoor leisure pursuits. The location is convenient for any residents of the city, but also outsiders, given the good road and rail links. It also benefits from proximity to the two tunnels greenway, and the BMX and road cycling tracks just across the road.

The long term success of Aston Court MTB trails in Bristol, and more recent success of Bike Park Wales in Merthyr Tydfil should provide ample evidence of the benefits and growing popularity for these sorts of facilities.

A mountain bike trail course with at least one course for disabled riders (quad bikes) as they are not widespread and local disabled riders would greatly benefit.

Mountain biking, forest school and outdoor education would only be suitable for a few people and bikes would be very anti social for non-mountain bikers. Preference would be a gold course under a different model, perhaps run by a commercial entity which may actually advertise the facility and promote it or a park areas for the entire neighbourhood to utilise.

Some are not mutually exclusive - running trail and MTB trail could be compatible if done well. Park and allotment too.

There is nowhere local to bath for MTB. A new bike park would be great for locals and would bring in people to the area for daytrips and short holidays. The kids will also have somewhere to spend time and keep fit and active. MTB and all other cycling disciplines have been proven to help mental health and improve well being so a new bike park can only be a good thing all round!

Golf actually provides a healthy activity and unfortunately quite exclusive. Entry Hill is a rare location giving a spectacular and affordable place to play golf without being in a club.

It is already a fairly wild space. It could potentially be a model golf course for integrating nature and a sport that occupies a lot of green space. It could be marketed as such. It isn't a long course so doesn't take hours to play. It could be a test model for the future of a more environmental approach to golf.



Alternatively it could be rewilded to allow for maximum biodiversity. With links to other wild spaces creating green corridors. Bath is already a green city, but could be much more ambitious in linking everything and creating a really green city that allows nature to flow into and through the city.

Keep it as a golf course. Change the maintenance, upkeep and awareness (With schools) and it will thrive

There are currently other leisure/sports areas within 500m, and the golf course has clearly not been working recently. I would favour a green space, with space managed for wildlife, see below. this is compatible with the cafe/park idea and with the allotments idea (if restricted in area and fertilisers/petocides/chemical sprays prohibited).

Range of options but primarily support maximising 'wild areas & tree planting -whilst encouraging access

cycling is a great sport and will entertain people of all ages

It should be rewilded with some outdoor amenities e.g. walking, jogging trails. A bit of kid /youth space. Do not add huge parking spaces.

Please it would make so many people and young kids and teens of all ages so happy and a great space if this place was turned into a mountain bike park

Golf is a game for all ages - gets your legs moving and your arms swinging which equals good exercise. Good for your health as you get older - course of 9 holes encourages one to play more often - saves NHS money on caring for ill people; paying for gyms, de-stresses (saves NHS money), beautiful scenery. Good cafe. People walk their dogs. Meet other people for conversation - keeps one in excellent spirits.

The space would be used more people from a diverse range of ages & interests if it was a multitude site. Cycling on increasingly popular but many feel it is not safe on the roads especially for children. The heavy use of Odd Down is evidence of the popularity of off road cycling facilities.

Cycling facilities - particularly for families / off road and for teaching the various forms of cycling are few and far between. A cycle facility that forms (a) teaching environment, and (b) is a feeder to some of the bigger bike parks would be an amazing facility - and can surely combine with a number of the other possible uses (i.e. it doesn't need to be single use)

Cycling/ Mountain Biking is still one of the biggest growing outdoor sports in the UK. However there are few places where it can be done in environment that is safe and promotes the sport to beginners or less able bodied riders. Changing the use of this area to a multi activity or Cycling Mtb park will allow a range of outdoor users to participate in these sports without being on congested roads. Building mtv trails capable of supporting off-road wheelchairs would make it only one of a handful of sites in the UK attracting additional tourism to the area.

Having seen the popularity and success of urban bike parks in Leeds and Sheffield, and knowing the burgeoning bike culture in the Bath region, I know a bike park on the Entry Hill site would be a brilliant and well used facility, that unlike all the other potential uses listed for the space, is not currently available to Bath residents.

I would certainly visit if it is a bike park as nothing around similar

You could combine ideas, for example a bike park with area for other activites/kids areas etc. Holden Forest near Exeter is a great example.

There are enough cycle facilities at odd down playing field but dog walkers do not have any safe gravel paths and are despised there when walking in the safer areas older people find exercise and socialising are beneficial results of dog walking but banes appears unaware of this

I am a south glos resident and regularly cycle to Ashton court to mountain bike. A facility in bath would certainly encourage me over to bath and would result in me spending money in the BANES region.



Depends on the operating model, it should be accessible to all

Only support an activity that does not produce users arriving by car to participate in. Such as enjoying an open space with walking trails . Have some areas set aside for wildlife .

A community park with cafe.

The bike park would provide something new and different for Banes residents. All the other options already exist in the area

It's a sensibly priced sporting facility which is already in place. It has a successful and friendly men's and ladies section. With greater advertising it would be a very successful facility.

The model of Leeds Urban Bike Park demonstrates the positive impact on the local community introducing many new families and individuals to an exciting way of keeping fit. I would agree with the current membership of the Golf Club, it seems to have been poorly managed and left isolated as a centre for physical activity.

A mtb park would be accessible for all ages.

Bath and its environs is well serviced with golf courses. I would prefer something to bring a new set of people to Bath such as a mountain trail bike bike suitable for children and adults

A variety of uses would bring more people of varying ages to use the space which is under used at present. It should be possible to find a use which encourages more use by local residents and visitors and does not involve a cost to the authority.

There are no places in and around bath to mountain bike but there are to play golf.

The return of this space to a more egalitarian use, and supporting inclusive outdoor activities will have social and health benefits far outweighing those of its existing use

I would only support its use as allotments or community food growing space if this was done with the primary focus being on protection of biodiversity and carbon capture. For example, absolutely no pesticides to be used anywhere on site, large areas to be left for trees and wild flowers, organic growing methods only with a ban on peat based composts being brought in.

Outdoor gym equipment

Playground for older kids

Something like rainbow woods but bigger and better

Bike park facilities would be great, useful for all ages/abilities (see Ashton Court in Bristol)

Getting people exercising in a wild natural environment in the heart of the city where a bike or pair of trainers is the minimum expense has a wide variety of benefits. A space for cyclists where you aren't confronted by walkers, dogwalkers, runners and cars regardless of your right to share a space would also encourage many who are currently nervous of cycling in Bath the confidence to do so safely.



Nope

A Mountain Bike Park would tie in nicely with the other cycling facilities in Bath ie the Cycling track at Odd Down and the BMX park

It would be great to have more safe spaces to take young kids and adults on a good bike ride / trail rides / running.

Golf has lots of options away from this site. Walking has lots of options away from this site.

Allotments have lots of options away from this site.

Play spaces have a fantastic array of options already.

Biking has no provision without the accessible use of vehicles for transport to limited facilities. Other than Bloomfield road BMX track or bridleways way outside the city, young people need safe places to take calculated risk. If we don't produce a generation of risk takers we'll not progress as a society.

I would be most interested in a multi use park with mountain bike trails, a community cafe and walking/running routes integrated with biking. There are a number of parks which follow this model outside of the Bath area which my partner and our families always live visiting because of their appeal for different ages and activity levels, and we love that they encourage people to get outdoors and try cycling at different levels and in a natural setting, and can cater to a diverse family group.

Any area that could be useful to students as a safe place to walk/run/bike & experience the outdoors.

I'm firmly support the using the entry hill site as a mountain biking park and cycle centre. Similar setups have been huge successes such as in Leeds or Ashton Court in Bristol. I believe it encourages people to be moved active, provides accessible activities for young people and can be integrated to also provide space for walking/running/dog walking.

A mountain bike park for Bath would be a brilliant addition to an area lacking such facilities.

The future use needs to be aimed at all age groups eg mountain bike area would have limited appeal

I ride Leeds Urban bike park a fair bit and another similar set up somewhere like this would be brilliant for when I'm in this part of the country, and I'm sure many will feel the same.

Leeds urban is a massive massive hit and what better way to get people my age doing something better with their time other than a bike park. Quality stuff.

If a mountain bike park does not go ahead, a smaller course such as a Pump Track could be considered. These are very compact.

Bath area has no facilities for mountain bikers, loads of footpaths & running areas, but nothing for MTB outside the flat, gravel canal paths.

I think the space is best used for a range of outdoor activities and Cycling is great for inclusive exercise. Just look at the good Wheels for all are doing. An urban MTB centre on the lines of the one in Leeds would be great for locals and draw people to Bath.



I am a cyclist and a regular user of the facilities at Odd Down. Our two children also have used those facilities to learn to ride as a safe space. While Bath has great hills, the opportunities for mountain biking are relatively limited and it'd be a great way to complete what could then be a complete cycling centre of excellence (maybe even a bridge across the Wellsway?). I would expect there to be space available too for forest school and outdoor education facilities.

Mountain bike park would compliment the cycle park across the road at Odd Down

Look to Leeds Bikepark, Ashton Court Bike Trails and on a bigger scale Bike Park Wales for how popular mountain biking is!

The closet decent mtb park is bike park Wales! I think bath would benneit from this, there would be Alot of potential to hold races and competitions as well as recieving good sponsorshio

It would be so brilliant to have a local mountain bike bark, I feel that it will help encourage the community to get outdoors and try something new and fun - mountain biking is not only a way to get active, it creates a community and promotes a healthy, active lifestyle. We really need something like this in the south west as up north there are lots of facilities as such.

I favour forest school/outdoor education, but only if it is open to all, not just private schools.

Golf is just too small. There are other places in Bath to play golf cheaply .

I would visit Bath more often if it had Mountain Biking facilities

We're a not-for-profit organisation called Experience Community CIC based in Yorkshire that offers adapted cycling for disabled people. As part of our activities we run off-road Mountain Bike style cycling on specialist adapted handcycles and recumbent trikes. We work a lot with Leeds Urban Bike Park (we are moving our organisation to the bike park in 2020 subject to funding) and we also run sessions at other parks and visit blue and red mountain bike trails at centres such as Coed-y-Brenin, Llandegla, Sherwood Pines and Gisburn Forest. In order to build disabled people's confidence in off-road cycling, suitable trails need to be built near urban centres so that people can learn skills and practise with the equipment.

Leeds Urban Bike Park (LUBP) is an ex-council owned golf course which is now much more utilised by walkers, runners and cyclists and strives to be inclusive for the whole community. We fully support the development of a family cycle centre and mountain bike park. The uses listed above do not need to be exclusive - LUBP also has a cafe, walking and running trails and Forest School activities. Outdoor education, other sports activities and community food growing could all be included in the site (as could allotments but this takes space away from the wider community).

As the leading organisation in the UK for providing off-road adapted mountain bike activities for disabled people we would also be happy to assist in any way we can to facilitate an inclusive Family Cycle Centre and Mountain Bike Park through consultation and advice if required.

The golf course is not really accessible for younger people due to cost and time. The terrain would be ideal for an MTB area (cycling) and could be a world class city based park if done properly. Cycling is accessible, meets the needs of many ages and fits the criteria needed to reduce air pollution and vehicle use.



Mountain biking is a growing sport and the locality to the large YouTube channel Global Mountain Bike Network would likely encounter large support and indirect marketing from them. It may also be suggested to make the tracks accessible for 4 wheel disability buggies to ensure the greatest outreach. Trails for walking is also a good idea as the current climate needing housing is slowly reducing the amount of accessible green space for recreation.

Regular site for park runs would reduce numbers running in other parks. Nature trails supporting wildlife would be beneficial to local schools for educational trips and for local residents and walking / birdwatching groups. Also would be good for older people such as U3A to hold meetings if a separate building besides the café were available for bookings and for education trips (eg for packed lunches and poor weather).

Have a look at Bike Park Wales or The Wave Bristol, excellent year round out door activities that encourage a healthy lifestyle and mindset. They create community and attract a diverse array of people.

An accessible bike park would be an amazing replacement

The uses that I would benefit from the most area park, running and walking trails, outdoor education and family cycle/mountain biking. However it feels that Bath has a lot of these benefits already, so while I don't use the golf course, it would be my preferred use based on the fact that golf is not a particularly accessible sport and Entry Hill could be run in a manner that encourages greater diversity in participants for the sport.

At Friction Collective we'd love to see a MTB centre with disabled accessible trails. We worked closely with Cannop Cycle centre and Rough Riderz Gravity X project to support their trails designed for the lesser abled cyclists and put together promotional films etc to get their trails open.

We need this golf course

A mountain bike park is the least preferable given other suggestions would have a wider impact.

A family cycle centre would be more preferable than a mountain bike park.

Providing land for growing food, and re-wilding some of the land for well-being and education is the best fit with B&NES climate emergency declaration.

In the last few years this area has lost many green spaces, Cross' building on a beautiful meadow, Sainsbury's building on an open field and the development of housing at St Martins Hospital on an open green space. Britain has lost thousands of acres of meadow land. We have wild life on Entry Hill deer etc We need to preserve the wild life and wild meadow land especially now to raise awareness of the plight our planet is in. Every little bit helps!

I would travel to visit if it became a mountain bike park.

I don't visit this are, but me and my large group of bike riders do visit several other bike parks all over the country very regularly

Golf course doesn't work so should move to a new sport (cycling is often called the new golf!)

Having a mountain biking and cycle centre would offer something the bath does not currently have. There are already play parks, leisure centres, running areas, golf courses. This would promote another form of exercise not currently available in bath.

A mix of a bike track, walking/running path and allotments would be ideal. It should be put to use for the many, not the few, who could quite reasonably travel a short distance to any pay to play course. I understand several offer very reasonable rates for those on lower incomes. There are enough parks in



the area for small children to play in, so something designed for a wider range of ages would be ideal, especially as it would bring them together during a very age divided era.

I feel accessible trails for Bikes, Walkers and Runners would be a great addition to any of the other uses

There are very few safe cycling spaces in bath, and even less for mtbing due to most land being privately owned or nature reserves. This would help to be balance it. Should also build separated cycle lanes to it from different parts of the city so people don't drive to it.

a cycling facility would support and encourage sustainable travel modes. It also promotes healthy living and sport. Many areas around the country have shown that a mountain bike park can bring visitors and income into the area which can encourage supporting business and spending in surrounding areas. I, and my friends, travel from Bristol to South Wales, Hampshire, and Wiltshire to existing MTB parks, and would do some for this one if it fitted a similar level of facility.

I would like to see somewhere people can relax, learn and is open to all. The plot is quite large and could support a few different options

A mountain bike park with accessible trails for less abled riders would be great

Cycling is hugely popular, support it and grow it!

Bike Park Wales is used by 1000's of MTB riders every week, a daily Pass being £45 It has a fabulous cafe and well thought out trails for all abilities. "however" it's in Wales! A location in Bath would attract a huge following for sure..

Would be good to see a bike park which caters to everyone including disabled riders who need wide trail access for 4 wheeled bikes

If you were to build bike park it would be brilliant to build a trail accessible to 4 wheel bike, enabling disabled kids to ride aswell.

Based on the popularity of south wales mountain bike parks such as Cwmcarn, Afan, Bike park wales, Forrest of Dean and also Windhill in Longleat, there is clearly a large populus of mountain bikers who are keen to travel large distances for good bike parks. Many people based in the Bath and Bristol area will show strong support for a Bath based bike park. A park in this location would give myself an oppertunity for a weekly ride after work during midweek rather than travel to Wales at the weekend.

Anything outdoors which allow users to enjoy the beauty of the area is great thing.

Could the site not be improved to perhaps accommodate additional activities eg cafe to increase use/visitor numbers

I would prefer to see areas rewilded so that children can learn to reconnect with nature rather than a conventional play space

Golf appeals to a very small demographic group. The site could be used for more diverse activities which would appeal to a wider range of the population. Any of the outside activities suggested would be great and appeal to a wide range of people.

My friends and I spend a lot of money when mountain biking, equipment, spares, accessories, clothing, food etc Have you hear of a mountain bike centre not doing well? See Forest of Dean, Ashton Court. Cannock Chase, Halden Hill, Bike Park Wales etc. The model works for public owned land.

Lots could be combined, Cafe, bike trails, walking and running, educational and community food and trees.

There are so many cyclists in Bath and nowhere for them to go safely apart from the canal path. A mountain bike centre will pull in a huge number of families and outside visitors as outdoor sports Bath is very lacking in, apart from walking.

I feel there are enough golf courses in the UK. Making a it a leisure/sports/running/cycling park would give more people the opportunity to get out and keep fit. Golf can be a niche sport.

There is a lack of bike trails that people of all ages can use, so a bike trail here would be brilliant. Keen cyclists will travel some distance to a good facility
A free, public mountain bike course (similar to Ashton Court) would be a massive boon to the area,.

It's been a golf course since being an urban tip , so stop changing stuff that's not broken . Bath is becoming a disgrace unless your a student.

I strongly support the idea of a mountain bike park. This would give people form bath, Bristol and even much farther afield a destination to ride purpose built trails. Younger riders would also benefit hugely, including my son and a large number of his friends

Put at least 1 track open for handicap mountenbikes 3-4wheels and offroad wheelchairs

A mountain bike trail system with assessable trail features for both riders with disabilities and recreational riders.

I think it just doesn't make sense as a golf course, it's too large a space which makes no financial sense. Maybe you could turn part of it into a pitch and putt course/driving range. Like 'Top Golf' concept.

The rest of the large site could be used for recreation, leisure, mountain biking and other activities which would benefit the whole community rather than just a very small selection of community who play 9 hole golf....

maybe it's worth working out what the average age and number of members who actually use the course... because I feel it's an asset (space) which could certainly be developed to accommodate a larger section of the community and benefit more! Isn't that what the council should be about... benefit the many NOT the few!

Bike park seems like a great idea, more activities for the kids to keep them entertained and off the streets.

I think this is a great idea and will take mountain bike traffic off of the local foot paths

If the greens had been maintained to a higher standard more golfers may have continued to use it.

Enduro mountain bike and wide sweeping trails for bike tag along and trailers so young ones can feel abit of speed in their buggies

I have a 2 year old and there isn't enough hill stuff all cycle areas are mostly flat and boring after 1 visit

Hills are for riding down, not spoiling walks...

We're a keen bristol based family of cyclists who often travel to odd down for both the BMX and road circuits. A mountain bike facility would be fantastic!

Access for children and young people with disabilities or seperate sessions for cycling as my son can't go on the road.

I believe a family bike park would be hugely successful, just look at Leeds urban bike park and windmill hill bike park. Encouraging people to get out on their bikes and live healthier lifestyles.



It would be more inclusive to the public

Something different like MTB facilities would bring people in from further afield,

Mtb park with special trails for the disabled kids to enjoy

I enjoy cycling and outdoor activities.

It would be amazing to have some mountain biking trails in the area

A combination of cycling/ mountain bike centre, with access for disabled riders like where I live in the Forest of Dean.

A café. Walking/running trails in addition to the cycling trails, like at Coed Y Brenin in Snowdonia.

Mountain biking is exceptionally popular, combining all of the above would make great use of Entry Hill.

Often visiting the area. A bike park would be a great asset.

Build the trails, be a pioneer for the dying golf course owners in my area.

Why not a mtb park that incorporates a cafe, walking trails and a play area. These are complementary uses of the space, that also give space to wildlife.

Bath has traditional parks but no dedicated mtb facilities.

MTB park with accessible trails for all levels of user, with a forest cafe and walking running routes around the perimeter would cover all the needs of the area. The local schools could use the facilities for out door sports learning which is urgently needed given the health of our population plus the centre would bring in significant amounts of funding for the area.

I strongly support a cycling/MTB facility, but please make it stand out as a truly inclusive venue. Facilities must be made for less able cyclists to enjoy this sport. At least one of the trails must be able to be used by a MTB quadcycle or trike. I can't wait!

If you look at Leeds and their new bike park you can see how a similar scheme has proven an absolute success. Would be great to replicate something similar here to get families and people of all fitness out and active. It would generate significant funds to the local economy

Given the climate emergency that we all face the space should be used with resilience building and development in mind. Food production, rewilding, community development through connection with nature. Education and support in these areas for the entire community. This would be exciting, relevant and inspiring so many of us struggling to know how to best cope with the challenges we face in the near future.

As a keen mountain biker with friends in the area I would use a mountain bike park facility when visiting the area. If planned properly and there is enough space it might be possible to fit in a few walking / running trails around the perimeter.

A cycling centre would be fantastic for children and adults and would bring great revenue and visitors to the area, especially so close to the cycle path.

A MTB with a set of blue runs would be good, a beginners bike park set up, makes good locational sense with the near by bmx and velodrome, a run designed for disabled users would be good as well.

A mountain bike park would be great. A really emerging sport for all ages keeping people out in the countryside and having fun.



Entry Hill is a perfect place for a permanent Forest of Imagination

See Yorkshire Sculpture Park for reference

The course is excellent and is fabulous value for money and if the cost was to be increased

More diverse activities please. Bringing the community together and opportunities to enjoy this beautiful open space

It is a well known golf course in the locality. Poor management, including advertising/marketing and under investment in green keeping are the reasons it is underused.

Mtb is life

Mountain bike track, accessible for all (including disabled) and a cafe

Bath already has plenty of cycling, running, walking, and playground facilities. Also allotments around the city. You can see, from the large group of people commenting that it is an important facility with an aging population. Both young and old enjoy playing golf.

Mountain bike trails for disabled users also

Due to the clay in Bath mountain biking all year round is hard having a purpose built course would be amazing for the area

A mountain bike park is inclusive of all age groups and abilities, could also be trails for wheelchair adapted cycles. Gives youths somewhere to go and promotes healthy sport

Cycling enthusiast who would love more spaces to ride near the city

Need to consider how this compliments Odd Down. Eg having a cycle track on a hill would be good training for cyclists who only currently cycle on flat at odd down. Keen to see it used to be a good place to walk the dog with plenty of poo bins. Also like the idea of exercise space for walking, running and exercise.

Bath really needs a place for trail and downhill bike riding facilities as there is nothing like it in surrounding areas.

Biking would be a gd change

It would be wonderful to see access to be made for people from all paths of life.

A family and mountain bike trail centre with an uplift would generate a huge amount of money for the council and be well received by residents

Mountain biking has become so popular more trails are needed for disabled riders. I only know of 1 trail which caters for this.

Would be great to see a mountain bike park similar to Leeds Urban Bike Park with trails for all levels, accessible trails for 4-wheel disabled MTB bikes and coaching facilities like those offered by Pedal Progression at Ashton Court/Leigh Woods. Could be combined with walking/running trails similar to the Bath Skyline route.

Bike park!!

I strongly support the idea for a bike park.



I think golf is too exclusive for somewhere so close to the centre of Bath. The space should be accessible to a wider community.

I feel that the most under-represented facilities available locally should be prioritised

A venue to ride would be excellent and encourage many from outside the area to visit.

Urban mountain bike Park would be excellent

If running a golf course is no longer viable then the land should be kept a green space with facilities which encourage other leisure activities for all age groups

If the space can be used in a progressive, forward thinking way, then all the better. I went to university in Bath and lived in Odd Down for a year. Having a local mountain bike facility would have been amazing. I still live within a reasonable distance that if the quality is good enough, I would travel for.

I would love there to be a mountain bike centre as can stop off on the way to visit family and friends in the are

Mountain bike centres like the urban one in Leeds are a huge success and bring people to the area and encourage fitness, add in some walking and running tracks and a cafe/bike shop plus planting prehaps some fruit trees and you could easily tick many of the suggested future uses.

An MTB track with access for outdoor education/forrest school would be brilliant.

The proximity to the OddDown cycle circuit and BMX track make it an ideal location.

I'm sure there would be lots of support for an MTB track with Offroad.cc and GlobalMountainBikeNetwork being Bath based.

Outdoor space to encourage everyone to be more active. Growing food is ok but really if you can get 75% of the local kids on bikes then your upbrought children will look after the local towns and villages

Thought needs to be given to not damaging the natural environment which mountain biking would do, also to the noise and impact on those of us whose properties back onto the golf course. We do not want it to deteriorate into a place where drug dealers hang out either.

There are many young and old people in Bath wanting an accessible and easy to use mountain bike trail centre

Mtb4life

I would travel to visit a purpose designed and built mountain bike park.

My Grandsons ride at the Bath BMX track and I go mountain biking with them at various woods and would love to have somewhere else I could go with them .

I feel it would be best used as a community space with the added function of helping to clean the air in Bath (i.e. by planting more trees/wildflower meadows).

Having some mountain bike options in Bath would fill a big gap and being so close to the Odd Down race cycle track seems to fit really well.

We travel all over the country visiting moutain bike parks it would be nice to have one near bath where we used to live

Think of the wildlife and local impact before you try to save money



There are so many golf courses locally that closure will have little real impact (and note I play the course 6 times a year or so). Something sport related for the wider community would take advantage of the location and be much more accessible and used. I think the idea of bike trails/park is excellent. This could be in conjunction with a cafe, walking and running trails.

We currently go to the BMW track with our kids and their mountain bikes when visiting grandparents in Odd Down. A bike park would be so much better.

I'd visit the area if used as a bike park, otherwise I have more local facilities.

Trail centre all day long

I'd love to see a Mountain Bike Park in Bath! I think it would be a fabulous and innovative aspiration - check out Leeds Bike Park!

<https://www.mbr.co.uk/news/leeds-urban-bike-park-368084>

A bike park could also include a running/walking trails facility and a cafe

There are many Mountain bikers locally who have to travel to Wales to go cycling. A local site would reduce travelling and the associated pollution while encouraging younger people to get out on bike is a safe off road environment

Do not wish to lose this excellent facility to Bath. New management to promote use of facility.

Urban bike parks are a growing asset to many cities, and I for one would travel to ride there and pay to do so.

The park would make a great family cycling area, a safe jogging/walking green space and forest school.

There is no safe green space suitable for mountain biking in Bath.

I feel that the options:

Park with cafe

Outdoor education

Community growing space

Leisure / sports

Play places

Could all be gained under the change of use to a bike park and cycle centre

I do not support cycling/mountain bike option as there is a cycle track at Odd Down playing fields nearby.



Allotments is a wonderful idea as I hear there aren't enough. Personally, I would make frequent use of a good cafe there- but I think it is important to ensure it is professionally done. Many people who live in Bath are pretty into nice cafes with good coffee- I would certainly go there at least weekly if this were the case! I also thinking running/walking trails is a good idea. Space for outdoor education/forest school/play area is a particularly good idea as there are never really enough safe and pleasant outdoor spaces for children.

Although we (and English family with 3 young children) now live abroad, our family with still lives in Bath and we visit at least 4 times a year. Previously we have lived in Sheffield which has an urban bike park, and I have read about the successes of the Leeds urban bike park, and also Leigh Woods and Ashton court in Bristol. Accessible, legal and safe bike trails that are designed for all the family to ride would be the best use of this land. A cafe with bike parking would return some money. Thanks for putting together this consultation, reading and taking account of my views!

Its a green space so should remain so.

It would be good to see the use of this site broadened so that more people can make use of it for activities that would not impact greatly on local residents.

Why spoil a well loved successful golf course when good advertising and management are all that is needed. Plus increasing fees and provide a pro so people can once more have lessons like I did 10 years ago.

Spaces should be mixed use. Mountain bike trails are of main interest due to growing popularity of the sport and mean that local users wouldn't have to trek to wales for their activities. This can coincide along with other trails cafes and use of the space to improve health and appeal to many more than just golfers.

I regularly travel to Bristol to visit the Ashton court mountain bike trails and it can be seen there that mountain bike trails in a city have been a massive success as has Leeds urban bike park and I think would be a great addition to the city of bath

The south has a massive shortage of MTB centres. I currently travel from Dorset to Wales(bike park Wales) due to this. A destination in bath would be hugely desirable. Especially if it also had accessible trails along with more advanced options

Think a bike park would be grate my 8 year old would be keen to visit and myself gives local kids something to focus on rather than getting up to no good could also put ina disabled run

I think the golf course has been poorly advertised over the years.

Leeds urban bike park

Cycling is up and coming around the UK, and needs further support to boost the success of young individuals. It's evident however, that less-abled children and adults, are not able to access many cycling venues, which could be a big boost for morale for both the young and old, but also put Bath on the map for accessible cycling venues.

As a student mountain biker, I would really appreciate having a good set of trails that are easily accessible from the town centre. Currently there isn't much riding nearby that holds up well during the winter. When I do get the chance to ride, it's usually a big trip to Wales or at least a 25min drive to Windhill bikepark. It would be nice to have something else that's close to the centre that could easily be used for study breaks etc.

The current golf course would be much better utilised if the greens & tees where kept to a better standard. In recent years the greens have been awful.



Huge lack of official mountain bike spaces in Bath despite the geography and the number of riders in the city. Would give people a space to ride their bikes that isn't on private land.

Accessible to all

Also plant more trees and wildflower meadows in some of it

Has been a successful golf course to many people over many years. With better management it could continue to do so

I am not sure why this area can not be shared by golfers and all. I have never felt unwelcome walking or using the facilities at the golf course. I do not support any project which will bring traffic into the area. We are already organising a petition to the traffic which now uses our road as a rat run and the parking issues and speed. This area is an area of calm and peace and should stay as that. The golf course area is big enough to have paths, more trees, flowers and allotments without major change. It can be shared , it should not become a them or us senario. No more traffic in this area!!!!

The project in Leeds turning a former disused space into an urban bike park has had huge benefits to the area attracting visitors from around the uk

The space must be protected as it took so long to get it to this mature state with trees and wildlife. Nothing invasive must be done

Although a great hobby for golfers, this game is rather exclusive. I'd rather this fabulous open space be used by everyone in the community

Biking with young children can be difficult and limited in choice an accessible venue within driving or train distance would be great.

I think it should be accessible to as many people as possible, for everyone's enjoyment, not just those who enjoy sport. So I vote for a space for relaxation which includes a cafe and with the possibility of the inclusion of a sports activity. However, not to the detriment of others' peace and calm.

The area needs a bike park

Somewhere safe to cycle for families would be great.

Leeds has an excellent example of a successful urban bike park. The topography of the site lend itself to this type of operating model.

Should definitely make a bike park

The area would really benefit from a sports/leisure facility and with the terrain there it would make a great cycle and trail space for the community.

Walkers and golf do not mix, to dangerous

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Bath lacks good quality cycling areas and this would be a great location. It could be as part of a wider scheme to include other family friendly spaces.

Pedestrian access/accesses from Wellsway if area not used as a golf course.

We currently travel to Swinley Forest (Similar distance) to Mountain Bike with the family most weekends.

We hire bikes for friends, use the cafe and visit amenities.

With our modern sedentary lifestyles and kids glued to screens and phones, we need exciting options and bike park would be this.



Must be kept as a golf course

Make a bike park. Be great fun. People would love it

We are a family with two young boys who cycle regularly. We would relish the opportunity of using these facilities on our doorstep!

I would travel to Bath with my children to make use of a family cycle centre and mountain bike park. It would be great to also incorporate a cafe, play spaces and other things if there is space.

Any area that encourages the wider public to get outside and exercise Has to be a positive use of publicly owned land.

If enough space it would be great to have a park with playground, mountain bike and running trails around it, and a cafe of course! These are all things I think anyone could use. Allotments, forest school and outdoor education would only be used by a smaller number of people - though perhaps a small forest school could be incorporated alongside the other aspects?

bath needs a mountain bike park

This could be an incredible space for outdoor activities, I would suggest mountain bike trails along the same lines as Ashton Court and Leigh Woods in Bristol, free to use and maintained by a community of locals. This would leave plenty of space free for walking paths, a cafe, play spaces and all the other great things on the list! This could be a wonderful space to encourage more people to enjoy life outdoors.

Coming from Bristol that has lots of cycle paths and mountain bike routes this is something that Bath is lacking. With the Bristol to Bath cycle path being so accessible this would facilitate travel without environmental impact. The potential of such a facility can be clearly demonstrated in Leeds urban bike park. I would certainly travel from Bristol to use a Bath urban bike park regularly as would a number of like minded mountain biking friends.

I regularly mountain bike with a local group, and I know of numerous other local groups. It would be so good to have a destination that we could actually cycle to rather than (ironically) driving to go do some mountain biking.

No

I think it would be excellent to have a new mountain biking centre in Bath, it's a rapidly growing and every popular sport.

Should provide activities for families and teenagers. And outdoor activity that residents relying on walking and public transport can easily get to.

More local MTB spots would be appreciated, I work in Bath so a ride after work would be great

I have lived in Bath for 20yrs and have four children. We don't need a golf course here. We need an outdoor area for young people. There is lots for below 12yrs but we need to do more for the 13 to 18 years. It seems a mountain bike park would add to the other cycle facilities in the area and would get a lot of use. Cafe would also help.

Leeds Bike Park is a great example to follow

I would travel to bath if there was a bike park there as I often pass by on the motorway for work anyway.

This would be a great opportunity to create a space like Leeds urban bike park but in the south

This could be a superb golf course with a proper professional company running it

golf course too exclusive



NOT MOUNTAIN BIKING, IT WILL DESTROY THE AMBIANCE AND BRING THE WRONG SORT TO BATH

space needs to be opened up to a wider community use. There are many other golf courses.

Access to the outdoors is important for public health - The facility could be used to make a large, positive, impact on local communities by combining a number of activity types.

As an example, Ashton Court in Bristol has a mixture of walking and cycling routes, bridalways, and dedicated mountain bike trails of different skill levels (with the 'blue' trail recently being refurbished to make it a safer environment for people to learn, or for young children and elderly to enjoy the outdoors)

There is already an established community of mountain bikers in Bath whom regularly travel to Bristol, South Wales, and Stroud. Likewise for local population centres such as Bristol, Swindon, and other conurbations.

The benefit of mountain bike trails is that there is a healthy amount of volunteers willing to donate time to trail maintenance in return for access.

One concern is the potential effect on the already terrible traffic problem in Entry Hill. Any solution should not exacerbate that problem. Another concern is that yet another space taken over by dog-walkers would result in some anti-social behaviour.

Apart from use as a golf course, all the above can work together in an integrated way to make an interesting leisure facility which encourages a range of sustainable, healthy and planet friendly activities.

It's a local community asset as it is and should be promoted more No

Re-purposing the golf into a mixed recreation centre including a mountain bike park would be hugely beneficial to the quality of life and health of the people of the region. The large area currently taken up by the golf course could offer a much more inclusive facility that can be used for several of the purposes suggested in question 10. Examples of successful local authority commissioned mountain bike parks include Leeds Urban Bike Park and Ashton Court in Bristol.

It is a steep hilly location and with the cycle track and BMX park close by it would be an absolutely fantastic use of urban green space. Golf is not that popular these days and MTB is so accessible on pretty much any kind of bike. My husband is disabled but he has an off road e-trike and it would be fab to have somewhere close to home we could go as a family with our two kids (we live in Frome so very close). Running and walking trails and a cafe would be brilliant too and there should be an adventure playground. During the week there is no reason why a forest school and outdoor education could not operate from the same site. I think that would make a fantastic use of great urban green space that everyone could enjoy.

If you look at the effect Leeds Urban Bike park has had on the local community/area, and apply this to what it could be for Bath. There really is no other option.

Look at the B1ke park network and the Leeds Urban Bike Park has done for their local areas

With the size of the site, it would seem that almost all of the above could coexist quite happily, there for pleasing the maximum amount of people.



A mountain bike park in bath would be an excellent draw to bring people to the area and would also improve public health and give young people a hobby Mountain biking is a rapidly growing sport. Having a local trail centre to bath and bristol would be perfect and allow riders to spend more time and mk eye in their local areas rather than regularly driving to wales and other good destinations. Look at Windhill bike Park or Forwst of dean trail centres, they are continually busy throughout the year and are gaining popularity. I also support the idea of using space for education and other leisure activities.

Ideally this would be an open space/liesure facility that can be enjoyed by the maximum/widest proportion of the public, making it too niche or prioritised for a single sport is going to send it down the same route it has now, single sports fall out of popularity (i.e. golf) then the space is rendered useless and a drain on resources.

Check out Glencullen Adventure Park in Ireland. It is a former golf course:

<https://www.thegap.ie/>

As a local resident, would like to see the space used and cared for, which I think the golf course is, but open to other uses. My main concern would be that if it was not looked after it could just be an area for unsupervised youngsters to hang out, which can lead to trouble fuelled by alchol (had bad experiences in Bristol)

This is a huge opportunity to reassign the usage of this green space with the city of Bath and could be a combination of any of these proposals. Anything but a relatively useless unused golf course please.

A multi-use facility for cycling, walking, outdoor pursuits and education would be a great use of what is a very large space

B is a young man who lives in supported living with 24/7 support. He enjoys accessing the community in the Somer Valley and in Bath and particularly enjoys walking in safe places and Forest School.

We need more safe cycling (car free) areas in cities.

Cycling is the new Golf but appeals to far more people, Mountain biking is a great activity for all. Off road cycling should be encouraged, its much safer for children of all ages and their parents.

Bath needs bike trails. Perfectly hilly city without any proper biking that isn't tarmaced

I've travelled to Bath previously on the old railway cycle route. If there was a dedicated urban bike park I'd stay and play. I've specifically visited many places which have developed bike parks

Bath has a massive community of mountain bikers, which regularly commute to hugely successful projects such as bike park wales, flyup 417, forest of dean, swinley forest. all 40+ miles away. Entry hill golf course is perfectly situated for a bike park, which would bring huge income to the area as well as encouraging local residents and young people to spend less time infront of the TV and more time enjoying the outdoors!

More than one purpose would work if designed correctly.

I would love for there to be more happening for the community in this amazing space, Forest School, Community Growing, Playground, Cafe, Mountain Bike facility are all great ideas.

I am a mountain biker and they is not much locally.



I don't see the volume of Golfers using the course to justify it's existence as a Council owned facility

There are many avid mountain bikers in Bath who would love a facility such as that proposed above to ride. It could also draw riders from elsewhere to Bath as well as encourage novices to join our sport.

Re-planting this area with woodland would reduce the ecological and wildlife impact of this area of land whilst supporting the local economy by creating a bike park that people would travel from all over the region to visit.

Woodland and Wild Flower spaces.

There are a lot of mountain bikers in the Bath / Swindon / Bristol area and further afield that would purposely travel to a well made bike park (We frequently travel 2hrs each way to ride various locations so it won't just attract local people).

A dedicated area would be so beneficial for all, especially since the sport is growing rapidly. I've been riding for 15 years and have seen a lot of change since - Please keep up the momentum!! :)

I think to have a local mountain bike park would be fantastic as it would be a constructive use of the space for the local youth (my children included) as there's nowhere for them to go in Bath and hanging around in local parks seems to annoy other users. If combined with trails for walking and running (with or without dogs) then the whole family and community can make proper use of a great space and facility. Mountain biking is such a growing sport in the SouthWest with trails at Longleat for example and people travel to the area to use it so it would also draw more people to the local economy and raise funds.

Odd Down Cycling Circuit and BMX track seems to be a great success. Why not follow that example? Gets the young to exercise.

Green space is important especially for cities and big towns, they are being lost at quite a rate, these spaces are very important for people's wellbeing mentally and physically

This could be a great cycling facility for individuals and families

There's a golf course at Victoria Park that's never busy.

Bath really needs a second parkrun.

Family mountain biking trails, outdoor space for families, a space that can be hired for outdoor birthday parties would be fantastic.

I feel that a lot of these ideas could be incorporated into 1 idea, however it is important for walkers, runners, families and mountain bikers all to be able to use the area without conflict between trail users. Maybe a Walking route around the edge with play parks with a running route just inside it then a xc mtb loop inside that with the remaining area dedicated to downhill mtb trails, giving each user group clearly defined area whilst making good use of the space available. A Café would be a great addition too and enable interaction between user groups.

Diversify its uses. Anything cycle and walking based will be good to see



Bath has a strong cycling community as the great reception to the Odd Down facility has shown. It would be great to add to this and encourage more to get on board with this environmentally beneficial and healthy activity

It would be great for it to be used by the wider community, not just golf. As a golf course it's only used by a small section of the community.,

I'm not a local, and am not familiar with the site, however I am a volunteer at the Suki's Scorpions and a committee member of the Bristol Shredders, a children's mountain bike club based in Bristol. Having a dedicated mountain bike trail so close to odd down would be of huge benefit, and open up many opportunities

With a growing off road cycling market I (and I'm sure British Triathlon members) would like to see integration for cycling to any development including trail riding suitable for mountain and cyclocross bikes. A mountain bike park alone is too specific as there are other forms of growing off road cycling.

Really it needs to be a public space for all so golf (which clearly isn't viable otherwise this review wouldn't be happening) and allotments wouldn't really be suitable. You can do a nice mix of the above - community garden in some form would be easy alongside a café and forest school/ education centre.

Selfishly, a family cycle centre would be lovely (we live cycling) but not sure about the hill and some would argue that Odd Down facilitates that to a point anyway.

Opening this up to a wider community is a great idea I think a bike park with running/walking trails and cafe would allow much more people to access and use the site

Lack of facilities in Somerset for mountain biking - xc is an Olympic sport with no local opportunity for youth to get involved in it.

I feel that it's vitally important to encourage mountain biking at entry hill to enable people of all generations and abilities from beginner to advanced to use the space to develop some excellent World class mountain bike trails whilst enabling a mixed use within the grounds . The site is big enough to allow community vegetable growing and lease to run a private bike hire and trail centre like windhill bike park on the longleat estate. Both of these options could easily run side by side with separate running trails. The lease of the bike trail park would enable the community to ensure it brought in profitability and would make the cafe a lot busier for mountain bikers using the park . The extra revenue from the cafe would enable the council to charge a larger sum of rent and this could also be leased out as a private business. Not only this but a bike shop on site would also bring in extra cash if equipped with decent stock. Alternatively the shop could be run by Julian house cycle scheme and enable those out of long term employment the opportunity to take part in a paid role within the shop after completing a course at the Julian house cycle store in central Bath. Local schools could also benefit from enabling discount rates to use the bike park keeping kids from becoming wayward and run a mock due to boredom. This if managed in the correct manner by a few key businesses could be a real asset and draw to the local and wider community. The wider community especially for mountain bikers as it's unheard of to have the possibility of being able to ride excellent trails so close to the city . A city break won't mountain biking trails designed to a good detail such as bike park wales (but smaller in scale or windhill bike Warminster would be ideal. Or another solution would be to approach the owners of wind hill bike park and ask them if they would be interested in having volunteers help build the park whilst learning and developing skills of mountain biking and having the shop be managed and run by wind hill but with a shared responsibility of Julian house to enable all of those to benefit. People travel nationwide to ride mountain bike trails and done correctly could enable a vast array of different tourism into the city with the locals also massively benefiting from having it so close by. Another part would be to add a very small amount of camping pods on the grounds to fit in around of the ideas suggested above

and make it into a truly wonderful experience for a weekend break of one day riding and one day exploring the city. Another thing to be run privately enabling much needed revenue into the park. Managed correctly and leased properly to the correct business person it could be of a world class status to the city

Be great to see a focus on outdoor sport space, especially a bike park for all abilities.

I have ticked support for several as I would see there being potential for multi use.

Cycling brings so many physical and mental health benefits, but the nearest mountain bike park is in Bristol. Would be great to have one in Bath. With the track at Odd Down Bath could be THE cycling destination, bringing health and wealth to the city.

Do not cut the trees down!

N/A

As an active cyclist, you only have to look at the success of places like Ashton court and Leigh Woods in Bristol, or Windhill Park at Longleat. It would allow residents of Bath to ride local without having to take journeys to other areas. Also most of the other options already exist in the area.

I think you should turn it into a space like the ones run by incredible edible Bristol. They're so great! There's too much stuffy and family oriented stuff in this city already. Let's help people to broaden their somewhat narrow horizons a bit.

Would visit the area to use a good mountain bike park

Well maintained course ideal., with upgrade to cafe as a destination facility. Add other sports like tennis. Family and community type club with soft play or child friendly activities.

A golf course takes up a huge amount of space and is only useful to people who want to play golf. Many of the other options could coexist on the same amount of land and benefit a wide range of people from all walks of life.

Would love to go on beautiful walks here. A refreshment stop would be a bonus, as would a dedicated place for kids to play/let off steam!

There are enough golf courses and often a game for the elite.

This beautiful space has huge potential for being a family fun area to bring our children to. There's the road cycling track but no safe off road tracks for our children. It'd be lovely for walks. The cafe would do well, and be a warm place for a cuppa post cycling

I teach cycling in and around B&NES, changing this site to a Cycling orientated facility would be the missing link that it is required with the existence of the cycling facilities at Odd Down - what a great idea!

MTB trails would be great, with loops to suit all abilities, beginner to Expert! A large pump track for BMX, scooters and for MTB use would top it all off! Ps I will help you plan and design It. Coaching sessions for kids and a small fee to use will make it a great outdoor cycling centre.

It should be a multi-use green lung for the South side of the city.

Leeds Urban Bike Park has been a major asset to the area, bringing together cycling opportunities for a huge range of riders. It's plain to see that the facility attracts people from a cross section of society, and there are lots of teenagers and older children there. Offering such an inclusive facility that encourages physical activity and promotes cycling - and may help people learn skills that allow them to ride as commuters and choose to use their car less



- fits with the corporate aims of every Council. Attracting outside visitors and with it income seems like a likely additional outcome - Leeds has even attracted international bike companies in the making of promotional videos. I hope that Bath will take this opportunity to provide a similarly successful and postive facility.

Strongly support mountain bike park

We currently travel from Buckinghamshire to Wales and the Forest of Dean to use the mountain biking facilities at weekends. Whilst there we stay in local hotels and eat in local pubs. If there were a facility closer then we'd definitely visit regularly and contribute to the local economy.

Live in Foxhill, there's already cycle track at odd down. Make it a place for nature

Mountain Bike Park and Trails would be an excellent use of the land and get more people active in this growing sector.

Cycle Centres and Bike parks are popping up in my local area, over the last 5 years I can think of 5 within a 20 mile radius. They're a great way to cycle with my child, away from traffic, well surfaced and with no hidden dangers. I have introduced her to mountain biking in a controlled way, no miserable slogging across churned up fields or random unrideable bits. Bath has fantastic scenery and loads of other leisure facilites but nothing really like this. You could attract visitors from the surrounding area.

Would love to see a more nature based approach to the site - making it wilder and educating people about wildlife

I think a mountain bike train would provide many people the opportunity to get involved in a fantastic sport. Currently two of my boys love mountain lingo biking but are so limited as to where they can ride.

I feel there is enough provision for forest school and outdoor activities with rainbow woods and the many other woods around bath. As well as many parks and community spaces for allotments. A flat park would be better suited for these options.

Entry hill being hilly is a unique opportunity to set up a mountain bike trail, one I hope we don't pass up on,

The site needs to be able to be used by as wide a section of the community as possible. It should not become a gathering place for illegal activities or threatening groups as unfortunately other open spaces have become (eg memorial gardens in Oldfield Park, or Sandpits in Oldfield Park). This should be clean, open and welcoming. A decent cafe, trails, wild areas would be ideal. There is already a Forest School in Rainbow Wood and growing food for community use sounds great but without regular attention and maintenance this will quickly become disused. Allotments would preclude use by a wide variety of the community.

Hope it will have a natural environment community use and care will be taken to control amount of dog walking.

Entry Hill Golf course has the potential to support some of the activities above and valuable habitat for wildlife. Creating a wilder park or nature reserve would provide opportunities for people to spend time in nature which would benefit physical and mental wellbeing.

Such a fabulous location should be opened up to more people

I think my answers best fit what's needed in the local area

Very strongly support the idea of an outdoor mountain bike facility, particularly if this is suitable for all levels of abilities.



It would be great to make Entry Hill a mountain bike facility, with easy trails for children to learn on and more advanced trails to allow people to progress. There is a lot of beautiful cycling around Bath but this would make an amazing space to introduce people to the sport. Running tracks too, it would be great to give people a quiet space to exercise away from traffic.

Having both cycling and running facilities would encourage self and partner to come to Entry Hill.

Given the current set up is not commercially viable, can't see how forest school, play spaces, trails etc is going to solve this problem? Allotments and community food growing space are a bit dubious given that this land was the city dump for decades, not sure you will be ticking the organic compliance box here. As a resident, also would be unhappy with something overtly commercial that would pull in more traffic.

a natural MTB trail/walking setup similar to Ashton Court would work well here and support the *many* cycling groups who currently use Conkwell Woods etc by permission.

Many of the things I strongly support can be integrated together.

Golf is a dying game, young people are not interesting, if you want to get children out into nature and active, then forest schools, running trails and cycling/mountain biking trails are the best solution

A golf course is not accessible/valuable to the whole community - one of the strongly support answers, a community focussed solution, would be perfect for odd down. The area is sorely lacking in places to go and things to do within walking distance - hardly any coffee shops, shops in general, activity centres. It's just a lot of housing and a Sainsbury's. There is SO much potential for it to be a thriving area, fun for residents to live in. Other areas, Widcombe, Oldfield Park, Bearflat etc all have their own little high street and a little community feel but Odd Down is, again, just a bunch of houses.

There is a lack of driving range in the local area. Also the hills allow for a perfect downhill BMX trail.

So many of the stated options would require intensive supervision in order to protect the quality, beauty and essential peace of the natural surroundings

As a golf course it's only used by a few. But if it changes use ie giving it back to nature and using it for education and walking trails more people will use it.

It would be good to have a family area where parents and children could walk - exercise dogs etc.

As a resident, I wouldn't want anything that would incur extra noise levels.

I feel the area would best serve the community by diversifying the activities the space offers. There are few organised outdoor activities in the Bath area where I occasionally work and visit family. I feel the area should offer activities for all ages and be sustainable, additionally offering more jobs to locals by being a dynamic space. I particularly like the idea of bike trails and cafe, maintaining some natural habitat alongside offering exercise, relaxation and fun for all.

There is a group of very committed and loyal golfers who have played here for many years and some even work in the cafe. Golf is a great activity for both physical and mental health and should be encouraged, especially for the older generation who have time to play during the week. For those who live on their own, the golf club becomes a place to find company and friendship.

I have a 2 year old and have no close cafes to go to to meet friends, no nearby playgrounds or places to walk that are buggy friendly

Please please keep this as a green area and consider those whose houses back onto the golf course. We would still like to have access



Too limited for space for any worthwhile mountain biking? Unlikely to remain as tidy if turned into allotments, and soil is unknown landfill so probably contaminated.

Bristol and Bath have a dedicated cycling and mountain biking scene, a bike park would be well supported by people from locals to much further afield. Should definitely be on MoveGB like the leisure centre in town is as MoveGB is designed to help encourage more people to get more active and try new things.

I think that it should include access for lots of people, not just, say, families, but have appeal to a broad cross section of the community

I would love to see the course embraced and developed, especially by offering on-course coaching to increase user levels. Perhaps get involved with local schools to allow free coaching with kids on the course and at the approach course. Then open a junior club for after-school & weekends. This will encourage new users both kids who will carry it through into adulthood but also parents who may be lapsed golfers or may pick up some clubs for the first time. Female participation in golf should also be encouraged as this is often neglected by private courses. Golf as a recreation is declining in part due to lack of access to facilities, especially as a child. The approach course is a fantastic introduction to golf and people should be encouraged to develop from there up to the larger course at Entry Hill. Entry Hill has the potential to become a vital community facility but it requires investment and nurturing. Please take a look at this case study for a golf centre local to me that is thriving - <https://www.walesgolf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/01-membership-portmore-golf-club.pdf>. England Golf can also provide support - <https://www.englandgolf.org/club-support/membership-growth-retention/get-into-golf-clubs/>

A forest school, golf course or allotments limits who can use the space. We've already got 2 parks + a cafe. There are already loads of outdoor sports facilities in Bath.

As a golf course it is a great asset to the city of Bath and is perfect for encouraging beginners and casual play. It would be a real loss to the city if it was to close. For players such as myself it would mean traveling at least 45mins to the nearest equivalent facilities at Bristol or Trowbridge. I cannot afford and would not be welcomed as a player at Bath or Landsdown golf clubs.

As long as its kept as green space that can be used by everyone that would be great,

There should be an emphasis on the climate emergency. So, activities and education about biodiversity and healthy outdoor living should be prioritised.

All of these ideas have potential. However, I should think the most cost-effective and appropriate plan would be an education programme that teaches young people to play golf. Most of the ideas above would be taken up by people who already use the outdoors. If golf is in decline, might this be a good opportunity to reinvent it, make it more democratic, change the image of an elite sport practised by businessmen and bankers? In Scotland, golf is played by everyone. Golf is an accessible sport with good coverage in the media. It is not aggressive, and gives people a beneficial walk in a beautiful landscape while perfecting a skill. It needs a better image. An educational campaign with a great course on which to practise could provide that.

I'd like to have the space accessible to all. Allotments and golf are too specific.

I think we already have good cycle/ running routes so feel as though we don't need anymore. A cafe would be good amongst outdoor play or forest schools. I think the space would be used well by families and children, some parking incorporated would encourage use/ helpful for families with children.



I would like a peaceful and tranquil place to go for a quiet walk/picnic (but no BBQ's as they are very smelly and polluting). I would not want cycling in the park as it makes it difficult to walk when there are cyclists (as is the case on the Bath canal path) and I think it would make it too noisy and crowded (I wouldn't want it to be like Centre Parcs though happy for there to be a playground). I don't think there should be golf due to the risk of being hit by a ball! It would nice if there was a cafe cooking food that was grown on the site.

An bike park, like Ashton court in Bristol or Leeds urban bike park could attract a lot of visitors and help improve peoples fitness.

I didn't actually realise you could go there unless you were playing golf. Something that everyone can use, enjoy the natural environment and be active would be great (and let local residents know about it)! Whatever it is needs to be maintained, not just a vanity project.

Muntjac deer visit us in Entry Hill Park - we really don't want their habitat at the Golf Course disturbed too much. Also, our fox family here survive on rabbits from the Golf Course, especially when the cubs are young. A great wildlife habitat which must be destroyed.

There are enough private golf courses around for those into golf to access. This space should be open to more members of the public to use and enjoy.

The area needs to be rewilded, it is the perfect place to show commitment to the climate emergency

Need to get more people using it, not just a few. Bath doesn't have a mountain biking trail area - the landscape would be perfect for this, also running/walking trails - with outdoor gym areas. Bath has enough golf courses, and play areas. And most around this area have large gardens - so don't need more allotments. Need to get people out of their cars.

The course has always been underused due mainly to a lack of investment and advertising. It's as if the current management group doesn't care! Certainly with improvements in these areas, the golf course could thrive.

We need to make it as a space for nature with wildflowers, nest boxes, a swift tower, invertebrate boxes etc.

Bath already has wonderful parks, playgrounds, bike tracks etc. This is the only Golf course.

All ideas that bring families out into nature; especially children, especially growing things and learning about wildlife. A cafe is a great meeting point at the centre of this. Walking, running playing areas are great; mountain biking tracks are more disruptive to wildlife; re-wilding needs to take centre stage here. Maybe an artists centre? But everything must be done in such a way as to use this space for habitat for insects and birds, especially. And to help children understand the importance of that. Although they are better than us at that already. What about a children's committee to help steer provision for wildlife? Trees, wildflowers; as many as we can plant. Wonderful idea.

Increase in Traffic on Entry Hill Site would need to be considered, entry to any future Facilities from the A367 / Wellsway should be considered as Entry Hill is not suitable for increase in traffic

What do you mean by another model ? Unclear question

As mentioned in previous comments - my son enjoys using the golf course.

Have a green space that is free and open to everyone not just golfers, bikers, dedicated athletes or sports persons, organisations or specific users.

Certainly include a children's play space with equipment as well as some simple keep fit equipment for adults

Bath has a lot green space but little that can be navigated in all weathers. It would be great to be able to draw people to a mix of healthy outdoor uses in all seasons.



As a school we are working hard to get out pupils more active. For some pupils that includes being encourages to cycle to school. A mountain bike park could help us develop those healthy habits in an exciting and challenging way. A wheelchair accessible mountain bike trail, like "launch pad" at the Forest of Dean mountain bike trail centre could be a fantastic solution for the school. If designed well a mountain bike trail centre could sit alongside a cafe, trails for walking and running and some forest school space.

we've already got a cycling course in Bath

I live very close to this area (and have for 17 years) but have never visited this facility. It sounds like a good opportunity for a community leisure space.

It would be great if more people can use this space. We walk the dog locally we exercise outside we have two teenage boys, please come up with something that lots of us cAn use

It needs to be something that everyone can use

I think the space should be left to be reasonably wild with tracks and trails , probably some more organised spaces for children's activities and some cultivation. The space should be as flexible as possible if it is no longer to be a golf course and appeal to a wide range of people and activities. A cafe would be a nice addition but not essential.

The Council should keep the golf course and promote its use by trying to attract more users by advertising and targeting beginners and occasional players by way of social media, radio, newspapers, noticeboards and leaflets.

The golf course should be kept in order for the Council to continue to provide a good diversity of sport, leisure and recreation. This course is unique in that it's the only Council ran golf course in the whole of the Banes constituencies, all of the changes that Banes Council want to make to the course can be found or introduced at many of the other nearby or local open spaces, I.e Odd Down.

Please keep the peace and tranquillity which already exists on this site, to not change the habitat for the many species of animals that live here. Otherwise it will just be turned into another rubbish dump by recreational users who do not respect this lovely piece of countryside that exists in the City.

In response to the falling of Membership of the Entry Hill Golf Course

I have played golf at Entry Hill for over thirty years for a large part of that time we had a dedicated Greenkeeper groundsman, Dave Williams and he did an excellent job. Playing home and away games with other clubs and they would comment on how well the course was kept. Once Dave Williams retired, we have had a succession of agency workers, in the main had no idea how to look after the course. In particular, the greens that were covered in moss in the winter and no grass in large patches in the summer.

The fairways were often not cut and visitors and regular Players would lose golf balls on the fairways in the long grass. Most of the bunkers have builders'



sand in them, which, when wet is impossible to play out of.

Several of the fairways are in need of drainage ditches to take the excess water away into the lateral water hazard between the 7th and 8th fairway.

To summarise the course has been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that the Membership has fallen away. We currently have a good Greenkeeper but, the fairways and Bunkers need attention if we are to increase players and Membership.

You should also take into account that Deer Badgers, Fox's and other small mammals live on the course and coexist with the golfers quite happily.

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Bath needs to retain an affordable golf course, Entry Hill has matured over 30 years into an excellent facility. We don't want a repeat of the experience at the Sports Centre, where we have lost multiple Badminton and Squash courts to be replaced by a Bowling alley which is rarely used.

Would prefer an inclusive space that facilitates public access. Not sure that it's big enough to be a mountain bike trail facility and that could conflict with other uses. But perhaps investigate a cycle route through it? A natural public park gets my vote.

Bath is in need of a good mountain biking area there is nothing nearby and this is a great opportunity to help kids get outside and there is no better sport than mountain biking for people to meet new people and make new friends

I would add that with the cycling/mountain biking option, security of bicycles on the premises is a prime issue. Further, there are known issues with cycle thieves waiting to follow people home from local mountain bike centres, which would prevent me using a local centre. Also, from experience, it is essential that cycling and other activities be strictly segregated for the safety of the non-cyclists.

As it won't get much sun, leafy tree trails would be best suited to the site

Cities need green open areas

I like it's use as a golf course, but if it could be adapted to a more accessible outdoor space for families that would be fantastic. A dog walking park with a cafe and play spaces for children would be amazing

Golf is too niche a pastime for this public land

I think it is important to maintain a pleasant and attractive environment for the local residents.

I am concerned at a potential increase in traffic on Entry hill which is already overloaded with speeding cars/lorries - despite the 20 mph speed limit. I am also concerned to protect the attractiveness of the area.

With the heavy traffic on Wells Way. I think it is important to have a green lung in that area of Bath.

Options which encourage exercise in nature, or more planting of flowers/trees/vegetables would be preferable to options which don't.

Golf takes up a lot of space relative to the number of people who use it (mostly adult males). Greens are not managed for wildlife



Above all else, we should consider the most environmentally responsible use for this site. Reforestation, wildlife-friendly planting, educational spaces and places to grow food should be the primary focus.

I have never used the golf course and I live 10 mins walk away. I have lived there for 30 plus years since I was a child.

It must be 100 years since Bath had a new park. This is a unique opportunity to create something that our forebears might have done to promote public health and well being. Parks, especially if they include interesting paths and planting, are an amazing free asset for all people to enjoy. I think important that the site is simply parkland open to all NOT something given over to an activity which by definition excludes different groups.

Keep it as an open undeveloped space for all to use

A good mountain bike centre would be excellent for the area. Currently I travel to Bristol or Merthyr Tydfil for mountain biking. If managed well these incentives can bring in lots of money, work and health benefits to the area.

I rarely visit the space but am a keen runner so would welcome the opportunity to have a reason to run there.

I think it would be great to build a public walkway from the golf course to Alexander park, where children can cycle and prams can be pushed. This space could be used to create a safe cycle path from the top of the golf course, down greenway lane, into Alexandra park and into Bath town.

Inclusive community space for all ages and abilities to enjoy is preferable

For an excellent example of a well built and well used mountain bike site close to a large urban population see the Leeds Urban Bike Park.

Mountain bike area with cafe would be fab! Great for healthy children

Forest park with Mixed use mtb walking play park forest school tree planting. Bath doesn't have enough trees or forest and this would be a great opportunity to create a public affordable space

We would support all such initiatives and are delighted they are being considered.

Although there are some smaller parks nearby, I think it's a great idea to create a play space, similar to Royal Victoria Park as with 2 children aged 2 & 3, we have to travel across town.

I think as it is quite close to odd down sports ground it would be more beneficial for people if it offered different things. You can go walking in the wooded areas at odd down, there are cycle paths and BMX tracks, football pitches and other activities. I would be inclined to use the area if it offered something not really found elsewhere. As a mum of 5 aged 6 and under anything that can keep all 5 happy would be amazing as I'm sure a lot of parents would agree.

I live on the road parallel to the golf course but do not play. If the golf course is not viable, a community space (of which many of the above ideas could exist together).

The family mountain biking I am less keen on as the odd down track and BMX area is only along the road and I'm not convinced it could be safe to run/walk pathways with children shared by bikes.

The space must Must remain a green space and not built on!!



Park with cafe to this side of bath city would be greatly used as this area lacks this.

Odd down sports ground already hosts 2 cycle track facilities so more cycling is not needed

To open up to the public as a green space alone would be wonderful.

I haven't played Golf at Entry Hill for many years, but thoroughly enjoyed the course when I did play. I'm unsure whether the course's popularity has decreased over the years. I wouldn't be too upset if it were to stay as a golf course so long as it was busy and popular with visitors.

However, if the course is experiencing a decrease in use for its sole purpose, I would strongly support a change for a multi-use green space going forward.

The idea of using this green space for educational purposes, and to encourage the public to use the area to keep fit is an interesting idea.

A Mountain Bike Park would be incredibly popular both for locals and those further afield and willing to travel.

Food growing, tree planting and re-wilding would be fantastic uses of this land in productive space with lots of potential

Geography suits mountain biking

I would like to see multiple uses for such a large area. It looks like it has a similar area to Victoria Park so there could be room for many activities. A mtb route like Ashton Court would be a preference for me.

The more facilities available to families the better. I'm not sure a bike space is necessary with Odd Down just around the corner.

No

didn't know was open to public. let's get young people outdoors

I think good growing spaces are really important. The only reason I can't support that on this site is that I remember the site being used as a tip for household rubbish during a long dustbin strike in the early 1970s. I assume that it is therefore too contaminated for food growing

I think allotments would limit the number of people using the area. Far better to have space for all

Mountain Biking is a rapidly growing sport that all can enjoy, Ashton Court in Bristol has it's Nova trail that is well used and set up for all level of riders, it is however a long way away and requires a long ride or a car to visit if you live in Bath.

A Bike park would be well used all through the year, by individuals and groups. It could be easily combined with walking trails if it was well marked.

I think the area should be dog friendly

We live Hawthorn grove and would love a space for all ages with plenty of outdoor seating and accessible paths so everyone can enjoy outdoor environment which is good for mental health



A forest school with outdoor education centre for all ages and abilities would be very inclusive too

Increased noise pollution. Cafe's are essential - with loos. I wasn't sure what 'trails' meant. Keep it natural - less signs the better. Paths are ok. Bikes are stressful.

I think having a mountain bike area is a good idea because we already have 2 golf courses and we don't need another

* Overall I would like to see it used for variety of uses. A Mountain Bike Park would seem to suit the terrain but could this co-exist with other uses? - I am not sure. I wonder what role a Family Cycle Centre would fulfil which Odd Down Cycle Track does not.

*Not enough information provided re Forest School / Outdoor Education - I don't know what these might be.

*A north facing slope doesn't seem like a good location for allotments / food growing. I think these would likely detract from the visual amenity value of the land and wouldn't be an asset for Bath, only for the lucky few.

*Leisure/Sports activities - I wonder what sport would work here.

*Play Spaces - what does this mean? - lots of children's apparatus?

*Walking and running trails fit with a park-like landscape and the elevation differences make for some lung-busting challenges. A more fitness trail could work.

*Current or future use as a golf course sterilises the land for a single use - it has and would put me off visiting.

Could this be a location for another Parkrun in Bath, or maybe a weekly running event of a shorter distance

Mountain biking is the best and will bring alot more money in

It is a unique setting for a golf course and is popular despite the high prices. Expanding the cafe and providing a play area and some walking is certainly possible.

Running trails already exist in the area. A space structured for outdoor activities / learning that are currently not offered would be beneficial to the large number of families as well as the two universities and many schools

I have selected things that I believe I or my family would use

I agree this area could be put to much better use. I'd like to see concern for supporting wildlife at the forefront of any developments made. A free Bus service with convenient stop covering areas from Bear Flat to Combe Down/Odd Down would really encourage people to leave cars at home and visit the facilities there.



I think that a bike park that is closer to people who bike will greatly help people develop in their biking skills and also increase the amount of people who want to mountain bike more and learn.

We need to preserve and enhance our green spaces. For the health of the planet, the preservation of it's creatures and plants. In doing so we enrich our lives and care for our mental and physical selves.

Cycling is a huge growth area however Bath's narrow streets make it harder to enjoy cycling around Bath. Places like Bike Park Wales are growing so popular that people are travelling there from all around the country, why not have people not travel so far by giving a fantastic bike park in Bath

I think the most flexible spaces to offer free leisure activities to Bath families should be the highest priority.

The area already has several playgrounds and parks. I'd rather see money spent on improving these than creating another substandard one.

see below

More trees, ideal space for more rewilding and helping to meet climate targets by planting more trees.

A mountain bike park would support the fast growing mountain bike community in Bath

Mountain bike

There is strong community support for a bike trail

Mountain biking is popular and would be used more

Lets keep it as a green space open to all Bath residents

The only decent golf course in bath available for everyone.

A mountain bike park would make mountain biking safer in the city, as the trails would be safely and properly made.

A mountain bike trail would make the golf course more open to younger people and more exciting

Plant LOTS of trees

Any changes to use must take into account there are bats, owls, deer, badgers, foxes and other wildlife that flourish in that environment any changes could dramatically alter this

Mountain bike trail would be great

Golf course doesn't offer a lot especially with poor weather.

The above can all exist together other than the golf course.

it would be nice if it would complement the facilities at odd down (and not be the same). It would be nice if it was something more like Alice Park that was more of a destination with a cafe, spots to hang out and walk around separate from a play or sports area. A table tennis table near the cafe would be what I would enjoy.

As a local resident entry is a fantastic space being used for a single use purpose. I think it's time to diversify this space and open it up for more than just golf.



Please address the need for people to interact with nature and don't develop the space away from nature. Eg don't build lots of concrete paths or tennis courts. Please use the opportunity to benefit nature as well as people. Please use local vegan and certainly vegetarian food in cafe.

With a busy city centre beneath, and many activities elsewhere, I think this space should be reserved for nature primarily, with the opportunity for outdoor learning and relaxation in harmony with nature for both kids and adults.

-education about environment really important to get to carbon neutral by 2030

-outdoors for as many as possible improves health

-part of it as a completely wild space would be good

With imagination I think it can both have walking trails and a mountain bike course all with a cafe.

This decision will really impact on the community and is a good opportunity for the council to show its commitment to the environment.

People would benefit from being able to exercise/study/grow things in such a beautiful green valley.

I have played irregularly at Entry Hill since it opened. It accommodates a much greater diversity of golfers than most of the private courses that exclude many due to price and dated rules that no longer are relevant in today's society.

There is a climate and ecological crisis, B&NES have declared a climate emergency this is a chance to act now. We need to see a very progressive a large tree planting programme to sequester carbon and absorb pollution. Plus we need to see wild flower meadows. Trees, trees and more trees please. We could even involve the public in the stinging of the trees. How wonderful for mental health and to take an active role in fighting climate change.

Its already a Golf course and a good one at that, its simply badly managed and not operating to its full potential.

Multi use area with mountain biking/family bike trails and walking would be fantastic. Look at the Afan and Cwmcarn centres in Wales, which we regularly travel to from Bath. Great examples. A good cafe/visitor centre/bike shop on site would be fantastic.

Whatever happens please make it accessible in some ways to disabled people! We like leisure activities too!

A bike park would be an amazing asset for the city

This is a opportunity to create a multi-use space where a mountain bike course can co-exist with Forrest schools, play spaces, outdoor education and other trails. The only bad ideas are those that restrict the public from using the space (allotments, golf) where there is a very limited number of people in a very large, central space.

I encourage the council to figure out ways where lots of activities draw a diverse group of people to maximise the use of the space rather than limit to just 1 or 2 ideas.

Possible to include a driving range rather than a hole golf course.



I have plenty of places closer to me that provide a park with a cafe for example. I am single so the only one I would go to from the above list is affordable golf. I love playing golf at Entry Hill. It seems to be Liberal Democrats policy to alienate mid to old age people so that kids have another place to visit or for families to have coffee.

Would be nice to have a cafe to do work in (being a student) whilst also having green spaces and benches for that in the summer

I think Bath has a few lovely parks and plenty of cafe's already so this wouldn't be a priority. I think it could be a MTB/cycling park that would give Bath something that it doesn't already have. There would be good transport links already on place with the odd down p&r and plenty of regular buses from the town centre which is great.

The site would work well as an mtb/cx park due to its proximity to the Odd Down cycle centre, the topography makes it an ideal choice, and this could easily be combined with dog walking and trail running as BCC have done at Leigh Woods in Bristol...

All sounds good but Mountain Bike Park is the best option

Changing use will not guarantee greater participation. Also, not sure that turf will withstand more abrasive use such as cycling / running, given how easily it churns up as a golf course.

Keep it a golf course

If golf is not included all efforts should be to ask the help of other clubs to offer municipal facilities for young and concessionary users.

Many local schools do not have access to decent outside space and children's sports have been banned from the Glasshouse, let's keep this an accessible and usable space so our children value the outdoors.

It needs to be leisure facility. Dogs should be banned. Don't agree with allotment or community growing

It should be for all

Since it's a big space it'd be nice to mix several activities there: allotments, café, education, playground for kids, etc.

I find the course and cafe pretty good as it is. It provides a good game of golf for those who might not otherwise be able to afford more expensive golf clubs. I think you would be taking a great risk trying some other form of organised leisure activity, particularly if the reason for change is to save or make money.

I think there's room for more than one of these options on this site! Golfers already well served elsewhere. I would like to see the council consider "enabling" small business to develop options here rather than spending lots of council cash.

It would be fantastic if this venue were open for activities that are more varied and appealing to families.

There is a perfectly adequate space not far away at odd down playing fields that has facilities for children / cycle track, bmx cycle track, cafe , space for walking , football

Golf MUST be preserved at Entry Hill. Open to different operating model, especially a shared use facility.

I would like to see many more trees planted



Needs to be for good young families and older.

Can there be a cut though to the bottom for the cycling

Mountain biking will destroy the ambience of the area, harm the wildlife and de value my house, for which I would seek compensation for. there is already a bike park in the area, we do not need another one. The park is a haven for wildlife.. a bike park would be detrimental and would promote more cars, would not be sustainable, and would not be a carbon neutral arrangement.

My 12 year old son & I are VERY STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF A MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL. We say this living adjacent to the course and are not worried about extra traffic, more people and changing the peaceful nature of the course.

My son took up mountain biking 4 months ago and is addicted, he has become like an old fashioned child, out everyday at 9.30 am and not returning until dusk, with a packed lunch and water. He is outdoors, cycling to the woods around Bath from Combe Down (Conkwell and 'Dirt Jumps' down by the canal in Larkhall) up and down massive hills, building and digging new trails, filming & videoing with friends. He has become super fit and strong, is independent but away from town & shops, can be trusted to stick to timings and call me when needed, he has an interest that isn't a screen, he independently fixes his bike by following You Tube when inevitably a tyre pops every week or a brake or gear breaks. He has found a gang of like minded friends. He loves the thrill of jumping, tricks and speeding downhill. In January he will enter his first competition.

He now has an ambition and focus (visions of touring Europe on a bike!).

So on behalf of my son and his friends - who know they will probably be too old for it by the time a trail is built - Please, please, please, please, please, please..... turn Entry Hill into a Mountain Biking Park.

But also Councillors, please be brave and make it challenging, not a tame young kids track, and also affordable. The young people of Bath REALLY REALLY need this, somewhere fun and healthy to hang out with mates, instead of being in their bedrooms or in town. I have 3 teens and my son is my youngest, I know how important keeping them occupied is. Yes, of course, please put in a really good car park and access, don't destroy the area, please don't devalue my house (!) etc etc, but this would fulfil so many criteria. Many of your suggestions above would only benefit a few limited people (allotments, Community Food etc - all very worthy, but gardens round here are huge - and not used for growing much food). Forest School and Outdoor education? Most schools round here already have Forest Schools - school budgets are so limited that they couldn't afford the transport to drive kids across Bath to use the space anyway so it would sit empty for most of the time.

Trails for walking & running could be incorporated with the Mountain Bike Park & a also a park.



The other brilliant place my son goes is to Wind Hill, in Longleat Forest which is run by Bike1

<https://www.b1ke.com/b1keparks/windhill/> - this is £10 per day or £90 annual pass. Very expensive, but awesome tracks, except we have to drive them to Longleat and leave them for the day, which is terrifying, but again they are having the time of their lives. If you build a park, please make it much cheaper than this.

You have the power to make a really good decision, be forward thinking and create something that could really get the many young people of Bath moving, and getting fit, riding across the city and up to the park (or being dropped off in the car!) Riding all afternoon, or after school.

Thanks for reading

It would be nice to see a shared use space with a very strong emphasis on restoration of natural biodiversity enriching planting, of shrubbery, trees , wildflower and grasses in order to address habitat loss in urban areas and the need for pollution mop up and carbon capture . The space could include walking paths and a cycle route through it for travel and leisure that takes people through a natural environment.

We would be happy for any of the activities.

All options other than golf course are supported in the area to some extend already

There is already a cycle track at Odd Down. With the limited access to the course if there is a cycle park how will access be made? With Sat Nav our drive has been used to attempt to access the area. We have had children attempt to negotiate a steep drop off our garden onto the course on sledges. My main concern about a bike track is noise and access. The valley echoes and magnifies sound very successfully.

I presume that many of these options could coexist quite happily - ie community food growing space plus forest school plus parkland plus biking. It's a large space

It's a wonderful space that can be used to get people into the outdoors. I tend to favour places that can allow younger/family users but with nature as a focus rather than additional playparks/sporting facilities, which are well catered for in the area.

I strongly support use of green space which will enable children to play in nature in a safe environment, reconnect families with nature and will be accessible to all regardless of income (golf is quite a niche sport and we already have other golf courses available in Bath)

The answers are based on where value would be added to developing opportunities for visitors during non-peak seasons, while benefiting residents.

It is a gem that for some reason only known to "Worst" is being proposed to close . With proper business acumen it could be a Goldmine. How many World Heritage Cities have a potentially great golf club within walking distance of town???

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It is an amazing golf course. I learnt how to play golf there with Tip Tapley and my grandma.



Too many comments to enter here but will voice them at one of the meetings

It's all very well saying 'make it into a park' but there would need to be further development like walking trail, outdoor gym etc to get a wide range of users, rather than, as happens in the 'park' near my home which is mostly used by drug dealers!

As a nearby resident I wish to preserve the peace and quiet offered by having a golf course or other activities which would not attract a noisy clientele. Also at preset it feels relatively secure but that could be threatened if a different client group attended.

See previous answers. If Bath were to lose the golf club, I think it would have a negative impact on on the physical and mental health of those who do use the club.

need to be careful what the area is used for as it could attract more cars onto entry hill which already suffers from a high volume of traffic and would also be in conflict with the councils green ethos and targets

Additional visitors will result in more cars (mountain bikes are transported on cars) in and around the Entry hill area (traffic is already a problem) which goes against the councils target of reducing pollution/emissions etc. Uses such as a mountain bike park will also create more noise and scare of the wild life.

I hope that it doesn't close

I'd like it to stay as a golf course serving the community

Entry Hill golf course provides a 'stepping stone' into the game of golf for all ages, it is open to all at a reasonable cost, if you an absolute beginner clubs can be hired. It is where I started playing some 30 years ago, It is easily accessible and affordable, sadly the green fees on other local private courses are expensive. I firmly believe Bath needs this golf course.

Please keep as a golf course

better run golf course

Remember there are LOTS of trees there which help with climate change so keeping them is a MUST!! Don't chop them down please !!

Bike park would be good as mtb is a sport me and my friends all want to get into but can't as there are no locations near.

As a golf course it is a very good facility for physical and mental exercise particularly for older users

A multi use space would be nice so that all age groups and abilities can use some part of it.

It must support the golfers of all ages who rely on this activity well into old age, as their regular exercise.

I have played at Entry Hill for many years but have seen it steadily deteriorate over the last few years through lack of maintenance. Not by the green keeper who does his best with limited support. But it is still a very good course to play.

More trees. Rewilding project

Golf course needs to combine more outdoor recreational use for families.

National Trust run a similar difficult terrain facility at Prior Park and have access and promotional initiatives far superior to Entry Hill.



PLEASE make provision for cycle paths through the space that link through Vicky park this is a chance to make safe cycle ways across the city. I can't get my kids safely to the river path from Camden.....so we DRIVE!! Madness. Also don't just go all or nothing with one use. Combine lots of things - you absolutely have space. Paths for bikes. Paths for runners and walkers. Some growing. Loads of trees and re wilding. Community space. Come on council it's a climate emergency think creatively.

We live immediately opposite the entrance and would need to be reassured about additional traffic and access problems on an already over stretched piece of road.

All you need to do is advertise to the thousands of students . So many advantages for them but they need to know its there

Not taken much notice of the golf course, despite living less than a mile away to the point I didn't know it was council owned.

There are other woodland areas in Bath for kids (Rainbow woods) sustrans 2 tunnels etc for cyclists. Keep this space as a quiet space.

Mountain biking is a very large industry around the south west of England , With GMBN a large mountainbiking network being based in bath , locals , and people from far and wide will for sure use these new facilities if they become available , and I truely believe this will be brilliant at bringing money into the local area aswell as giving young people something to enjoy in their free time

Needs to be an activity not currently available in the city and be open to use by a wider section of the community. Not just a use for a few people.

Golf can be played all the year round every day over the whole age range

I'm sure golf would thrive if money was spent on the course to bring it back to how it was 20 years ago. I have spoken to many golfers who have said exactly the same.

Urban bike parks and cycle centres have been proven to hugely enhance the surrounding community and have appeal from toddlers to 90 year olds

A fantastic idea to encourage more active and healthy lifestyle for bath (+surrounding area) residents

Just make it a beautiful open breathing space. There are a lot of fumes from busy roads nearby.

The Site represents an amazing opportunity to create a world class Urban Bike Park that would attract visitors from a wide area as well as providing an excellent facility to local residents

I support any proposal that maintains Entry Hill's green space and wildlife, so a park with improved cafe, trails for walking and running would open up usage to more people without significantly impacting on the environment. A forest school, outdoor education, community food growing, or maintaining a golf course could be integrated to provide multiple usage of the available land. I believe that activities such as mountain bike park and allotments and play spaces are already well served locally.

Try promoting this great course for once and look at ways in making this golf course a viable profit making entity instead of alternatives. After all in the end regarding it's carbon footprint , this is a big green area so why change it . By the way , are you going to shutdown all BANES concerns not making a profit within the Bath and surrounding areas , i wonder .

North facing slope is not ideal environment for any further planting. Mixed use would encourage a broader appeal and use.

This should be open to all not a limited use site. With a focus on wildlife.



Feel it's currently underused and needs to be easily accessible for more people. People from Norton Radstock more likely to visit as a park than travel through traffic to Victoria park

Needs to be eco friendly and not increase traffic in the city. It is already a nightmare parking near the park.

I have friends who play golf at Entry Hill regularly and really value it. It would be a real shame to loose the golf course.

BANES controlled by the Democrats who wish to appear to be pro-active and innovative even when there is no great public clamour for change. It's not broken, but let's fix it anyway.

There is room for the establishment of play areas (which might encourage younger families to the club) and leisure trails. This would not interfere with the daily life of the club.

I like it as it is

I wouldn't mind a golf course under a different model as the principles stay the same. We don't need more walking running cycle spaces as the cycle track is nearby

All the above facilities are well served in the local area.

It could have a mixed use so mountain bike trail and cafe and patk...

It is a conservation area. Any ideas that do not disrupt the natural, calming environment too much would be welcomed.

The use as a golf club gives good sense of community interaction and exersize for residents that are increasing in an aging population

I feel it should remain as a golf course. It is great for learners because it is only 9 holes, and you don't feel out of place like you would at proper members clubs. It would be more popular if it was advertised better. There is already a bike park at Odd Down. It is quite a steep sloping site so not really convinced by other uses.

I love to mtb

I am I young mountain biker but the arnt any trails in or close to bath and thus could bring a whole new aspect of tourism in to the city.

Looking for more mountain biking in the area

Mountain biking is a health and fun way to get people active. There is a big mountain biking community in Bath and the bike park at entry hill would be a great addition to baths attractions

Bath and Somerset has a huge cycling and mountain biking community in all age groups especially teenagers and youths. Building a bike park here would be a massive attraction to the city of bath and lots of people would come from a all around to visit.I personally know loads and loads of people who would really benefit from this as it would also give kids something to do locally instead of hanging around in streets. Opening it up not just for park experienced riders but have a wide range of trails for any age and any ability would be a great source of enjoyment and fun. It would also stop people having to find woods locally to build in which can annoy land owners and result in these areas being shut out to public.



I hope you take my points into account as mountain biking and all round cycling is a great activity which anyone can enjoy for fun or for fitness. As you can also see is many places have already benefited from opening parks such as this.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this!

Kind regards,

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I think the mountain biking community in bath is great as we have world famous GMBN (global mountain bike network) based in bath and many people who enjoy mountain biking

I am an avid mountain biker and believe that a Mtb part between Bristol and bath would be well utilised by the local community. As a young family, we love going to the Forest of Dean as there is both Mtb and beechurst and it works really well, but somewhere closer to Bristol/bath that is similar would be great!

I'm a keen mountain biker and there just aren't enough facilities in this area to encourage more people into this sport. It's an excellent way to keep fit and ideal for families to do together that isn't expensive.

Ashton court/Leigh woods is an excellent example of a brilliant trail suitable and encouraging for all abilities.

outdoor sport/activity would be a benefit to the city and the local community

I can see the potential for Forest school/education for part of the space. Allotments definitely it helps with the issue of buying veg in plastic bags, and is good for exercise and fresh air. As would part of it used for walking and exercise with plenty of bins for the inevitable dog walkers.

There are already plenty of play parks, golf courses, and other facilities in the area. Walkers can use 100's of miles of footpaths. Families can use the cycle path. There are very few places dedicated to mountain biking in bath and NES and their use is dependent upon good weather. A well designed mtb facility will bring money to Bath as it is a growing sport. It is popular with all ages and keeps you really fit

It needs to be well done.

I have never visited because I thought it was a private club. I'd love to go and walk there

If it doesn't stay a golf course I would like to see it planted with trees and rewilded. .

It works as a golf course and with a bit of advertising at the university's I,m sure it would increase the membership.

Statistics suggest that those who might previously have been attracted to golf - are more inclined to get on a bike.

Look to make it 6 hole course as quicker game is future of golf. This would be easier to maintain and better play experience.



What the heck is a mountain bike park? Just give kids a safe place to bike around recreationally.

Much needed space for family cycling

There are a real lack of leisure amenities over this side of Bath. My son is autistic and loves Playing in outside spaces.

Keeping this as a wild space would be great as parks are the lungs of our city. Planting more trees possibly, re-wilding certain areas.

There are very few play and play courses in the area. People of my age are encouraged to take exercise and yet facilities like this are being taken away. All that is needed is better promotion to make it profitable not change. All of the suggestions made could be accommodated at the site next to Odd Down cycle track leaving Entry hill to continue without the cost of change of use.

Needs to remain a green space for community use. Must not be sold off or used for development.

I wish the golf course to stay the same - it always seems busy to me. The cafe is always busy with non golfers. Why change something that is not broken - the problem today is that money dictates- the more people playing golf the less problems to the NHS as the walk is good for the individuals playing.

The area should be used for physical activity - it shouldn't be used as allotment/food growing space as this would restrict its access and make it less of an asset to the local area.

It's a lovely setting. I'm glad housing isn't a priority.

It would be great to have family friendly off road biking space

Whatever option is chosen, it needs a better cafe

It should remain as one of a very few public owned golf courses in Bath, it is far better than Victoria Park!

This is a golf course with a long history. The other facilities mentioned already exist elsewhere in Bath. Please keep the golf course going but with better facilities to attract others.

As this site is sloping, there's a variety of uses it could have. If it becomes a mountain biking area, it MUST be safe for people who are just walking in this lovely place. Allotments at the flatter bottom part (only) might work but this is not an ideal site (probably too shady). I'd support more forestation with native trees, which would add more interest to walking areas.

Bath is severely lacking in places where you can legally go mountain biking. There are not many bridleways and no mountain bike parks nearby. My son and I would come here frequently for mountain biking.

Where we live on the Wellsway there is no safe walk with children to a play park or green field/country walk. It would be great if some/most of the ideas above could be incorporated into the new plan for this space.

If you change the golf course that's fine but you have to keep a driving range or a smaller course however making it a trail running/ cycling park is a good idea

Definitely biking as there are no mountain bike tracks in Bath but there are already all the other things. Or something challenging for teenagers.

My family and I are within walking distance but aren't interested in golf so haven't visited.



We would like an outside space for playing, whether that be ball games, climbing, adventure park, go ape style high rope walk, boules or another family friendly free open space with access to a cafe and free toilets.

A bike track is not needed because of odd down two mins away. Lots of families that could use the space rather than just golfers.

I have children and am always looking for good places to take them

There is little opportunity for golf in Bath. Parking at The Approach golf by Victoria Park is limited. This facility is something for the older generation & those younger too, but perhaps one place that is child free

I think it would be great if the area could be a space that people of all ages would want to go to even if thats by creating a space that has different elements catering for those ages but that come together. Living in Odd down having a good cafe in an attractive setting would be lovely. I know there are some tennis courts in Odd down but I dont know how to access them. I would love to have the opportunity to learn to play tennis or other sports that we can then play as a family.

Community growing space(this would probably be odd down not Foxhill) already have a cycle place in odd down.

Create another space for family to visit instead of targeting niche group

We are a family living in the area and have never visited. We would love a space that could be used by families and some of this options are great and offer something different to not just local families but all bath families. A playspace with cafe would be great because at present we only have Alice park or Victoria park. In addition some kind of splash area would be great as nothing like that in bath.

Any other course is prohibitively expensive so the council should maintain it as a golf course.

So many people i know enjoy playing golf at EH, it seems such a shame to give up such an asset. The course is compact but really quite challenging and this is a draw for golfers. Surely investment could turn it into a revenue and profit generating facility? With the course layout and greens already in place it would be such a shame not to capitalise on the existing assets? If people saw the clubhouse as a valued asset, a destination that attracts non golfers and people enjoyed the experience it would attract more. How about a clubhouse further into the course with a cafe and view over Bath - that would attract golfers and non-golfers alike - a destination. The entrance needs to be better in welcoming people in - tell people its there! If money could be invested in the Tee-off areas, golfers would feel they are in a valued quality space - the kinds of people golfers are would respond to this subliminally. So i would support investing to raise the quality of the whole experience so that higher fees can be charged. Don't forget the massive advantage of the golf course being inside Bath with a huge catchment of golfers - if keen golfers knew they had a quality course on their doorstep they may chose it more often, before heading outside of Bath.

I would also support possibly adding one of the ideas suggested in the survey to coexist with the golf course as a way to improve revenue generation.

Keep it a golf course, cheapest green fees in bath, great for beginners, get what you pay for, innocent no judgement round of golf and perfect for locals who don't want to go to lansdown or bath golf club.



A green park with trees and natural vegetation, with suitable trails for running and walking would be ideal for me.

Advertising the space more will increase visitors as will making it about the community.

Important to maximise environmental & wildlife habitat potential due to widespread habitat loss throughout the city. This would be useful educational resource and also encourage outdoors activities other than sports which already have many facilities.

Wasted forgotten space I didn't even know it had a cafe and was open to the public thought it was private

The course is great, but needs to be run by someone who knows what they're doing. GLL do not specialise in golf courses and have not managed the course well. The council either needs to invest more in the facility or find someone who will.

This is a great facility, and golf is a great way for people to maintain fitness and be outdoors. It's really disappointing that the council and the golf course operator have made virtually no effort over many years to publicise and encourage greater use, only to now decide that it makes sense to spend money destroying a perfectly good facility. Whilst some of the proposed uses are good ideas, it would make far more sense to invest a smaller amount in promoting the existing facility, to at least see if user numbers can be increased.

Within reach of lots of schools. Could be great resource for the whole community.

I love mountain biking and we need more places to do it that don't need a car to get to

There are enough cycling facilities

wonderful piece of green space and must be used more than it is presently; there are plenty of other golf courses and offerings for those who want to play.

I like that it's a golf course

I would come if the space were a bike trail

could be part allotments, part mountain bike space and part outdoor education

I work for GLL. I pay to use the facilities like all members.

Golf and using Bath and Culverhay sports centres are what I am paying for.

The golf course is not used very much, and there are other attractive golf courses in Bath

The golf course is a good for a large number of people over 60 as well as younger. There is no advertising to get schools & universities to use

The many residents of the surrounding and overlooking houses and the golf course use have coexisted happily for some 38 years. While I appreciate that participation in golf is declining perhaps a new operating model can breath new life into Entry Hill. I'm aware of one local (experienced) golf professional who might be interested in exploring this. If such private enterprise was contemplated then I suggest that suitable covenants need to be put in place to prevent any future unwelcome changes of use.



An alternative proposal to create a public park with trails for walking and running, making use of an improved cafe and parking facilities, would also be beneficial.

With either proposal it would be essential, for visual and safety reasons, to manage, lop and fell (as appropriate) the trees on the high ground behind Hansford Square, and better manage the tangled undergrowth and bushes here. They were planted some 38 years ago and have gone wild.

This has been and will always be a world-renowned golf course. Certification as a site of historical importance is required for the Entry Hill Golf Course.

Allotments and food growing would give land over only to few.

I feel there are alot of local children's provision and an area of peace and quiet in a busy area is beneficial

The mountain bike trails at Ashton court are so important for many people's first steps into cycling, excersise and the outdoors, this could be a great facility for the bath residents, especially as the nearby bike parks at Tidworth and Windhill are both high level and can be intimidating.

It is a lovely course but there are two issues. The first is that not many people know about it and it would be busier if it was better advertised. The second is the cost and I have heard a few people say they are disappointed that there are no reasonable monthly subscriptions available.

Community provision of this golf course is extremely useful and broadens what the council provides. There is a lot of park space and allotments already, but the course could be better maintained and advertised to attract more players.

All options sound good. I'd suggest the best plan is to look at which ones can be included making the best use of the space.

Have played golf at Entry Hill for over ten years. Not sure what is meant by a "different operating model" but as local private course fees are prohibitively high small increases in fees might be acceptable.

Safe, managed and maintained mou tain bike trail route through the site will, aside from giving a unique opportunity to ride legally within the city, also could provide riders a safe off road access route up and down between the Bear Flat (with its Two Tunnels links) and the Odd Down Cycle tracks (Road and BMX at the Tumps). Which itself needs a basic Mountain bike singletrack adding to its perimeter to widen its appeal and maximise the use of the space.

Adding a crossing point from the top of tbe Entry Hill (Golf Course trail) across Wellsway, that gains access to the grassy slope up the back side of the Odd Down cycletrack/Tumps site, would create a genuinely joined up bit of thinking and mountain bike / walker friendly leisure infrastructure.

The majority of the space needs to be accessible to families at low or no cost. With optional extra activities eg cycling, dry ski/snowboarding, outdoor education

The main reason why the use of the golf course has declined is due to lack of organisation and relatively high pricing for a small 9 hole golf course. When the course had a Secretary, matches between lots of local golf clubs was a frequent event and the course was kept in far better condition.



In my opinion, the family cycle centre and bike park would benefit the community the most as the cycle centre could link with local youth clubs like sulis scorpions and educate younger children about cycling off road which has previously not been possible in Bath. I also think that having a bike park would bring people in from far and wide (see Windhill in Longleat as an example) which would benefit both the area as its being used and the businesses around.

A golf course that is affordable is essential for those of limited income and it should remain

I think a mountain bike park would be great for whole of the community. It would attract a wide range of people of all ages. It would provide an opportunity for people to try out a new sport improving their fitness and skills in the great outdoors. It would attract people from outside of Bath and benefit the local economy and promote tourism.

I think it is great that you are considering to re use this valuable outdoor urban space for the benefit of the local community. Developing it as an area for mountain biking would make it accessible for a much wider range of Bath's citizens than it is in its current form. Many others and I are already avid mountain bikers and this would encourage and help us develop our passion for the sport as well as giving the opportunity for others to be introduced into this fast growing sport. Ashton court in Bristol is a great example of the success of an urban mountain bike park.

This course used to be so popular but unless it's run as a golf course and not a poorly maintained grassy area with no pro golfer running it it will not succeed.

A multi use community facility could be achieved, without one use being overly dominant.

I am a mountain bike rider and often drive to purpose built trails in Bristol, Forest of Dean and South Wales. Having a local mountain bike trail would mean I can enjoy my hobby without driving anywhere!

Turn it into a haven for birds and wildlife. Use it to teach young people about caring for the natural world. It is their future.

It's a great quiet space at present but my issue with turning the space into a bike park would increase traffic around the local area and a mountain bike parks tend to just end up looking like a muddy field

I have moved from Leeds which had an engaging bike park for my children. It got them outside and active and is a celebrated success. However now with few facilities my children spend their time inside addicted to screens. There is a whole park filled w play stuff already. R woods has great running facilities. Generally all kids feel bored by outdoor learning and gives them a negative impression of outdoors as they feel forced. Bike park has an attractive cool factor for kids.

I believe an outdoor activity centre, such as a mountain bike park, would greatly benefit Bath and its residents. Leeds urban bike park is an example of a bike park within a city that is thriving. As well as having beginner trails, to attract a wide audience, it also has more technical trails for more experienced riders. Bath has a large mountain bike scene, but due to lack of funding or permission, many spots have been unable to thrive as much as other cities. I believe with the right funding entry hill golf course could become the hub of Bath's outdoor activities.

Bike park gives a fun and engaging activity. Better than play park etc as is fun for all ages and can be progressive so there is always something new for everyone to try. Would recommend going for a urban bike park not trail centre as is more inspiring and keeps interest unlike trail centres

Family cycle centers such as the one at ashton court encourage use of the land, get more people out and allows people to have access to the outdoors in a more exciting way!

A bike park would provide a fun, addictive and active activity for children. This would provide an alternative for young kids like myself who without exiting sports turn to video games. I know many people of all ages who would be interested. Look at the success of Leeds urban bike park for reference.

The cycle track at Claverton is always booked and looks quite intimidating ie for professionals only. A mountain bike trail that incorporated a forest area and cafe would be amazing and totally inclusive.

Already stated

If you must have cycle tracks , have separate tracks for walkers. Dont have mountain bikers or skateboarders - keep it as an area.for leisurely activity

Make it a family area to encourage children to play outside and walk around. A cafe is always welcome.

It is important that the site remains green space because of the terms of the World Heritage Site inscription and its management plan, and also the Council's Green Infrastructure Policy. I'm keen that the space encourage the enjoyment of trees, flowers and wildlife. Fairly thick tree cover would be needed to help users to enjoy the illusion of being in a wild place and in particular to mask the traffic noise and fumes of the A367 and Entry Hill (where traffic will increase as housing developments mature). Some paths or trails and play facilities would be all right, but not to the extent where the feel of the place became regimented.

The site would not be suitable for food growing or allotments because of its previous history; and there are already good cycle &c facilities on the other side of the Wellsway. The Cotswolds Conservation Board should be consulted, as the AONB is just next door.

There needs to be a good mountain bike park for both the family and pros

Would travel regularly to visit if a mountain bike park were here.

There is already a cycle track in Odd Down and many pitches for football, rugby etc in the immediate area.

Golf has been played here for decades and the area should be kept as a public golf course.

two kids local we would love child-friendly facilities

Dog walking area and forest like Primrose hill

Why should typically rich white men have control of the green outside spaces. turn this into a wider use facility.

A family cycling or running trails would be great as dangerous to cycle around the roads near here and living on a hill cycling possibilities not easy. There are already allotments nearby. We will lose some of our running /walking trails due to sulis meadow development soon - so keeping green spaces to run/walk/cycle would be a great idea,

This is the only (proper) golf course in Bath open to the public to enable those less advantaged to play golf. The private clubs are expensive and elitist and pretty much unavailable to beginning or those less well off who want to try golf. In contrast there are numerous local facilities for the other activities



mentioned in the survey, e.g. Alexandra Park, Skyline walk, Rainbow woods, Firs field, Wansdyke path, Victoria Park etc. I think it would be unfair to deprive those less well off golfers of their only local facility merely in order to give others more choice.

I only support a change of use if the option of retained Ning as a golf course is unviable in the long term - sports (like life) has peaks and troughs and by not having a readily accessible golf course to the city the sport of golf will diminish for sure - needs good promotion / publicity and made available to the schools

It's a healthy activity for people of all ages. It's affordable compared with other golf clubs. It's the only handicap rated public golf course in Bath.

I would be adverse to making it a cycle park as that would involve bikes on that area of road which is already very narrow and in most parts, only allows one row of traffic

Leave it how it has been for the last 30 years

A rewilding project for this space (or part of this space) would be great for educational purposes too. It could showcase regeneration and be used by universities to look at succession and see what species come back to this area. Perhaps rather than just allotments a community garden/orchard could be planted with permaculture principles and then this could be used to showcase permaculture principles.

There are so many kids living within walking distance - would be great to have a space they can use, along with an organic cafe and community growing space to supply fresh produce for the cafe.

The current use as a golf course means that few people use the space. Changing it to encourage a wider usage not only will help preserve it as a green area but also provide an attractive area for people to meet and exercise.

There needs to be more low-cost sporting options, open to everyone. Golf is too elitist and limited. Bike trails with different levels of easy-difficult would interest much bigger numbers of people and the hilly location is perfect. Alongside would be opportunities for outdoor education, forest school and play spaces.

Mixed leisure use for the whole community would be best

Golf is an inherently exclusive pursuit because it is dangerous for other users of its space. I have never understood why the council felt the need to be in the golf business.

The views into Bath are lovely on the site. It is an island of calm within a busy area so preserving this tranquility is important.

In these days of 'green' considerations, we support allotments and outdoor education for all. Please be mindful that we have noticed a vast increase in traffic up and down Entry Hill and that the entrance to the golf course does not have good sight of the road.

There are a lot of cyclists in Bath that have to travel by car elsewhere to enjoy trails it would be good to have some friendly family trails and more expert trails to use on the doorstep to make the sport more accessible for those in the city

A cycle centre with a mountain bike park that could cater to riders from all abilities would be great. A pump track would be a great addition to this as takes up minimal space and is something that all people can use. We have a lot of riders in the local area.

no



Transport is one of our biggest challenges of the future - we need more people riding bicycles and ways of introducing young children to the sport. The area, not just Bath is badly need of facilities. Whilst there is a small club and track at Odd Down, if we are to claim ourselves as a sporting city we need better BMX facilities - both racing and freestyle. BMX is the best introduction for children to riding bicycles and is proven to help challenge the bigger issues in society - anti social behaviour, obesity etc. We need a proper Bike Park!

It would be a place for kids to get out side and not smoke or do drugs

I believe many of these ideas are already in place in bath, but a mountain bike park would be a new thing for the community, allowing many more people from the thriving mountain bike scene to visit.

Please keep planting more trees and allow for Banes to be more resilient for food security with more community growing food plot.

youths of this day need someone to go and do an activity that involves them not on the streets doing bad things and a bike park would. prevent this

Providing a local mountain bike trail centre would cut down on emissions, as currently enthusiasts drive to Bristol, the Forest of Dean and Wales. It would be a great place to develop youth participation in cycling and other healthy outdoor pursuits. It would be a strong asset to Banes.

I think a space to encourage children in particular to engage with their natural surroundings, learn to care for the environment would be good for both physical and mental health and good for the planet

With the boom in cycling these past 5-10 years, BANES has had some successes (eg Odd Down) in meeting demand - but not with mountain biking trails like where Leigh Woods in Clifton.

Growing cycling interests in youth, they normally ride in street or car park which is very dangerous to all. Kids need some open space to enjoy rides and also adults to anticipate. There are many successful sites in Forest of Dean.

i have a concern over more traffic on Entry Hill Drive

Make it a nature park, mountain bikers will drive there causing more traffic chaos

It would be great to have some where to safety exercise on bike with your children.

A mountain bike part would be FANTASIC!!! We don't want or need a golf course.

Think it would be great to have an outdoor space for children . My kids are too old now but would have been fantastic to have a space like that on our doorstep.

A family cycle park with walking/running trails sounds great.

I really think that having a family cycle centre and mountain bike trails is a really good idea because it gives people something to do and to get outside and stay healthy

a winter sports place would be an asset for for bath with cafe, trails trial

We have a lot of allotment space and a community growing space fairly close by. Waiting list currently not that long. The children's play park however is heaving on nice days. Huge bouncy castle and carousel now take up area previously used for picnicking and relaxing. A bike trail would be great not sure I know of another in Bath.



Golf is too narrow a pass time, surely encouraging a healthy mix of quality facilities would attract a wider range of people to value this space.

I'd like to see more people - especially local people who could walk or cycle there - able to benefit from this beautiful spot

It's pointless right now when compared with other golf courses around that are more open to the general public these days. A bike park would be a really positive venue and would encourage even more use of bikes in and around the city.

Urban bike parks are an amazing and accessible meand for young children and adults to learn or enjoy riding bikes. An amazing way to encourage outdoors life, health and fitness.

The cycle centre and MTB park would be different and have little impact on the environment and could be offered in conjunction with other activities in the hill.

An area that gets young people outside is really important

From having seen mountain bike and bike trails elsewhere they are hugely enjoyed by a high number of people and as this site is so steep it seems an ideal use for it. That said, I'd like to think you could achieve several of your ideas in the same site.

The wild life, families of deer, birds and squirrels would be disturbed if there were noisy activities going on. The ground is not suitable for allotments, very few level sites. People have many other sites to visit for running or walking around Bath but there is nowhere other than Entry Hill for people of lower incomes and on pensions to be able to have an affordable course to keep fit and healthy.

The council declared a climate crisis! Let's make this valuable space work for all for our futures.

More interested in something open and available to all with limited if any areas costing money

Recognise need for greater scope of activity.

Only that a park would be a great thing to have here - the nearest is Bloomfield which is a long way to go with small children, or Combe Down, same. If it could be a bit like Alice Park that would be great. Everyone uses Entry Hill as a cut through in Bath, so am not convinced traffic would increase.

I would love to see a trail/mountain bike trail through the park - so important for kids, families and others to connect with nature and on a bike just adds to the fun. It could be a dedicated trail or all shared with walkers - maybe with some 'skills' areas similar to Fineshade woods run by Forestry Commission - Entry hill is such a beautiful spot for it.

Thanks, Alison

Any future use needs to consider the impact of how people travel to EHill golf course. The traffics volumes along Entry Hill have significantly increased over the last 5 years adding to pollution and regular near misses between drivers. As There's no public transport down or up Entry Hill visitors will be walking, cycling or driving an increase in the latter would not be acceptable!

some of these could well operate alongside the golf course if the course wasn't open all the time, such a shame to destroy whats been built there, but fully support a change to the model and a more proactive golf club, which i understand was previously the case

Cycling is a massive growth sport and a great outside sport for kids and adults alike.



I think that a space like this can be used by a wide range of different activities if managed the right way. It is a varied space with a range of different features and many of the uses above could be incorporated together.

I don't think it needs to be one use - there's plenty of space for e.g. a Forest School area, play space, running/walking/cycling

The space could accommodate multiple leisure activities with a cafe in the present 'clubhouse' with parking.

The provision of a mountain bike facility would enhance the already excellent cycle links and provision locally and benefit a large mountain bike community.

Why have you put under a different operating model? Why have you put golf last? Golf involves walking, playing for all ages, it is a leisure and sport activity, outdoor activity and there is a cafe. Golf covers more of your requirements than any other suggestion and attracts people of all ages every day of the year.

As one of a number of mountain bikers in my company in Bath, I know that a lot of staff would love the idea of having a local bike park within riding distance

If advertising is done and the price is good. More people will play/take up golf

It should be left as a green forest area, as unaltered as possible

Mountain bike trails would be fantastic and add to the brilliant cycling provision in the Odd Down area.

Leave it as an open space, as it is already. The good thing about the golf course is that it is unobtrusive, and incorporates many trees and some walkways. The Cotswold Way runs right through the golf course already, so it is already used for far more than golf! I feel very strongly that every green space in a city should not have to pay its own way! As for your possible new uses, there is a large playground in the nearby Royal Victoria Park. If you want leisure and sports activities, you have (or did have) the Rec, before that was handed over on a plate to a rugby club owned by a millionaire. All of the other options mentioned here are completely devoid of detail. For example, what does "trails for walking and running" mean in practice? Lots of crappy signage and infrastructure? If so, why? Also, are you proposing that the *whole area* would be turned over to allotments (which is surely a form of privatisation?) or to community food growing? If so, please explain why you think that would be a good idea. Without that detail, this (so called) consultation is just a sham.

Under what different operating model

Bath is really lacking mountain biking facilities, they spent load of money on road cycling but nothing on mtb

There are enough parks with cafes in Bath, and enough play spaces. I'd like to see other activities supported, e.g. mountain biking, traditional craft.

It's a Golf Course, it's to play golf on. It appears the powers that be have already decided to close it.

Something that everyone can use will be great. I don't personally play golf, but would love to have something close by to enjoy.

All the options other than family cycle mountain bike are well supported locally

I just think there are so few areas where you can ride your bike off road on trails near Bath without risking getting told off and I think a bike park would be ideal for both children and adults to ride there



I have to travel far to ride my mountain bike, To have one in the city would be great

As I have stated in my previous answers, I have not been/yet to visit Entry Hill Golf course. However if it were an outdoor space for Mountain Biking/Running/Walking, I could see this being much more beneficial to others and myself. As a resident of Bath, I am aware of the lack of walking and biking areas within a short distance of where I live, this area as a cycling/walking/running space, would be fantastic

please don't build on it

I'm only interested in a bike park everything else on the list is already in bath or nearby ! And I'm constantly having to drive elsewhere to ride my bike a well made and maintained mountain Bike park can be very profitable and brilliant for community and kids (and big kids)

keep it as natural as possible whilst also supporting and promoting outdoor activities

Seeing how popular Windhill bike park is and how many bike parks & pump tracks are being set up all over the country I think this is exactly what Bath needs. Is a great way to get kids and adults on bikes out doors and learning new skills whilst keeping fit.

The options given are not detailed enough to know what is proposed and the impact this would have on the space.

Moors valley country park, near Ringwood in Hampshire, may offer a model that incorporates most of the suggestions above.

We need better outdoor facilities in Bath. There is limited co-ordinated thinking around such facilities.

There are already parks with cafes around bath. Some that get little use. I feel this space would need a purpose, with limited cycling in the bath area the site would be perfect for both cycling and running. This group of users care about the areas they are visiting and would help with the maintenance and keeping the area beautiful.

Please creatively use the site whilst retaining the green benefits that could easily be lost forever if it were built on/developed.

It would be good to connect the nearby cycle circuit and BMX track at the Tumps to the new proposed cycle track if poss to gain better utilization for all?

It is very rare to have a municipal golf course like Entry Hill, one of the few examples of a municipal golf course in the area, this would be a shame to lose

Very few local bike riding around for mountain bikers and there is a huge biking community in Bath. It's a sport for all ages and easy for many people to get into

There is a huge cycling facility in Odd Down which is very underused.

Make Entry Hill golf course prosper by telling people about it. Thousands of students out there who are oblivious of it. They can rent clubs and get there by bus but they need to it is there and welcomes everybody

A bike centre can add additional facilities for different types of riding which are missing at Odd Down. With both facilities you could create a and excellent cycling hub which could also easily incorporate running and walking. The hub can be used to train and educate children.

Mixed use would be best – I'm a passionate mountain biker so would love to see an mtb circuit there, but this is a fantastic space and it would be nice to see it being enjoyed by loads of people, with different activities.!



I think a mountain bike centre is a brilliant idea. There could be both MTB trails and running/walking trails installed to cater for a wider audience. I would travel to entry hill to go mountain biking as there aren't really any trails near to us in Chippenham/Bath area. I think the community use is also a great idea but to bring in people from further afield trails for biking/running/walking is a great idea.

Doing more for the community and making it more accessible to residents by using it for more activities is the best way forwards

Current layout is for a golf course and any real changes would probably mean the closure of the area as a golf course. Entry Hill golf course is the only public golf course in the region and is an asset for Bath. The main issue seems to be that the council don't want the costs associated with the golf course, and the operator isn't interested other than collecting membership fees, money generated by the coffee shop. There should be a properly constituted golf club open to all residents and the general public. The costs of ground maintenance should be paid by the club from membership fees and revenue from the coffee shop. There should not be any lease charges from the council as this a public amenity.

Leave it as it is.

golf is supported in a number of sites around bath cycling is experiencing a huge growth and we have the opportunity to make Bath a go to location for track and off road the are a number of specialist outdoor experience forest school locations around bath Brookers wood etc that have been delivering their product for ages and have it mastered allotments always end up looking scruffy with patched sheds and untended plots and is a community food space any different to allotments

I think the golf course needs greater promotion - particularly with schools, colleges and universities to encourage a younger introduction and engagement in the sport. It is just not promoted and needs a different operating model. Many young people cannot afford to belong to the large courses in and around Bath. Entry Hill is just superb for beginners and extremely challenging for the better players.

Although golf is a great game it is a shame that such a nice site can be used by only those that play golf. It is not safe to have it for both golfers and non golfers and makes sense to turn it into a park. There must be direct public transport to it however.

The site would seem prime for some mountain bike activity but with good social provision and catering for those who might want to give it a go open it up to the community make it a meeting point for people

There are many trails for walking and running around Bath, I would like to see more opportunities for mountain biking. When the bike park at Longleat opened it became the most profitable park for the operator in England, so there is strong demand in the area.

Profile of cycling could be raised on this side of town.

Being built upon an old community dump will limit what can be built upon the land

There are no off road cycling places in bath a mountain bike trail centre is needed and this is a ideal location

I regularly pass bath visiting relatives and as a regular user of family cycling trails I would be extremely happy to have more options on safe places to cycle as a family.

Mountain Bike Parks are proving to be popular across the U.K. attracting visitors who also tend to spend money on local services such as cafes, pubs, b&bs etc. A well run MTB Park can also be used by schools/youth groups, stag/hen/birthday parties, groups catering for people with physical & mental health



issues and the general public of all ages. Well run MTB parks tend to be busy all year round, generating a good return on the investment. Also provide local jobs.

Strongly in favour of cycling and mountain biking facilities

I am a regular amateur golfer. This course is suitable for all abilities. I wouldn't be able to play golf if I couldn't use this course as I can't afford to join any of the clubs in the area. It's a challenging course in beautiful surroundings.

It should remain a golf course. I do t know what (under a different operating model) means

Wide ranging health benefits should be the core use

Many older people find it is advantageous to play sport and these people cannot afford to play on other courses. We are saving the Council money from its Social care budget.

The lack of golf only membership. This is an ex council refuse tip with a very limited depth of top soil, trees are very shallow rooted, there is also a lot of movement on fairways. At present the the Radon gas points are not at risk from interference but open this course up and those monitoring points will need to be protected from the general public (golfers respect these points) These points do not endear them. selves to allotments, outdoor education. Urban mountain biking would need to be closely supervised to protect and conserve this valuable woodland asset with its diverse wild life.

A space that encourages people to enjoy the outdoors as naturally as possible would be beneficial so close to the city. It would be great to encourage wildlife and not to add to the hard surfaces or built structures on the site. Reuse and renovation of the current buildings, with low impact designs would be important.

it would be good if the golf course remained but other activities perhaps were added at different times to make it more feasible

I think an mtb park would bring many visitors, business to the area and provide a great space for relaxation and recreation

I feel strongly that the facility should remain as a golf course. All the other options would require financial investment with little return. Any available funding should be used to retain and improve this amazing asset within this lovely city of Bath. All other open spaces are maintained for non paying users while it would appear that the upkeep of Entry Hill golf course is being ignored. Until I know what the different operating model is I prefer not to evaluate this option.

I would travel to Bath frequently to use a mountain bike park and/or Family cycle centre.

Needs advertising and good marketing to encourage use as golf course. Currently nothing is done to encourage use

Having seen the Leeds Urban Bike Park (which used to be a golf course) and how successful it is it seems like a great model. So many children and teenagers use this and also with their parents on bikes - it's great for people's health and gives younger people something productive to do. You could also fit in walking and running trails so a broad spread of different demographics can enjoy the landscape. Build a decent cafe on the site plus a bike rental / bike shop and charge for parking but make the trails all free and this would be perfect.

Strongly recommend the consultation speak with Leeds Bike Park about their work.



Trails for walking and running should be separate people strolling wont always be expecting runners to whiz past them.

There is more golf played than is recorded because GLL memberships are not solely for golf. The fees charged for golf are very low and most regular golfers would pay more for a golf only membership. The condition of the course and the facilities do not encourage new players and the course is not promoted properly. The management is undertaken as part of a catering and social events department: sporting or fitness expertise or interest is not involved in either promotion or provision on the golf course. It is a proven fact that golf, properly promoted, encouraged and taught, improves mobility and fitness for all ages by gentle exercise in the open air and also social interaction. It can reduce reliance on social care, which is a huge part of any council's budget and can be prescribed by the NHS for rehabilitation and improving mental health.

Keep the space green and clean for future use, the landscapes are beautiful and must stay protected.

I don't know the place but get lots of activities there for many groups. There are so many golf courses out there and not much of the other activities you asked about

MTB trails in Bristol are popular but limited. Something a little more epic would be a big draw.

Make it accessible by bike rather than somewhere people have to drive to.

Safe spaces to cycle are imensly important to encourage families and any age group to get on a bike. Mountain biking or similar is a fun way to Create challenges in a small space that promote good mental health, fitness and socialising. Needs a bike rental place attached and invite local volunteers to maintain trails.

I don't know if it's needed

There is a severe lack of mountain bike centres with facilities anywhere local to Swindon.

The mountain bike industry and sport as a whole is booming. It's suitable for all the family and all ages. Combine it with a cafe and skills area and you're on to a winner

It is increasingly hard to find good value and accessible golf courses and it would be a great pity to lose one as significant as entry hill.

Growing up in bath as a keen mountain biker was great exploring to find/ build our own trails but often led us to going on to private land and riding places we probably weren't allowed too. having a local bike park so close to the city center would be a great opportunity for young up and coming riders and would actively encourage many to try out the booming sport

I think any change of use should fit with B&NES's commitment to reach carbon net zero by 2030. This means careful consideration of options with respect to carbon emissions and carbon sequestration/removal. Could some of the land be used to generate green electricity, eg using small scale wind arrays or solar arrays? Could local food production reduce food-related emissions and improve food security? Could more trees be planted, and could some of these be fruit trees in the form of a community orchard? Thought also needs to be given to green transport to the site.

Mountain biking is fast becoming one of the most popular sports in the UK. It is also a really fun family activity. Just look at the success of Pedalabikeaway in the Forest of Dean.

I strongly support the idea of mountain bike trails, this would be amazing



I would come to Bath more if there was a family bike trail me and my wife could enjoy and have food/drink and a off road mountain bike I could use as this is my hobby.

When I first joined Entry Hill the greens were immaculate and the course was well maintained. The current green keeper does his best but often the equipment is either unavailable or not working. In the summer it needs at least two full time workers. I understand that in the winter the green keeper only works three days a week? We used to play several other clubs home and away but due to the poor state of the course most dropped out. If it's a question of money then I would be happy to pay double the current membership as long as the course was properly maintained. I currently pay £15 per month, to join a private club e.g. Saltford would cost about £100 per month. Many of our seniors are well over 80 and still very active, one is 88 and still races up the last stretch to the clubhouse and he is also a volunteer driver for the RUH. Ashton Court golf course has recently been butchered. It boasted 36 holes but the best 9 holes have been adapted for Footgolf and 9 holes on the Plateau have been lost. Not everyone can afford to pay £1000 a year and it's very sad that so many municipal courses have disappeared. Entry Hill is about the only one left. There are plenty of other places for mountain bikers and being so steep would not be suitable especially with the poor drainage and would also be dangerous for running. As for allotments or growing space don't forget it was a land fill site and no doubt full of toxic waste so I certainly would not eat anything that has been grown there!

Bristol, Swindon have areas for learning mountain biking / family trails, Bath has none of those.

I would like to see it open, free access - whatever it becomes. It should be kept as wild as possible. There is already cycle facilities at odd down, which is why I don't support that option

I'd fb love to have a place to use my bike with my kids

North facing slope poor for growing fruit & veg

It's a large area in which to walk of road near a large residential area. The fields in Southstoke are going to be built on in the near future making that area much less attractive for walking. People need empty accessible green spaces to relax in.

I love cycling, especially off-road, and it would be great to have more for me in the area!

There's an amazing active community locally, but many sports do not have a legal space to take place forcing long-distance travel or illegal activity. This could be the perfect venue.

Have a look at the success of Aston Court/Leigh woods in Bristol and the Leeds Urban Bike Park

Opening a bike park would be great as the nearest bike park is over an hour away, but even with this seeing the number of people who from Bath make the effort to get there is surprising.

I would travel to Entry Hill if there was a good bike park there, and stay for tea/coffee/cake/dinner etc.

What about keeping it as it is, or is that not an option?

A mountain bike park would be a huge boon to the local area. Just look at places like Bike Park Wales and Swinley Forest to see how beneficial it can be.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE SOMEWHERE SAFE AND FUN FOR FAMILIES TO RIDE THEIR BIKES TOGETHER.

A mountain bike park would be great



I live next to the golf course

It is the perfect venue for a bike park and there's plenty of demand in the area!

Family activities such as cycling, walking, and other sports activities would be my preference. It will encourage residents and families to spend more time together and be accessible for the whole community. Looking at the success of places such as Ashton Court locally in increasing activity in people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds, it would be great if there were somewhere similar in Bath!

A bike park would attract so many people to the area. theres a massive mountain bike scene in bath and surrounding areas. theres a mountain bike magazine and youtube channel based in bath so would get very good publicity

We need every opportunity possible to encourage cycling and around Bath - for residents, kids, commuters, visitors - for the future.

Rewild the land, plant lots of trees, encourage biodiversity, use to teach people the importance of reconnecting with nature and why we need it.

I love mountain biking. In Bristol we are lucky enough to have Pedal Progression who look after the trails at Ashton Court and offer a great bike hire and coaching service. If there was something in Bath, I'd definately ride there too.

A Mtb park would be great, encouraging people to have fun and fitness at the same time

I would prefer the space to benefit the widest possible range of people, rather than being exclusive (allotments etc.)

There is no shortage of golf courses in the area but never enough places for families and young people to cycle safely. An MTB course, family cycle paths and perhaps a community garden would be a wonderful use of the space.

I strongly believe a mountain biking centre could be truly great for Bath, not only by bringing g much more money to the City but by increasing its green image

Mountain biking is a fantastic activity that helps keep people fit but also a great social activity as well. Centres in south wales and the set up at ashton court are incredibly popular. having a new place in Bath would be fantastic

The are could do with a MTB park

It is the only 'full size' golf pay and play facility in the area. It could be a place where children learn to play the game at the same time as enjoying the outdoors. Other golf forms such as frisbee golf or football- golf could be included.

Multi use outdoor activity venue with a café using home grown produce that becomes a destination in its own right - perhaps using it as a project to upskill young people who are NEET ? Run outdoor activity workshops for all ages , outdoor but covered space for yoga / mindfulness .

BANES has declared a climate emergency and now needs to put pledges into action. This piece of land offerers an unmissable opportunity to create a green space which puts wildlife first. We could rewild the space to encourage wildlife, build a community hub for learning and growing projects, which help educate the community about how to protect and nurture wildlife in our urban environment. We could have a community growing space growing vegetables and tree saplings . It could be fantastic! I am currently illustrating all the insects native to Bath. I would love to run community art projects about insects and to have an eco hub in Bath to work from would be totally amazing!

Most people will drive their bikes here creating more traffic issues across the city



Many more trees, and rewilding / nature increased.

The area should 100% remain a leisure area. Perhaps creating a mountain bike area with various trails of differing skill level would be an amazing use of the space.

I think it's a great place for beginners to try out golf in a safer space than a full course and would be a real shame to lose it

This would be a fantastic opportunity to make a city nature reserve

With a little more financial input this golf course could be made into one of the best around Bath.

Bath is already well served for parks, cafes, forest school (rainbow woods, bath city farm, smallcombe woods), play parks (Bloomfield, Alexandra parks nearby), allotments etc. A mountain bike park would be truly unique and encourages local riders away from other well known but more contentious riding spots...

Bike park or running / walking routes would be great in this area. It could turn Bath into a hub for cycling.

I think the notion of a family cycle centre has plenty going for it: the terrain at the site lends itself naturally to that use. There would be scope to include walking and running trails as part of the remit, and there would also be space for outdoor education facilities too. The parking facilities at Entry Hill are limited; I'd like to see the site linked with Odd Down, with access via a toucan crossing on the Wellsway

There are already multiple golf courses in the area, it would be nice to use the space in a different way that promotes healthy living and is accessible to the average person.

There are multiple golf courses nearby, but the nearest mountain bike parks are in Bristol (40 minutes by car) and Swindon (50-60 minutes by car).

knowing this was built on reclaimed land that has to be regularly assessed for gas escape any food growing would not be a good idea and we would need to be very clear it is safe to use for young children

There are lots of golf courses in Bath and Bristol and surrounding area, but not many hubs for families to use woods and forests

Looking at the example of Ashton Court near Bristol it would be possible to create a shared use area for many different users, such as cycling, forest and play areas, and walking/running trails within the same space which would grant a broader range of people access and enjoyment to the site

Forest School/Outdoor Education/Community site would provide much needed support for mental well being. Child and Family Hubs have been closed, the venue could also provide before and after school support for families. These suggestions support education, a cleaner environment, mental well being and exercise for all age groups.

Bath is crying out for a mountain biking option and this site could be ideal!

There are way too many golf courses in Bath, and the Council should let the other private courses provide for demand from golfers.

Outdoor activities that can work together

Site probably too small for a mountain bike park but a small pump track for younger kids might work.

It should remain a space that is open to everyone to use.



Cafe cycling and other walking/ running would be great

Trail centre would be good as nearest one is Bristol

A bike park in the centre of the city would be a great asset especially if its combined with trails for running and walking

I would not be able to afford to play golf if this course closed.

Some rewilding is this space is needed to address the climate emergency

Given the topography, close links to the Two Tunnels, the Odd Down Race Track & BMX track and the issues I have seen with friends driving miles to use MTB parks I think there is huge synergy in establishing a MTB park here. It would also allow planting of 1000s of trees.

Of note an MTB park with cafe and Forest school is possible but there is already a Forest school up at Rainbow Woods. We should be looking to bring something unique to Bath that is sorely missing.

Bath does not need more allotments where people with gardens get more space to grow veg.

With clever design, this could be useable for many more people than it currently is.

I support leisure activities as long as they don't involve infrastructure/buildings. The current cafe needs improvement but it is a low-key building which doesn't detract from the beauty of the green space. There are very good cycling facilities already at Odd Down Playing Fields and The Tumps.

Rainbow Woods is just a few steps away and is great for dog walking etc. There is an outdoor children's play area, lots of space and coffee available at Combe Grove Manor across the Riad.

It is important that youngsters and lower income people have an opportunity to play golf without having to shell out enormous sums to play. Enhancing the current facilities by adding additional activities would be acceptable but not at the cost of the golf club.

We should do everything we can to encourage people to get outside and exercise.

People do not necessarily need to have their time organised ,so wild soaces are vital too, along with mixed use pathways etc

An alternative access off wellsway would help reduce excess traffic in entry hill

This space should be open to all communities. It should stay an open space protecting wildlife. I agree school children should use the space for Forest school but communities should come together with mixed use

The cafe can be used by anyone- perhaps it needs advertising more.

All points mentioned above are already catered for in the area. Odd Down Cycle track/ Rainbow Woods etc.

Play spaces shouldn't be planned for an area that was previously a rubbish dumping site.



This area must be kept as green space, the wildlife is abundant, we often see Deer in the trees, we cannot loose anymore parkland, the birds and wildlife as essential.

Would be great to have another park to walk around

THE COUNCIL IS LOOKING TO CLOSE PLAY AREAS AT OTHER LOCATIONS , SO WHY SPEND MONEY ON ANOTHER ONE

please leave as it is

Why not just leave it as it is for the local bath people that have used it for years. Everything else suggested is available close by! If it ain't broke, don't fix it comes to mind.

Change entrance access away from Entry Hill

The soil is thin and sits on compacted refuse as the site was used as a rubbish dump for many years. Potential for uncovering hazardous waste, sharp objects and releasing trapped methane. Therefore unsuitable for allotments and community food growing.

I think any redevelopment should aim to maximise accessibility. The provision of activities for people from all socio-economic backgrounds and of all physical abilities should be made to feel welcome.

The golf course is a fantastic facility and we should encourage more use of it

Coming from Glasgow, a city which has been designed with accessible parks for the community, I feel Bath fails at providing large, mature and natural accessible spaces for families and people who enjoy cycling, running or walking. There is obviously Victoria park but this is only accessible by car for people who live in the South or Bath. With the growing problem of obesity in our population, I feel natural areas with mature trees and varied landscapes, need to be provided for the public, perhaps with some facilities for families, to encourage a healthier, happier, more outdoor lifestyle. The area has mature trees already, which is the perfect setting for play areas, cycle paths, walkways and nature trails which would keep people interested.

It's necessary that BaNES provides activity for all ages. The younger children have plenty of well equipped play areas but young people and the elderly need an activity to keep them fit to save the NHS money by keeping us all healthy.

What does "under a different operating model " mean ? I'm very happy with it being a Golf Course , but wouldn't want floodlights for a night -time driving range for example , or anything that directly impacts on the wildlife that share the space . A mountain bike park would result in the grass surface being churned into mud , and maybe extra noise from spectator events . We love our green space , please don't ruin it .

There is no need to change the use of Entry Hill it is the only 9 hole golf course in the area that has handicap status . It just needs adequate upkeep, promoting and the valuing of its hard working talented staff. Your survey is heavily slanted towards looking for alternative uses for Entry Hill rather than the improvement and promotion of the existing facility

This golf course is an amazing asset in the city of Bath and enjoyed by many, not just the young, but people of all ages. It's an opportunity for men/women, of all ages to enjoy nine holes of golf, be outside, socialise and exercise, Something we are being told non stop is so very important. There are so many spaces in Bath that can and do cater to all the other activities listed above. Why the council would even consider taking away the only nine hole golf course in the city makes me so angry. The other privately owned golf courses around Bath are unaffordable for me. I am a member of Entry Hill



golf club, and play two or three times a week. The social side, exercise and enjoyment are an important part of my life, and the same can be said for many others I know.

I would support any use which maintained the trees and grassland without attracting noisy activity such as a child bike park or ruined the grassland by building a mountain bike course.

Why change

Entry Hill gives many people a lot of pleasure . The older players have a wonderful chance to keep fit. Many play into their 80s. There is a huge cycling facility very close by with lots of space for games.



APPENDIX 5 – Question 11 – Text Answers - Do you have other ideas for future leisure uses at Entry Hill Golf Course?

Other activities supported in 10. could be complimentary and there is potential for an urban 're-wilding' of the site to increase its biodiversity and support related health and well being activities.

A "Well being park" providing an "adult outdoor gym" using natural materials as possible. A sensory garden for use by children as a discovery tool, and disabled and physically and mentally ill to aid overall health and recovery.

Whatever the final use, it would be excellent if this opportunity were used to support nature - increase biodiversity, air quality, etc.

City Farm, Education Space

Keep it the same.

To ensure the land is made fully accessible to the community of south Bath and is well connected to existing green spaces especially Lyncombe. Would like to suggest that whilst some car parking be made available, especially to enable access for disabled and elderly visitors, cars should not be allowed to dominate the site as it often feels at Royal Victoria Park and Alexandra Park.

If it is possible to develop a core team a second parkrun for Bath would be fantastic

Ensure that to get it used that you open up entry points in all the corners to allow and encourage local families to walk through and enjoy this important facility. with imagination bees could be established via beehives and local apiary societies could help and support this. I believe there are enough cycling facilities close by at Odd Down (even though I am a keen cyclist myself!) it could and should become a facility that everyone can enjoy without the risk of cyclists all over the course.

As above, some sort of climbing/obstacles activities in part of the area away from the re-vamped golfing facilities. They would have to be interesting and challenging enough to draw in people of all ages though. Biking is less suitable as the terrain is possibly too steep in places for family cycling and not large enough for keen mountain bikers who have plenty of countryside already in which to exercise their interest. One of those specially designed courses for bmx style bikes, jumps, turns, gradients might be an idea. But not motorised vehicles which would not be fair on nearby residents. At the very least it should remain heavily treed and some sort of parkland, so I am encouraged building on any of it is listed as an option.

dry ski slope and paintball

There could easily be a community space which could be used for classes, meetings and events.

No

Outdoor ski slope for skiing and snow boarding.

If the golf course was managed more actively more people would use it as they used to do. Surely this would be more cost effective than charging its usage. An alternative would be to hand it over to the National Trust to manage. They already manage Prior Park, with free access to residents using the discovery card.

How about some kind of academy, as a place to develop skills

Bikepark all day long! It would be such a successful business! The community just keeps getting bigger and bigger.

Rewilding and foraging resource.

If the golf is continued, could there be scope for walking routes as well, and perhaps certain times/days/events when golf is briefly suspended in favour of walking?

Wild Space

No

Big climbing, exploring area where you can run around, and an outdoor basket ball court.

Outdoor performance area for theatre/opera

MTB

no

no

An amphitheatre for outdoor shows and and events in the summer. A big film screen. I feel that some of the area could be used for dog training/agility/flyball. There is nothing like this in Bath and it is badly needed.

Keep it as it is..advertising its use

I'd like it to remain as a golf course.

Community Centre, Cafe, Encourage local groups such as WI, Scouts & Guiding Community, A local choir could all benefit from using this space and encourage engagement with the local community.

It is quite a wildlife haven, with deer. That should be retained in some parts, with other parts given over to other activities, such as children's adventure playground, provide walking and cycling paths around parts of the area, with seating areas

Make it a unique Sculpture/Nature Park with active play, creative learning facilities and a focus for Climate and Biodiversity awareness

Perhaps there's a way that it can function as a multi use space ? StAndrews Old Course in Scotland (the home of golf) closes down on Sunday's and becomes a public park.

The site would be perfect for inclusion of a dry ski/snowboarding slope. These prove immensely popular for young people.

A community led initiative using the space to focus on starting to address the climate and biodiversity crisis.

None at this point



A managed woodland with walking trails to encourage native species of plants and animals, improve biodiversity and reacquaint people with nature.

no further ideas than were given in Q10, but please don't encourage more traffic!

Soft play and outdoor adventure park and cafe

Outdoor pool!

Ski slope was muted but we need to reduce traffic on Entry Hill - already a death recorded B4 700 houses @ foxhill.

A greater emphasis on encouraging people to try out golf, so taster sessions with the support of a golf coach etc are needed.

Meditation centre

Bike park

No

No

no

Skatepark area

NO

It's a nice golf course

An accessible walking/cycling/ picnicing space for families and residents/schools to use would be great. Something that could incorporate nature trails, bike trails and possible host events for local community. Could there be any collaboration with the avon wildlife trust to develop areas on the site to develop it into an urban nature reserve with ponds and woodlands with a cafe? like Willsbridge mill in Bristol - they also use the site for weddings/celebrations and educational events - forest schools etc. It has huge potential.

I would have liked to have seen an option to turn it into a mixed woodland which can still cater for many of the above choices

A lovey big park would be great. Maybe with a pond to support wildlife.

No need to reinvent it at all

I'm really surprised bath doesn't have more outdoor workout equipment, this would be great to see

Clay pigeon shooting.

See above

I think areas left just for wildlife should be high on the agenda as much as spaces and activities that benefit people.. and some will do for both!

Leave it as it is, drop the price, make it completely user-friendly, increase parking so we can all visit frequently!

I feel strongly that the area should be accessible to people of limited mobility and wheelchair users

yes see 10 above



Yes, my dream would be for B&NES to forget it exists and leave it alone.

An improved golf course

Possibly use or link the depot site to the north for additional sporting/ leisure use. It has a good flat space for a hanger for climbing which could also provide zip line or high obstacle course activities on entry hill.

No

Do independent survey of wild life there at present, by Bath Natural History Society or other. THEN plan routes or whatever

See above

Uses which take the above very serious issues into account

Sporting hub eg Climbing Centre; indoor golf practice area; BMX park

Somewhere kids can swim or paddle during the hot months. There is no outdoor swimming in Bath. Play areas designed for children aged 10 upwards. Challenges with death slides and large zip wires.

no

No

I think play spaces should be natural play spaces

Community Wellbeing Hub where outdoor space is used to the full by a range of people and the building/cafe used for wellbeing courses on a range of topics designed to improve the general wellbeing of the community.

No

See above

If nobody much uses it build some affordable accommodation. Maybe refer to your housing department or Curo to see if it's necessary at all.

No

I would aim for as many leisure uses as possible: imagine a space where kids can play, and learn about nature, while their parents run or grow food, and their grandparents walk and sit in the cafe.

I'd prefer housing. It would be galling for people to live outside Bath and have to commute in past a bike trail facility. Why not cater for real lives and allow key workers to live in the city, at the same time reducing the need to build on the green belt.

Please see 10. above

Dry ski slope

The top area is relatively flat which could encompass an open air pool, for example. A daytime pedestrian access between Entry Hill and Wellsway would also entice passing trade. The space can be used for a diverse array of activities without major upheaval.

A true cycle/pedestrian path from north to south and east to west



No

This could be a ski centre and mountain bike park.

No

Dry sky slopes

No

While skiing is perhaps not the most inclusive sport - is the site steep enough for a dry ski slope?

As above. We would be interested to know more about any plans for the cafe as we would consider taking an active role in its development.

Not applicable

Build a Velodrome and proper big bmx track.

Outward bound style activities for adults, emphasising participation over competition. Fun and games for grown-ups. It could become the place in town to go to for a chance to try for yourself some of the skills you see others do on the telly Under expert guidance of course.

no

If not a bicycle space, keep it open to the public.

More variety of leisure options to make use of space better

See question 10.

Perhaps a tree top activity centre utilising the trees already there. Something like moors valley country park in the new forest would be perfect for families

Free crazy golf, free outdoor gym equipment trail, play equipment, tennis courts, table tennis tables, toilets, cafe, maze, sensory garden.

Dog walking area, human and dog agility tracks, open air gym / exercise space.

if golf were to remain it would require investment and better management

A LIDO or outdoor swimming pool with cafe and leaving the green space for other activities (some of the above options would be suitable).

As well as general sports and leisure perhaps a ski slope as there is not one for miles give the kids another hobby.

Outdoor activity centre with zip wire and climbing course and an outdoor gym for all ages.

Outdoor gym, yoga/tai chi area

Retail park like longwell green, with shops, gym, restaurants

Part used as a driving range

Forest tree top walks and bridges and swings and tree houses



yes. These are drone sports (flying toy helicopters through obstacle courses by remote video), segway adventures, and outdoor exercise kit on the running trails.

Rewild the area for wildlife and nature.

MTB park with disabled trail

Bikes!!!

No

Skatepark

Just a bike park would be great

Consider options that deliver wellbeing through exercise, experience and community.

No

Rewild the area for nature to be enjoyed with walking trails and woodland playground.

bike park

Add some all access trails for disabled riders too, they're something that massively needs to be encouraged

No

No

Run Permaculture courses. Link with mental health groups and providers .

Zip wire . Wild flower meadow to keep it natural so biodiversity doesn't reduce because of drastic change of use

An attractive entrance from Wellsway, the current gates are unsightly and always covered in litter

Mountain biking

Previous comment is the most important in my view.

Cycle centre

(1). A community amphitheatre for local productions and events (schools and community groups etc); (2) a petanque/boules court; (3) outdoor gym equipment for all ages; (4) outdoor spa

I am fully in favour of a mountain bike trail centre but with the inclusion of a track for 4wheeled bikes for the less bales riders. This is something that can quite easily be adopted and give the park something quite unique, that can also generate revenue. The MTB industry is currently beyond thriving with no sign of easing up. The more accessibility for bike parks is encouraging people to get out in the fresh air and exercise which can only be a good thing for all.

My sister is a carer and occasionally takes a residents up to the area, who thoroughly enjoy it. It could possibly become a shared space, perhaps with a protected area, from which the elderly may enjoy the surrounds!

Spilt use on different days of the week - that way the golfers could remain and more public access, outdoor education etc on other days.



No

Parkrun! Mountain bike loop with a flyer over to Odd Down BMX and road circuit.

N/A

MTB trails, dirt jumps, all that good stuff

Pathway for people who walk up the Hill

NO. Please keep it as it is.

Mtb Park or racing car track

Just mountain biki

Nope

Make it a bike park/trail with some disabled access for 4 wheel mtb or off-road wheelchair

A walk/ cycle bridge over the Wellsway would be great avoiding the horrible roundabouts, to link the Odd Down sports facilities.

Consider supporting businesses opportunity for whatever the purpose of the site. Visitor revenue can boost local economy and local businesses

Follow the forestry commissions example and include walking and horse trails.

Wild nature conservation area, areas to grow food, organic cafe, space for a drop in center for community education and support for the disabled.

A small driving range for a true multi use park and to mollify existing users.

It makes logical sense to be placing a Bike Park their as Bath is linked to the cycle path massively meaning you're more likely to get people cycling to the bike park instead of driving. Also it is a different activity from the likes of golf where there are thousands of them across the country

None

If a cafe is built, please incorporate rooms in the building that can be used for community meeting spaces.

Bike park / shop / cafe

Is there an opportunity for a quiet route, ebike route up to Odd Down?

Mtb park sound great

A Residential community farm for children from disadvantaged homes. Similar to Jamie's Farm in Box. Working with schools where outdoor life could become part of the curriculum.

No

No sorry

Pedestrian access is important to improve accessibility and reduce carbon emissions. There is potential to provide a pedestrian link across Odd Down which bypasses significant sections of the Frome Road. A pedestrian crossing on Wellsway would enable this. This could extend to Perrymead and Prior



Park. This would provide a pleasant walking route around the south of the city, a major benefit to people who currently have to contend with Frome Road to travel east or west.

See previous answer

Bushcraft (linked to Forest school), wild camp in summer nights (youth/school/scouts etc), Parkrun building reserved for toddler enjoyment and fun

No

MTB PARK!!!

No

N/A

Woodland trail more trees croci natural bluebells daffodils etc

Ensuring walkers with families and dogs can use it safely and enjoy the views of the city.

Bike Park

A park with a running trail around perimeter with cafe and dog friendliness throughout.

Children's. Play space and walking trails

No

Wildlife woodland development

Not at this time.

Mountain biking would be my preference!

A good example are the Western Park jumps in Leicester.

Off-road running, "Survival of the Fittest"-style obstacle course, outdoor fitness training.

Create a modern and futuristic Central Park and ride. Ideally an improved gold course though more of a rival to bath golf club but undercuts them a lot in price.

Maximise it's potential for tackling the climate emergency through natural systems (e.g. tree planting, carbon sequestration through the soil)

An MTB park would be well used but does not require the whole space. The trails can readily be integrated with other uses.

Big MTB park with jump like similar to BPW or FOD

None

A mountain bike park would be amazing and it could be a joint activity center for mountain bikers, walkers and dog walkers, playground and trail runners. We Mountainbikers love to share with our folks



A park sounds great

No

nope, just mountain bike

Retain its park like serenity

Golf!

DON'T BUILD ON IT

as above

It depends whether you can build? I think Bath is missing things like a climbing wall.

Ski slope?

Skatepark for those who ride bmx and skate

How about fitness park or 'boot camp' alt all times of the day and for all ages?

No

Night time trail with lights - lots of European cities offer this and it's great! The possibility of running activities in the winter would be great.

MTB Park all the way!!! (Please!)

no

Driving range.

please don't reduce it's biodiversity or increase it's carbon footprint

I think it would make an excellent urban nature reserve, with the grasses turned over to wildflower meadows and natural scrub and the trees allowed to mature. A large wildlife pond could be placed at the bottom of site (it is naturally v waterlogged in winter). This could be a valuable haven for wildlife, including pollinators (e.g. bees) and dragonflies and butterflies and moths.

Re Wilding & education on tackling climate change

Rewild it.

Nope

The club has golf clubs for hire - why are young people not encouraged through schools to take part. Remove the outdated notion that golf is an expensive sport for a few.

Mountain biking please

Wildlife conservation area

Please please liaise with British Cycling type organisation and your local clubs



No

Any leisure activity is the natural environment created here ,not a payed for experience activity which will encourage people to drive there, do their chosen experience , and drive back home.i would like to see some wild areas with trails around the site. Not the construction of a cycle park.

Half mtb half golf

Those ideas above seem comprehensive

Mtb or bmx park

Leeds urban bike park is an excellent role model for this type of space. UK is also crying out for a decent dry ski slope facility.

'Rewilding'. This would provide the very best means of protecting biodiversity and carbon capture, as well as, providing a great site for a forest school, outdoor education, walking and running paths and an excellent area for scientific study. For good reasons to rewild land, please look for the 'Why Rewilding' and 'Examples' page on the 'Rewilding Britain' website.

NA

Cycle park

No

No

No

Urban bike park for the next generation.

Bike park with disabled access would be brilliant

Children centre, with baby clubs, breastfeeding group, hiring space for local community activities (yoga, dance, language courses, birthday parties, ceremonies), a library..

Outdoor activities for the whole family.

It's such a good hill and would work well for dry skiing (although that wouldn't be so good from an ecological point of view).

No

Student housing, like everywhere else of course.

see above

Nope

An accessible bike park

A mid-level mountain bike park with the opportunity for all levels to enjoy themselves would be an excellent choice.

A hybrid between golf and another activity could be interesting. For example, 5 par-3 holes, a driving range and another use for the wider community such as outdoor education or public park



Plant more trees.

Mountain Bike park with facilities for special needs children such as 4 wheel Kart tracks.

Make it a mixed use MTB centre with excellent local produce cafe for all and walking trails and picnic spots

a 'Mans' shed stocked with tools and run by a local charity or repair cafe to reduce social isolation for people with additional needs. It could double up as a bike repair/maintenance area, forest school and outdoor education HQ. HQ

No, cycling sounds great

No

Playpark with waterpark included. Fishing lake,

Leave as is?

No

Mountain bike course please.

No mtb/cycle centre is the best one

No

No

MTB trail system

Mountain biking do it

See above

No

MTB Course sounds good.

MTB trails

Go kart track

Zip wire in addition to mountain bike track with a wild flower and parkland area in place of hole 1 and 2

No

No

MTB facilitates accessible for disabled and people with special needs.

Mtb

Accesssble MTB trail for disabled users

No



MTB park is ideal.

See above plus a venue for cooking the produce grown and support in adopting a plant based, locally grown, healthy diet. Collaboration with the Community Farm in Chew would be positive. They have considerable experience in sustainable organic food production. They offer workshops for all age groups so a model like that can work in Bath

Public tree gardens, like a bigger version of the tree bit in Vicky park.

Just not a wasted space of a dilapidated golf course!

The cafe could be improved and perhaps improve the marketing of the course

Cafe facilities, encouraging young as well as older and less able to enjoy the space

It should remain a golf course for the local community

No

No

None

No

No

Bmx track

MTB park with disabled trail

Cafe with kiddies play area close by. Plant lots of trees. A dedicated mountain bike track. A dedicated walking/running track. And also a community food growing area clisis

Re-wilding nature space

Mountain biking please

Planned community rides to meet new people

MTB Park all the way!! Do it well enough and you'll boost the tourism brought to bath too

Mountain bike

Mountain biking place

Mixed use sport / outdoor / nature / biking combination of options above.

Maintain it but leave it alone

No. The bike thing is great idea.

No...



No.

See above

No

A 'community hall' of a decent size would be really useful

Urban freeride park

Better Leisure have never been interested in managing this course as they know nothing about golf hence the gradual deterioration in the standard of the course.

A mini arboretum with walking/running trails, space for outdoor educational activities, picnic spots etc.

No...see above. Don't vandalise a beautiful area and drive the families of deer away

A leisure park, crazy golf, tennis courts, ice rink, etc

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No

NA

MTB park

Alternative golf and encourage more wild life

Just make it a shared space for both walkers and gardeners and golfers. Nothing g should be built here that affects and impacts on existing residents. We are already victims of mulberry park , Sydenham and university traffic.

Perhaps split with say 3 or 4 golf holes and the rest as a park and wood land

Sports & leisure

With car access from Wellsway a Recycling centre for exclusive use by householders

Bike park with full range of lines for progression, so local kids can learn basic skills and go on to be very advance riders. To enjoy progression.

A bike park

No

You've covered a lot of great options, I love the idea of it being very inclusive and a real benefit to the whole community of Bath and surrounding areas.

NA

I very much support some controlled, specific activities, but would love to see some areas open and free to use.

No

No



Plant more trees

Rewilding case study and education

This could be a wild space where wildlife can thrive - birds, butterflies, moths, insects - all within the urban setting. As a resource for parents & children, wildlife enthusiasts, nature lovers & photographers. As the climate emergency becomes real for most people, they will value green spaces where they can appreciate what can be achieved in a community space with informed and carefully planning.

NA

Nope

Only as a golf course

Tree planting

I think the options above cover all I could hope for!

Park run?

No

Arbouretum

Let's encourage green and eco living. Food growing and tree planting and perhaps a centre for meditation and alternative practises such as yoga and tai chi would be a very positive addition to the city of Bath. Health and wellness of being I believe should be the way forward for this space

Allowing cyclocross races and training in the winter would be great

Mountain Bike Park

Perhaps a community workshop where people can use tools and have help and advice on DIY, Home improvement, Car and bicycle maintenance etc

Bikepark

I'd like to see significant 're-wilding' of the land to help the council meet it's carbon targets, and provide ecological habitat, with significant tree planting

No

No

Arrange and put on activities for all age groups like cyclocross, football soccer schools, a basket ball court, all these and many others bring communities and people together

More trees please

Parking for commuters displaced from bear flat maybe park and ride?

no

NOT housing



Trail riding / walking park

Develop nature areas with associated education opportunities

None

Parkrun course

Nature reserve or outdoor space for children and others to learn about the environment

N/A

As above

Can we have a climbing wall facility. It's a massive hole in the Leisure provision in Bath. There would be loads of use by students and residents.

I'm mostly here as I think a bike park along the lines of the setup at Ashton Court in Bristol would be a huge asset to Bath, and probably tempt me over to Bath too.

Definitely not a golf course

It is important to include a link to tie the site to the existing facilities at Odd Down Sports Ground

Same beginner trails for cycling could be used by of road fell runners

Outdoor dry ski slope + other compatible activities as already indicated.

Sculpture park like Yorkshire sculpture park

Some areas left wild and not open to public, to encourage wildlife

Really just open green space. Needs very little doing apart from removing the Golf signs and introducing some trees and wildlife and potentially some pathways.

Nature trail/tree trail

Rewilding to create a nature reserve with a cafe/ nature based education centre. Trails and natural play features could provide plenty of opportunities for people to enjoy the site free of charge but also generate some commercial income via the centre/cafe to fund maintaining the site making it sustainable. Such a plan could include space for and activities to benefit people's physical and mental wellbeing. Rewilding would benefit local wildlife including Bath's internationally important bats and contribute to improving air quality within the city as well as responding to climate change with natural solutions.

Skiing

Performance stage for outdoor theatre and music

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Yes, the lower section should be converted to residents parking spaces to offset some of the problems caused by the Bear flat residents parking scheme. Best to solve that problem first before the next grab at the amenities enjoyed by residents.

Perhaps build a bridge linking the site with the Odd Down Playing field site to join the usages and make both sites accessible.



no

More trees

Wild wood forest play. Rainbow woods is fantastic and it would be great to see more play areas like this as they enable the children to play and use their imaginations too.

No.

tree planting

Wellbeing Centre, eg outdoor activities such as yoga.

No, I strongly believe that its use as a golf club is by far the most valuable asset to the community and it deserves to have more investment and advertising to put it on the map.

nothing noisy as sound travels and reverberates through the valley, and nothing that would attract night time activities. How do the losses compare to the upkeep of Victoria Park? If losses are small then why not leave as is as it has turned into a very attractive area that has no negative visual impact on the area and is a great amenity for golfers and walkers.

Create a lake for paddle boarding, canoeing, or water activities.

Would the café space be big enough to run events, workshops, community gatherings in?

Sculpture park?

Re-focusing the development of Entry Hill towards coaching and youth participation will help secure its long term future and should not be discounted as an option.

I would support community food growing space, outdoor education or forest school activities (though not an entire school), walking and running trail. Banes needs to be thinking about community and the climate emergency when considering what to do with this space. And trees!! No cutting down any more trees!

If the course has to close then I would support a MTB park as an alternative. This would hopefully discourage the unlawful use of footpaths for MTBing in the Bathford Hill and Bathampton Wood areas. The bike park should also be accessible to all with a range of green and blue runs for family and beginner riders, accompanied by a red/black run for experienced riders. A pump track and skills area should also be included. Ideally it would stay as a golf course as I dearly love the place and believe it to be an important asset and green space

Housing, obviously

Another Park Run location

It could be a world leading urban rewilding/biodiversity centre, used for 'green' leisure (e.g. supplying bikes on site for woodland rides) and to involve residents in creating different ecosystems for insects, fish, birds, other animals. A species survey should be taken before change of use and then one every year to monitor progress. Children and families should be heavily involved. It could be a mini Knepp (the Sussex estate featured in the book 'Wilding' which shows the amazing recovery nature can make when given the chance). Its potential will be all the greater if it is linked to new wildlife corridors



through the city. The scope is immense, and just using it for golf or allotments or a bit of biking would be a huge missed opportunity, even if some of those activities can feature in some form.

Wildflower meadows, tree top walkways

A monthly craft market for local people to sell their crafts/local food produce (a bit like Frome monthly market). Tennis courts? A botanical garden area? A greenhouse with unusual plants?

Sensory gardens for children. Especially those with SEN (I work at Threeways school close by to Entry Hill and live opposite the golf course)

An outdoor gym for older people like they have in France - we are so behind over here and they are such fun to use as a lot of us over 60s didn't grow up going to the gym.

Nature reserve areas for encouraging diverse plant and wildlife

Only running track, not bikes the two do not mix and would be dangerous

None needed - the golf course could and should be a very viable leisure business.

Would there be space for a boules pitch or other activities for older residents. a gentle running/walking track around the perimeter.

Nothing commercial; nothing which involves pesticides or any damage to the environment; careful choice of plants and trees. This is a wonderful chance to bring everyone who loves this planet together in a happy, natural and healthy way. The cafe could be stocked with only local produce and give local farmers and artisans another space to show their wares. Don't be deflected; go for it! .

The emphasis should be on access for everybody - not just golf players!

Biosphere

public lavatories. FREE cross training machines for local people to use to get fit

Mountain biking is an olympic sport and growing in popularity. There are many reasons to include it in the renovation plans.

Walking trails with natural play spots.

Cafe , trail , fitness , outdoor exercise , bikes , dog walks - all the things this community would actually use

No

To remain as a golf course

Performance space for music / theatre / arts

Just have it as a park, a place to walk dogs play, exercise and go for a walk in the summer.

No

It seems an ideal spot for periodic community events (festivals, etc), although perhaps that already happens (I'm relatively new to the area).

Make it a lot more obvious how you access the site from Wellsway to encourage usage

Lots of native tree planting. Wildlife areas.



As above

Fitness track/trim trail

No other specific ideas.

No.

The Woodland Trust would be able to support any tree planting.

An outdoor education centre with forest school and family trails would be wonderful

See above - a classic "Victorian" park brought up to date. Somewhere in the city that you can get lost a little! What if you also incorporated a tunnel under Entry Hill to link up with Lyncombe Vale and the Two Tunnels?

No - a bike park is the best idea I have heard of.

N/A

Plant more trees

E-bike course/cycle route, from Bradford road into Bath town centre, also using the route described above.

A high ropes/ tree top course

Rewild parts to enhance wildlife

Outdoor Art and sculpture displays and trails, water features, free drop in taster sessions of all activities, community object and clothing repair shop

Shopping centre

Entry hill Forest park. Mixed use mtb walking play park forest school tree planting

Ski slope and tobogan run like the one in the Mendips?

Dry ski slope!

Another area to grow the amazing Bath city farm?

Picnic areas, if you are doing any hard landscaping bath completely lacks a children's splash pool!!

I think some of the ideas above are excellent. A walking/running trail, a park with cafe, allotments and outdoor education sound very appealing. I would certainly use them and think it would add more interest to the local area. I work in Odd Down and run at lunchtimes so would certainly support using the space for runners/walkers. Maybe the site could even accommodate a second Park Run course to compliment the Skyline route.

Food forest / regenerative agriculture model, earth centre, climate emergency hub for community engagement, permaculture centre,

Community cafe helping people learn new skills. Food could be grown on the site. Could be operated by a local charity - with links to loneliness/grief help

No

zip wires,dry toboggan run,dry ski slope,zorbing,parkour,downhill karting,climbing walls,archery school etc etc



Venue for outdoor yoga, Pilates, meditation

Animal centre, illuminated attraction similar to Stourhead.

Dog friendly area

Very rustic benches here and there, so people who have difficulty walking far can take rests.

A guinea pig farm

Regretably not

Strongly feel this should be retained as a community golf course

See above

Sculpture trail

Na

Cannot most of the suggestions be incorporated into the site obviously some planning to shorten the golf to accommodate the rest.

Keep it natural. Plant trees and wildflowers. Let it be a true outdoor nature reserve that allows people to escape the city

With an excellent special needs School in bus distance it would be lovely to have all facilities built with them in mind.

No

wild areas for the insects.

a cycling/Down hill place seems like the best fit

Make it into an EV charging hub for all of us in Bath that can't charge cars from our homes. People can leave their cars charging on a high speed charger for 30 minutes while they walk the dog, have a stroll, have coffee or lunch in in the cafe etc.. you could even put solar panels over the car charging spaces to provide some of the power...

No

Dirt Jumps

No

Artificial stream

Dirt Jumps

re-wilding

More golf tournaments

A mountain bike park

Dry ski slope



As long as it's nothing to do with bicycles something like an informal all weather running/walking trail

Encourage the wildlife and keep it as a natural park without any purpose built buildings/routes enjoy wildlife that way nature intended and get enjoyment without a cafe or a cycle route with artificial lighting and additional noise

Driving range

It would be great if a cycle route could be designed to get cyclist from odd down to the cycle path in rainbow woods and avoid the horrific traffic on the A3062. Something that skirted the odd down recreation site, had a bridge or tunnel over the wells road, went along the top of the golf course and found a navigable route through fox hill and round the edge of prior park school. That would be excellent.

It would be nice to get more community members into this space. Improving a cafe, for example just look at the National Trust. The idea about bringing children into this space as well would be a welcome addition. I'm not sure how many children currently use this space for golf.

Could it be a "sustainable future" education centre and link to the Schools Climate Emergency Network? Family nature activities eg pond dipping with a sheet of what you might find or bug counting.

Rewilding for creatures to enjoy

I am concerned that like squash it will no longer be possible to play golf as a non-member of a club and I think it's under use is down to lack of investment in the quality of the greens.

Please make it as natural an environment as possible with native plants and lower fertiliser/herbicide use

Would really like the council to preserve this space plant lots of trees and consider the best environmental use of this space

No

Keep it as a golf course

An arboretum ? Rare plant garden, bee hives where the bees keep the honey. Zoned off areas for wildlife only.

NO

Zip wire - see Go Ape

Low Income Housing

No, except for a golf course where the winning bidder (ie Better) have to look after the course, and spend some money on advertising as agreed within their contract. All I see though, is adverts for the pitch and putt course.

Golf Driving range on part of the site.

Rewilding a lot of it but maintaining paths for walkers/runners

No

It should be retained as a golf course that remains affordable to everyone that wishes to use it.

Laser tag



No

No, ideas suggest would have benefit and wide appeal for the community

Cheese rolling! Also look at Government/ other organisations which encourage children to tick off outdoor activities.

Dry Ski slope

Art courses and exhibitions if there's space in the café, permaculture courses, vegetable and mushroom-growing workshops, movie showings and talks, etc.

I would support something that combined golf and other activities that might be compatible. E.g you could lay some mountain bike tracks across the terrain that shouldn't interfere either the golf and then block off days/ time's for each

Ski slope

Possibly advertise for ideas/proposals from local businesses?

No I would like it to stay as it is

Adult wellbeing courses /social prescribing initiatives

Shared use Golf as primary function, including bike trails, walking paths etc and improved cafe etc would be best in my opinion

I would like a section to be left wild

Football golf, tobogganing

Farm cafe and a good cafe

A really exciting, challenging, affordable MOUNTAIN BIKING TRACK :-))))

Educational centre and space for learning about the environment and for to become more self sufficient, as well as care by volunteer working parties to look after the space.

Dry ski slope with toboggan run?

Our deeds show the area to be a landfill so my concern that allotments and growing spaces are being proposed has not taken the risk of contamination into account.

Remodel course to be three practice holes with a driving range.

Yes reduce and or enforce traffic speed on the wellsway and entry hill to reduce pollution levels etc

Dry ski slope

NO

Golf only

The current cafe is dreary, empty flower beds etc

A wild life haven, with more trees.



See previous answers.

nature type reserve encouraging wildlife

Nature park - encourage wildlife - there was once a number of deer but they seem to have disappeared.

Trees trees and more trees

No

Keep it as a golf course

Keep it as a golf course.

It was built on a tip. Keep the green tree lined course as designed

encourage youngsters into golf.

Make it a bit more like Prior Park with signposted walks that don't get boggy in rain and can be used Year round. Walking groups need to be encouraged too. It would benefit from being more welcoming to all not just golfers.

No

Encourage community to enjoy this wonderful woodland course.

No

More trees. Rewilding project

Great place for children and families. Little known resource. Poor advertising

Yup see above box. Rewild. Climate emergency hub for sharing skills. Art spaces for residencies. Lots and lots of trees. Cycle lanes for a proper off road city network linking to Vicky park. Think big.

Yeah focus on supporting what it is rather than change it

No. It's a wonderful golf course. Leave it alone

Since it is the current trend to build student accommodation on every scrap of land in Bath, I have a vision of multi-story, bland blocks of buildings terraced up the hill with multiple coffee shops on the ground floors. Maybe even a cable car or tram running between them.

An indoor climbing wall

MOUNTAIN BIKING

No

No. It's a golf course and that is how it should remain

"Rewilding" Entry Hill Golf Course would provide improved habitats for wildlife, contributing to nature's recovery, would provide a high-quality environment for people to visit and for outdoor education, and would help B&NES Council to address the climate and ecological emergency

Urban bike park + recreational space



I believe that there is sufficient space at Entry Hill to combine multiple uses (golf course, forest school, out door education, food growing and trails for walking and running) with a good cafe. If there area could attract more visitors to enjoy these activities, there would be more opportunities to generate revenues from food and beverage, membership fees, etc

No , leave it as a golf course !

Ski slope / climbing or bouldering

A nature reserve with limited public access

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We are the village green preservation society, God save strawberry jam, and all the different varieties.

I like it as it is

There are lots of leisure opportunities in the area. It would be ok with me to,add others to the golf course but only if it's an addition to the golf course not instead

Retain the golf course and use for educational and ecology

Just encourage more walkers to share the golf course site. Many people don't even know that is an option.

Yes

No

Mountain bike and cycle park

Bo

Cafe, cycling shop/repairs/bike hire

Climbing wall

Not as such. But I would not support building houses on the space.

A cafe which is nice. Farm shop like. Not tacky

Rewilded it could serve as an educational place, a forest school etc. But it should be promoted more vigorously as a golf course and I hope that this consultation will spur all those who love this course to spread the word and get many more people to use it.

I just hope it remains a golf course for all the people of Bath

Why not survey the schools - young people are better placed to advise on such a long term project.

Ski slope?

Saturday park run would be well supported

Cycling or other activities would be awesome.



Mountain bikes for hire

Just not a golf course!

A church building/community centre

No

I wish the course to remain the same - golf is important to alot of people in Bath- encourage more people tp play!

no

Large indoor space for events

Dry ski slope

Spa

No

Just simply improve the visitor/non golfer facilities to balance budgets, a public owned course is not all about profit

Geology interpretation centre (perhaps as part of a forest school)

An access point off Wellsway

Driving range

My family would like an outside space for playing, whether that be ball games, climbing, adventure park, go ape style high rope walk, boules or another family friendly free open space with access to a cafe and free toilets. Our home garden is too small for ball games /running around so park space like this is so valuable.

Outdoor space for families

Dry ski slope and toboggan run - (see Pembrey Country Park for example)

Wildlife reserve

Make it cheaper & more widely available to B&NES residents. Maybe with the Discovery Card. Who knew there was a cafe there?

Either a indoor water park, affordable for the not so well off, fun for the kids when it's half terms etc as Bath isn't great for that, or a giant mini golf course, with water, bridges etc. Or a forest school which is for all years, and again affordable for not so well off people. Something fun for kids to do all year round on holidays off of school. Stops kids getting in trouble and being bored.

A park with good ecosystem

Splash area especially for the summer

Invest in the course and advertising it to public, maybe driving range, maybe crazy golf section. Make it more attractive to the public rather than taking it away completely.



Allotments that involve schools. The produce to be used in the community, old people, food banks etc. Space for people to walk and explore nature would be good too

Outdoor sports like “go ape” for example , a multi use of the space would be great of all listed above to bring community together . Splash pad for the summer heat waves and outdoor natural play areas like rope swings wooden seesaw etc

It would be great if Bath had an outdoor performance space/amphitheatre. As Bath is a Festival city it could be used for music ,literature and drama. There are no performance spaces this side of Bath. Bath has a huge amount of community theatre and amateur companies who would love to use a designated outdoor space on the summer. These performances usually raise money for charity.

It's fine as it is!

Anything to encourage children and young people to engage with nature.

happy for it to be a low maintenance open space for people to enjoy if that is all that can be afforded.

No

Bike trail it is....

Leave it as a golf course

Heated outdoor swimming pool/lido

No

Perhaps a combination of the above ideas

Keep the golf course as it is. Use your funds to maintain the existing parks, rather than deciding to revert ten play areas to plots without play equipment.

A sculptor park like the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. It can still have walking, hiking trails and outdoor forest school. Fielden Clegg and Bradley architects converted the Yorkshire Sculpture park. The buildings there support all sorts of education and the cafe is a destination in its self. It's a perfect model for this site.

Concert auditorium.

No

Wildlife haven as so much development proposed in the area

Pump track

No

Sharing the space with other sports could be possible - but not at the same time, for safety reasons.

The existing fairways will have lots of space for new trees!

sorry no ... I am keen to support it's ongoing use as a golf course



horse riding cross country jump area

At the very least, there should be a basic off-road singletrack access route for cyclists (mountain bikers) in and out of the site. A perimeter trail, would barely impinge on the overall footprint, leaving space for other alternative leisure uses to also have their space. As a nationally recognised advocate for mountain biking and associated facilities, I would be keen to be involved in the consultation process on behalf of the local mountain bike community.

Dry ski slope

Run it as a proper golf course and let the Deer and other wildlife enjoy its peaceful nature.

A combination of food growing, outdoor education, open access and biodiversity improvements would establish the basis of community use. As the community begins to take ownership the Council could then facilitate other ideas as they come forward.

Nature reserve, with forest school, eco cafe

Leave it as a golf course or open parkland

Due to the high amount of mountain biking media in Bath. I think mountain biking course would be great & it could tie in with the two tunnels

No

A bike park would provide a fun, addictive and active activity for children. This would provide an alternative for young kids like myself who without exiting sports turn to video games. I know many people of all ages who would be interested. Look at the success of Leeds urban bike park for reference.

No

Outdoor theatre/ cinema/ event space

Mountain Bike park and skate park

Nope

No

Parkrun location

Dog walking area and forest like Primrose hill

Ponds for diversity, natural meadow land, wildflower beds

Leave it as a golf course - it adds to the diversity of sporting activities available in Bath.

Sculpture / art park telling story of Bath's rich history

I don't understand why you want to change its use.

A maintained walking area

I think I said enough above.

Along with the ideas above manage part of it for biodiversity, integrate with some options from above



Bike park! Perfect!

'Re-wilding' the golf course by planting native trees and wildflowers, then letting nature take its course, would provide two enormous benefits. 1. It would address the climate & ecological emergency by providing carbon sequestration & habitats. 2. Opportunities for children & adults to experience nature in a 'natural' unstructured way is beneficial to mental & physical health. We have enough good play parks in Bath, let's have more spaces where we can run wild!

Plant trees

A place to plant more trees to support carbon neutrality for Bath.

No

A bigger Bike Park :)

A similar operation to Rainbow Woods and perhaps with another pedestrian entrance lower down on Entry Hill or Wells Way

Climate emergency turn it into a woodland with wildflowers

Nope.

No.

A water area paddling pool or water features. There is no water feature in the whole of Victoria park, which is sadly missing in the summer.

No

Rewild the area and use for educational purposes.

Keep it as a golf course but SUPPORT it with a pro who would encourage young people to learn the game and enjoy it. I live in Whitley village and we have a vibrant older and younger membership which is run by two brothers with huge enthusiasm who can see what people old and young need and have recently discussed a weekly session with the pro taking people living with dementia onto the course who have previously played golf but lost confidence. That is real community spirit, to help people live as well as they can without always thinking about how much money they can make.

Outdoor gym

No

No

A big bmx track

Urban bike park

Skate/scooter ramp/bmx area

Outdoor exercise machines around a running trail.

Needs pedestrian / cycle access from Wells way

Football golf



My advice would be to leave it as it is, or incorporate it into an extended Royal Victoria Park (without the car parking and commercial events). If the land is too expensive for BANES to manage, you should hand it over to the National Trust so that it can become part of the Bath Skyline estate.

Mtb park

An arboretum

See question 10

Why not move Bath City Farm there and use the current Bath City Farm land to build much needed council houses?

Bike park only please

Bike Park!

BIKE PARK / Cycle center

See question 10 response

Wildlife hospital

All weather off road running route, potentially a short area floodlit would keep it relevant year round much like many European towns have.

Complimenting a cycling.

I think indoor rock climbing is a great and growing past-time. I go to Writhlington School but Bath has nothing like this. I appreciate it requires investment but I do think there is potential for this to be viable.

A split shared space where a driving range and small golf centre is maintained, but with trails for both runners and MTB around the perimeter, would suit both parties

Advertise Entry Hill golf and prosper.

cyclo cross racing

BMX track

No, other than keeping this beautiful area used by so many people for so many things.

Leave it as it is.

dry ski slope you have the hill it would just need a surface and recovery system

No all the above suggestions are valid

None other than those suggested

Build a bridge to link it up with Odd Down cycle centre to expand the options for visiting

Mountain bike trail centre

No and I would be extremely disappointed with BANES if this facility is lost

No, it should stay as a golf course.



Multi sports facility. Enough space to fit in a wide variety of sports with the correct planning

Bathscape used us as part of their bid, maybe part of the £1.8 million they received could help the golf course!!

Bee keeping

if more money was spent on it it could easily become a much more enjoyable course for other clubs to come and compete at pete to

The future leisure use should be an improvement to the current facility and remain a municipal golf course.

Nature reserve? A wild space to teach the city how nature can mitigate climate breakdown

No

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Any alternative future use of Entry Hill Golf Course would require considerable investment to improve the facilities, security and probably health and safety.

Driving range with floodlights!

Would love to have cycling facilities here to bring my children too

Rewilding in combination with education and walking trails

No

Something like 'go ape'

I am a mountain biker and have to travel a long way for a decent bike park.

Bike park and cafe

Mountain biking area

No

MTB bike park

Down hill mountain bike trails

Keep it as a golf course and maintain it then more people will want to play there.

No

No. Any able bodied person can walk. It's a cheap activity.

No

Dry ski slope

Indoor training facilities alongside a bike park would be amazing

I love the idea of a bike park/family cycling centre. Walking and running trails could potentially be a part of this plan too!



mountain bike park

Keep it simple

The cafe is a great place. I'd keep/ develop that. There is also potential for outdoor education activities for local families and schools. It is possible to manage a coexistence of golf and outdoor education activities with some innovative thinking. There is space elsewhere for a 'forest school' such as on St Martin Garden school site in collaboration with the Palladian Trust.

Golf is well provided for in Bath - find a use that reaches those who are not usually active & lower in income

More trees and re wild the site for nature

A lake or some stretch of water would be a great addition. The focus for nature rather than human will be key. This could be used as a hub for teaching how to grow and rewild to mitigate the climate emergency.

Perhaps keep it as a golf course at certain times & open for walkers the rest of the time

Bike park

Make a mix use of a pitch and put with the walks and cafe. The landscape will allow a mix of use in tiers across the hillside

Nature Reserve with an Education Centre that runs through out the year. Rent to or work with Conservation Charities who are struggling to fund their education programmes, for example Somerset Wildlife Trust.

Green gym

Open it up a bit more with more access points? Advertise it better?

No

No

Woodland lungs for the city

Another city farm. Burial space. Council houses/ecohomes

Gravel bikes, not too technical, don't make it exclusive for onerous jumping mountain bikers! Gravel biking means people can actually cycle to Bath from BANES and then ride round it and cycle home again,

I strongly support using the area to teach children about wildlife, so support 'wilding' projects to encourage more insects and birds..

Leave it as it is?

No

Zip wire? Tree top walk?

Keep it as it is! the Rainbow woods offer walks and play areas and forest school.

No

Conservation area, attracting all wildlife with ponds, marshes, bird feeders, hedgehog houses etc etc



A driving range would be good for the golfers

Bath could do with more outdoor swimming facilities that are affordable and safe. Climate change is causing heat waves and flooding and I really do want my kids to be swimming in the river where the water is untreated and where there are dangerous currents and deep water. Odd Down and Entry Hill are ideal spaces to have out of town swimming facilities. Re the clean air zone, it would be good encourage people not to drive into the city centre for swimming. Also, how about an outdoor climbing area? There is nowhere else nearby and it could not only provide leisure opportunities but also income for the council.

AN INDOOR BOWLS CENTRE

A Miami outdoor Gym would be wonderful

city nature reserve and place of peace in a busy city environment

Keep as it is

Redevelop the council owned depot land further up the hill from the golf course. This could include items such as children's play equipment, outdoor gym equipment, a nature trail including information boards on the history of the Bath stone mines. Provide a waymarked walking/running route around the perimeter of the golf course.

Just an open public space with greenery and peace & quiet

Redevelopment of the council owned depot area, if possible. This is another area of landscape that could be made accessible to the public with nature trails and information about the mines.

The club has golf clubs for hire - why are young people not encouraged through schools to take part. Remove the idea that it's an expensive sport and only for those with money.

NO

No. Leave Entry Hill golf course alone.

Quiet open meadow land with the cafe remaining at the top. Sheep grazing. Deer park. Walking trail. Wildlife pond. Anything which maintains the cure t outlook and open space without noisy activity. More tree planting. Access from Wellsway and the bottom of Entry Hill.

No

Community park and exercise activities

Leave as is for walking (so minus the bunkers and flags)

Leave it alone



APPENDIX 6 - Response from Woodland Trust

- Given the climate and nature emergency, and these interrelated issues being central to B&NES' emerging Corporate Strategy, we strongly support this site being managed as a 'nature recovery' site with strong connections to wider ecological networks, which is publicly accessible and actively encourages the wider community to connect with the natural world and learn new skills. Given the urban nature of this site, enabling all groups to engage with nature is a key opportunity.
- There is already a well-established tree-scape on the site, which should be further expanded through natural regeneration and some native planting as appropriate - acting as an important carbon store as well as providing important habitat for nature and a space for people to connect. Woodland is important on this site as part of a wider mosaic of habitats which best mimics natural processes (i.e. some open spaces).
- While a biking park would provide a great opportunity for active outdoor sports, we advise, if this is the preferred route, that this usage is carefully integrated and balanced with other uses, including walking paths and outdoor learning areas, as well as safeguarding areas for nature recovery (with appropriate signage to maximise engagement).
- We would welcome consideration of developing a Community Tree Nursery on this site. Given B&NES' ambitious targets for new trees, we highlight that a small tree nursery could be important in providing some locally sourced trees towards that target (especially harder-to-grow trees that are harder to source from nurseries), while providing a skills & learning opportunity. We are working with Community Tree Nurseries around the South West and would be happy to put you in touch to share learnings.
- The Woodland Trust would welcome further engagement on how we could best support such an accessible nature recovery site, including through tree provision, support and advice. We would be keen to help shape the right approach to expanding the existing tree-scape, including ecologically appropriate species mix, and where planted, from UK & Ireland Sourced & Grown sources.



Consultation and Options Report Addendum 1 – Local statistical test

Entry Hill Golf Course, Bath

March 2020

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1 Background

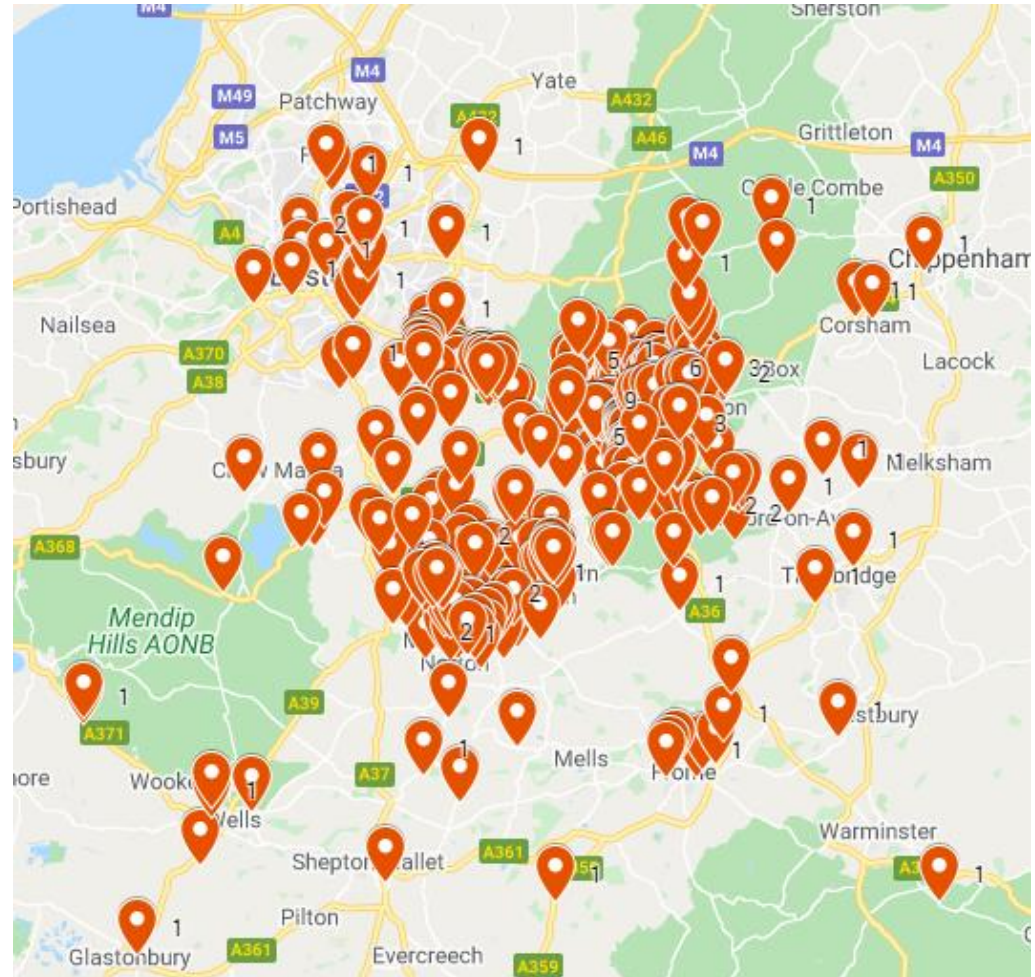
This is an Addendum to the main report to test how the local statistics compare to the wider analysis in the Main Report.

It will:

1. Map those residents who stated that they were A Bath and North East Somerset Residents and show the preference chart for those. This analysis is useful as it is the “constituent demographic” for Bath and North East Somerset Council; the client.
2. Map postcodes which are near to Golf Course itself. This is useful, as it shows the proportion of those close to the golf course who took part in the survey are being fairly represented in the above mapping.
3. Map the present main users (golfers) as a baseline to see if these users are immediately local or have a wider spread, reflective of the wider result.

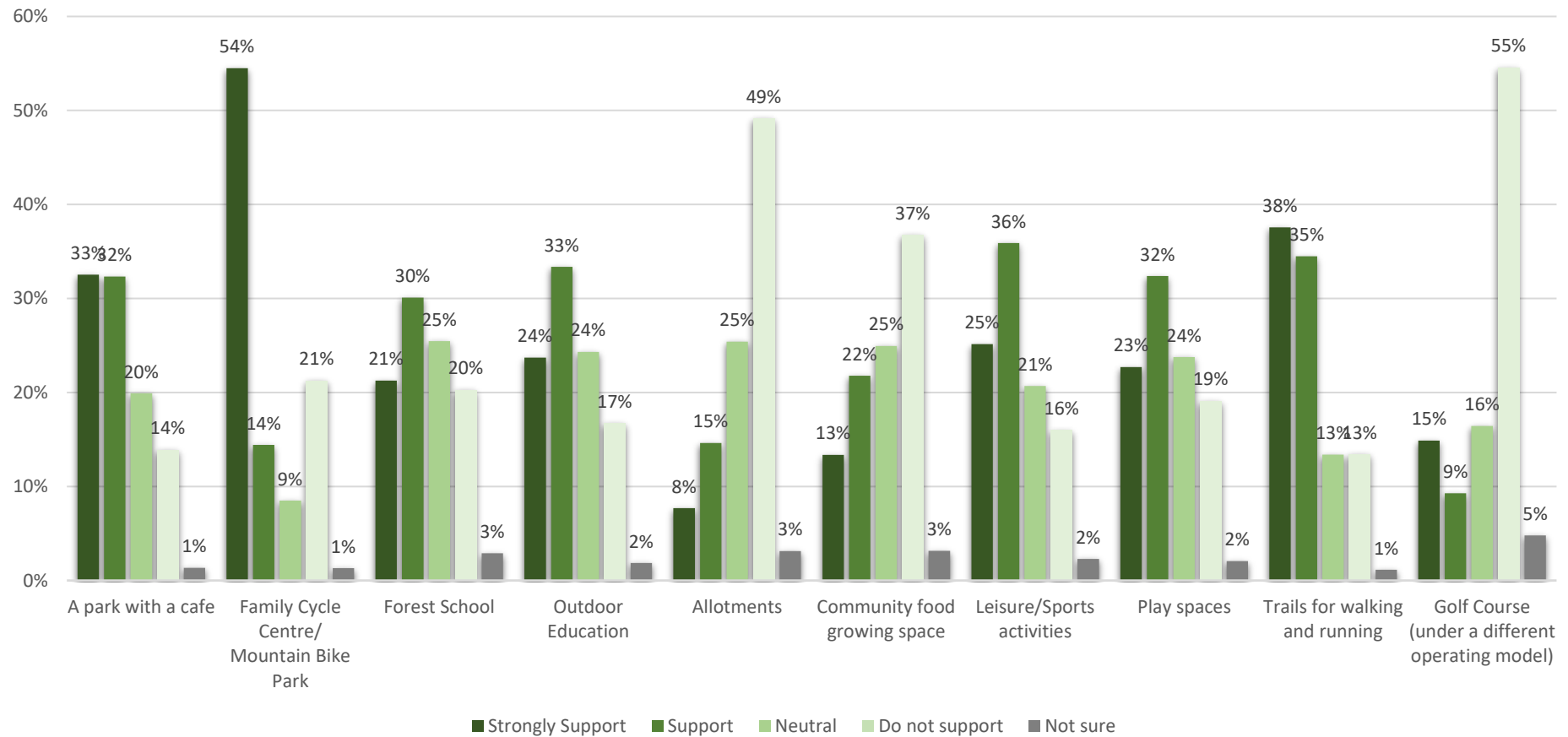
2 Constituency Demographic

This Map has been developed from the postcodes stated by all those stating themselves as a “Bath and North East Somerset Resident” in the survey. The total number answering as this was 1,919. From these there was 1,762 usable postcodes. (We have removed from the map two postcodes: one Gloucester and one Burnham on Sea).



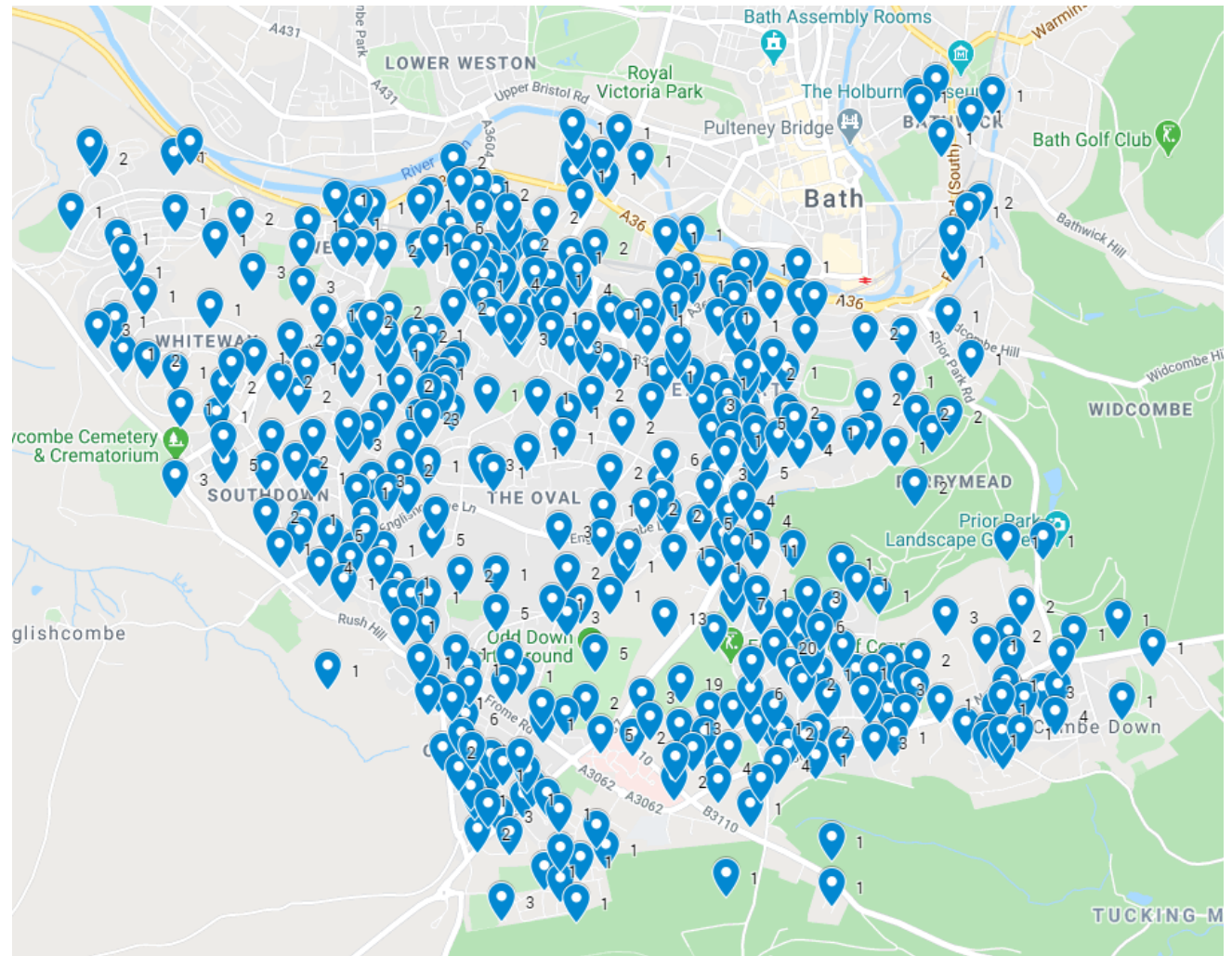
3 Test on Preferences for the Constituency Demographic (Bath and North East Somerset)

Using this Constituency Demographic, the preference Survey answer can be redrawn, below. This largely reflects the global result.



4 Immediate Postcodes

The graph in Section 3 demonstrates the results at Local Authority Constituency Level. However, it is also interesting to note the concentration of responses closer to Entry Hill itself. Of the 1,762 usable postcodes in Section 2 962 (54.5%) come from the postcodes BA2 1** to BA2 5** (mapped here).



5 Test of present major use (golf) against geography

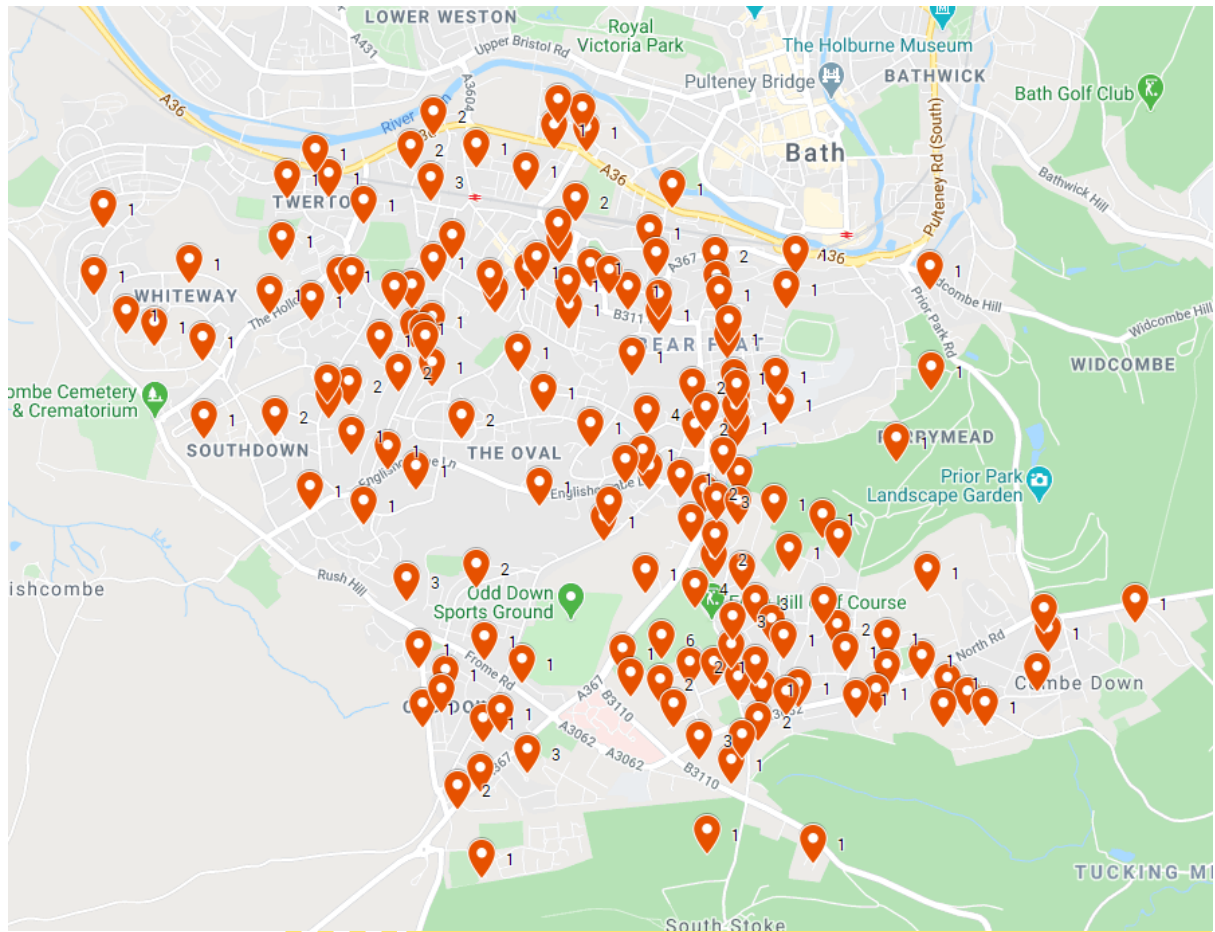
The above local test on the results suggest that the preferences are retained from the global result to the local. It is also interesting to note the range of the golfing fraternity demographic. As present users of the site (shown on the map) shows where the present golf users come from.

The map on the right shows the geographic spread of those that stated that they play golf at Entry Hill (438 usable postcodes from 496 stating this).



6 Golfing constituent geography - Immediate

Of the 496 total playing golf, 389 of these stated they were a Bath and North East Somerset Resident. To reflect the immediate postcodes listed in Section 4, those saying they played golf who lived immediately near the course are mapped below. From the 336 postcodes given at Bath and North East Somerset level there were 225 postcodes (66.7% against Bath and North and East Somerset users) between BA2 1** to BA2 5**.



Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	22 July 2020	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3212
TITLE:	Bath Clean Air Plan Grant Settlement – July 2020	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
Equalities Impact Assessment – July 2020		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Poor air quality is the largest known environmental risk to public health in the UK. Investing in cleaner air and doing more to tackle air pollution are priorities for the EU and UK governments, as well as for Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES). B&NES has monitored and endeavoured to address air quality in Bath, and the wider B&NES area, since 2002. Despite this, Bath has ongoing exceedances of the legal limits for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and these are predicted to continue until 2025 without intervention.
- 1.2 B&NES is under a Ministerial Direction to improve air quality in Bath and bring NO₂ within EU and UK legal limits in the shortest possible time and by the end of 2021 at the latest.
- 1.3 The government's Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) has now considered the Full Business Case submitted by the Council to discharge this Direction and, after negotiation, have proposed a final financial settlement that they consider adequate to achieve the outcomes necessary.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider the settlement as negotiated and if supported, delegate authority to the Director - Partnership & Corporate Services to formally accept the additional grant determination and assurance letters from government providing up to £15.508M in additional funding for the scheme, bringing the total funding package to £23.452M.

- 2.2 With reference to recommendation 2.2 in the September 2019 Cabinet report and subject to the approval of the recommendation above, approve the incorporation into the Council's capital programme of an additional £12.437M, bringing the total Clean Air Zone (CAZ) budget to £18.381M.
- 2.3 With reference to recommendation 2.12 in the January 2020 Cabinet report regarding the delegated authority to progress the operational agreements, note that these negotiations are ongoing and include discussions regarding the ongoing cost of providing the CAZ Central Service (which may now be subject to a separate Statutory Instrument).
- 2.4 Note the progress made towards implementing the scheme during the COVID-19 restrictions.
- 2.5 Delegate authority to the Director - Partnership & Corporate Services, the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Climate Emergency and the Deputy Leader, to negotiate and agree with government a new launch date following the Minister's letter dated 3 April 2020 which required a delay to the scheme, bearing in mind also the legal obligation to deliver compliance with NO₂ limit values in the shortest possible time.
- 2.6 Note that the financial assistance scheme has been kept under review and in recognition that some local residents and businesses may be suffering in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, that it has been amended to provide further support.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 This report confirms the final financial settlement that has been proposed by government to deliver the Bath Clean Air Zone after the submission of the Full Business Case and subsequent negotiations with JAQU.
- 3.2 Due to the complexity of the final settlement, a detailed assessment of the proposed funding package has been set out in the relevant section of the report.
- 3.3 The CAZ programme has been predicated on the overriding objective of achieving compliance with NO₂ limit values in the shortest possible time.
- 3.4 Whilst a number of tasks in the implementation programme have been delayed between 3-12 weeks due to the COVID-19 restrictions whilst contractors and suppliers amended their operations to comply with the social distancing rules, the infrastructure remains on target to be implemented by the end of September 2020.
- 3.5 It is recognized that whilst there were substantial reductions in traffic and NO₂ levels at the start of the COVID-19 restrictions, as the lockdown has eased traffic levels across the country have followed an upward trend and therefore a corresponding increase in NO₂ is expected.

- 3.6 Whilst traffic levels during the lockdown have reduced by as much as 73% in some parts of the UK and 68% locally, initial analysis suggests that NO₂ concentrations at the location of our continuous analysers in Bath have only reduced by approximately 20% more than we would normally expect to see at the same time of year.
- 3.7 There are many factors which could affect NO₂ levels other than the COVID-19 restrictions, including meteorological conditions, variations in fleet composition over the time period, journey types, changes in the location of the analysers and the impact of network changes such as the Cleveland Bridge 18T weight limit.
- 3.8 A higher level of confidence in the impact of the lockdown on air quality can only be gained by undertaking comparisons over a number of years to account for variations in weather conditions.
- 3.9 Furthermore, the Minister has advised in writing that a CAZ is still required to be implemented. The Council is to continue to work to deliver the scheme as soon as possible so that it is ready to go live at the right time in order to discharge the Ministerial Direction and ensure compliance with EU and UK legal limits in the shortest possible time and by the end of 2021 at the latest.
- 3.10 As a result of the Minister's letter and the delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a new launch date needs to be negotiated which takes into account both the local air quality levels (with a view to protecting health) and the local and national economic picture (with a view to protecting jobs and livelihoods).
- 3.11 It is recognized that businesses and residents need adequate notice and lead in time to make the changes necessary to comply with the CAZ and as such, once a date is agreed, a full communications and engagement strategy will be implemented.
- 3.12 Since the start of the lockdown Officers have been fully engaged with a wide range of businesses and their trade associations (including bus, coach, taxi and Private Hire Vehicle operators, both the Road Haulage Association and Freight Transport Association and small business owners) to understand the current impact of the COVID-19 restrictions, how they see the road to recovery unfolding for them (or their members) over the next 6/12 months and how the Council might modify the CAZ scheme and supporting measures to help them, whilst still achieving our air quality objective.
- 3.13 As a result of this ongoing engagement, the financial assistance scheme has been amended to allow those eligible for the scheme but failing the affordability checks, to both obtain a temporary exemption from charges and retain the ability to re-apply at a later date when their finances may have improved. And with a view to further reducing both NO₂ and CO₂ emissions, an additional temporary exemption from charges has been included for those waiting for a fully electric vehicle to be manufactured and delivered.

3.14 Businesses and trade associations have also welcomed clarification about the existing temporary exemptions on offer, which comprise:

- A range of targeted exemptions for up to two years from the launch date for those supporting vital services and disadvantaged groups i.e. community transport, blue badge holders, community-based education, health or social care service providers, those supporting the emergency services, wheelchair accessible taxis, recovery vehicles, showman's vehicles, general haulage vehicles (not HGVs) and special vehicles;
- A targeted exemption through to the expected vehicle handover date or up to two years from the launch date at the latest for those accepted for the financial assistance scheme but who need to wait for a vehicle to be manufactured and delivered; and
- A general 'means-tested' exemption for everyone (except those with pre-Euro 4 vehicles manufactured before approx. 2005/6) that is also accessed via the financial assistance scheme i.e. if a vehicle owner or operator passes the eligibility checks but fails the affordability checks they are able to apply for a temporary exemption for up to two years from the launch date.

3.15 These temporary exemptions are in addition to a wide range of permanent exemptions for hybrid and alternatively fuelled vehicles, historic vehicles, agricultural vehicles, military vehicles, vehicles for disabled people (including s19 and s22 community transport vehicles), emergency service vehicles and health service vehicles.

3.16 The financial assistance scheme is initially being targeted at those vehicles undertaking an average of two or more trips into the CAZ per week over a minimum two-month period. Applications are also being prioritised from those businesses and individuals located in the B&NES Council authority area and adjoining council areas i.e. Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. This should serve to minimise the impact of the CAZ on local businesses and residents with non-compliant vehicles, whilst at the same time supporting natural upgrade rates, which are to some degree likely to fall as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The Client Earth No. 2 judgment gave a robust ruling on the interpretation of the obligations flowing from the Ministerial Directive and, in particular, the requirement that air quality plans must be prepared to achieve compliance "*in the shortest time possible*". The ruling set out a three-part test for assessing whether air quality plans meet that requirement. This test requires that plans must:

- Aim to achieve compliance *as soon as possible*;
- Choose a route to compliance which reduces human exposure as quickly as possible; and

- Ensure that compliance with the limit values *is not just possible but likely*.
- 4.2 Further correspondence has been received from Client Earth recently and they have reiterated the need to introduce Clean Air Zones as soon as possible and advocate that support for people and businesses to move to cleaner forms of transport remains crucial and should be part of the package of economic recovery measures following the COVID-19 restrictions.
- 4.3 Achieving compliance with air quality standards across Bath and the wider North East Somerset area will result in widespread public health improvements. Specific health impacts for NO₂ include:
- Long-term exposure to air pollution is linked to increases in premature death, associated with lung, heart and circulatory conditions;
 - Short-term exposure can contribute to adverse health effects including exacerbation of asthma, effects on lung function and increases in hospital admissions. There is also emerging evidence to suggest that improving air quality helps to reduce the effects of respiratory illnesses and therefore lowers the risk of people being more severely affected by COVID-19; and
 - Other adverse health effects including diabetes, cognitive decline and dementia, and effects on the unborn child are also linked to air pollution exposure.
- 4.4 The Council has a public sector equality duty to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people carrying out their activities. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) was first drafted in September 2018 so that the Council could fulfil this duty, and this continues to be reviewed and updated as the implementation of the scheme progresses. An up-to-date assessment is appended to this report.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 As part of the FBC process, the Minister set out the initial proposed funding settlement on 17 March and this was followed by proposed grant determination letters. The Council challenged the proposed capital and revenue funding settlement, but also the overall revenue position, which has the potential to impact on the revenue reinvestment reserve.
- 5.2 After negotiation, government have now confirmed the final settlement they are prepared to commit to the delivery of the Clean Air Zone in Bath.
- 5.3 Capital expenditure for the CAZ infrastructure and mitigation measures is to be funded via grant award by DEFRA and Department of Transport.

The current total scheme capital costs and funding awards are set out in the tables below:

Capital Funding Request	Approved Budget £'000	Additional Request in FBC £'000	Total £'000
Implementation of CAZ, including risk allocation across both implementation and operational phases	5,944	4,122	10,066
Mitigation measures to support those impacted by the scheme		14,580	14,580
Total Capital Funding Request	5,944	18,702	24,646

Capital Funding Award	Funding Already Awarded £'000	Funding Subject to Approval £'000	Total £'000
Implementation Fund Grant including risk allocation (DEFRA/DfT)	5,944	1,150	7,094
Clean Air Fund (DEFRA/DfT)	-	11,287	11,287
Total Capital Funding Award	5,944	12,437	18,381

5.4 The funding for the capital spend is from the following sources:

Implementation Fund Grant (DfT/DEFRA) £5.944M of capital has already been awarded to the Council towards the implementation of the scheme, with spend to date of £3.042M on the design, supervision and installation of the ANPR cordon and traffic management scheme at Queen Square. As part of the FBC a further award of £1.15M has been approved, which, after making some adjustments to the original funding request of £10.066M that were required by JAQU (i.e. removing the Wiltshire ANPR cameras and moving all job roles to revenue), provides sufficient capital to implement the scheme given the risks that remain at this stage in the implementation programme:

CAZ Implementation	Adjusted Funding Request	JAQU Proposed Funding Award	Difference
<i>Detailed Design & Supervision</i>	372,600	372,600	0
<i>Installation</i>	6,047,538	6,047,538	0
<i>Risk/Contingency Allowance</i>	2,797,605	673,862	-2,123,743
Total	9,217,743	7,094,000	-2,123,743

Clean Air Fund Grant (DfT/DEFRA) As part of the FBC £11.287M of capital has been approved to fund the mitigation measures included in the FBC, except for the delivery and servicing plan and car club measures which were not supported. With reference to the table below the overall funding award equates to approximately 80% of the funding requested, in line with the settlements received by Leeds and Birmingham:

Mitigation Measures	Capital Funding Request in FBC	JAQU Proposed Funding Award	Difference
<i>Bus Upgrades</i>	2,214,486	1,536,000	-678,486
<i>Financial Assistance Scheme</i>	11,222,182	9,350,870	-1,871,312
<i>Last Mile Delivery</i>	805,637	400,000	-405,637
<i>Delivery and Servicing Plans</i>	248,400	0	-248,400
<i>Car Club</i>	89,010	0	-89,010
Total	14,579,715	11,286,870	-3,292,845

- 5.5 After post-FBC discussions with operators the bus upgrade request was revised down to £1,904,777 after staff costs. Funding requests from operators ranged between £16,050 and £24,146 per bus compared with the government's proposed award of £16,705 per bus after staff costs. Whilst at the lower end of the range Officers are of the opinion that with a suitably skilled member of staff in place to help the smaller operators obtain better terms and prices from retrofit suppliers, the proposed funding award is acceptable.
- 5.6 Capital Programme approval has been given for the £5.944M of secured grant funding, and approval is being sought to amend and transfer the provisional balance incorporated into the 2020/21 budget to full approval, subject to approval of the proposed grant award as set out above.
- 5.7 Revenue expenditure for the CAZ infrastructure and mitigation measures is to be funded via grant award by DfT/DEFRA and revenue from operating the CAZ. Depending on the final agreed launch date the Council's 2020/21 revenue budget will be adjusted to incorporate the CAZ income and expenditure budgets on the basis the scheme is fully funded. As such there will be no budget growth pressures, with any adjustments to revenue budgets being on a cost neutral basis.
- 5.8 Over the initial two-year period (2019-2021) the forecast scheme revenue costs and proposed funding awards are set out in the table below:

Operating Income	£'000
Operating Revenue	£2,113
Feasibility Study Revenue Grant	£364
Scheme (IF) Revenue Grant	£1,387
Mitigation (CAF) Revenue Grant	£1,320
Total	£5,184
Operating Expenses	
Mitigation (CAF) Operating Costs	£1,858
Scheme (IF) Operating Costs	£2,670
Total	£4,528
Contribution to Sinking Fund to Cover Long-Term Shortfall	£656
Contribution to Revenue Reinvestment Reserve (residual monies)	£0

Over the full 10-year period modelled (2019-30) the forecast total scheme revenue costs and proposed funding awards are set out in the table below:

Operating Income	£'000
Operating Revenue	£17,365
Feasibility Study Revenue Grant	£364
Scheme (IF) Revenue Grant	£1,387
Mitigation (CAF) Revenue Grant	£1,320
Total	£20,436
Operating Expenses	
Mitigation (CAF) Operating Costs	£2,461
Scheme (IF) Operating Costs	£14,272
Total	£16,733
Contribution to Sinking Fund to Cover Long-Term Shortfall	£2,804
Contribution to Revenue Reinvestment Reserve (residual monies)	£899

- 5.9 Revenue costs such as staff, back office and CAZ Central Service costs are forecast to be covered by income generation and the proposed government grant funding for the entirety of the scheme. As part of ongoing negotiations regarding the operational agreements (and as part of this the cost impact of changes to the scheme since the FBC submission, including the cost of the CAZ Central Service), Officers have received written assurance from JAQU that any risk to the revenue forecast to be generated from the scheme will be fully underwritten by government in accordance with the 'new burdens' principle, thereby protecting the Council's wider revenue budget position.
- 5.10 Within the financial model, the scheme forecasts higher levels of income in the early years before income levels begin to decline due to increased compliance. A sinking fund is therefore proposed to cover the long-term shortfall and to ensure that monies are ring-fenced for known costs. Operational costs would also be correspondingly reduced to mitigate any adverse impact.
- 5.11 It is a requirement of the Transport Act 2000 that a general plan outlining the use of any net proceeds from the scheme for a period of 10 years and a detailed programme for the application of the net proceeds during the opening five year period, is incorporated into the Charging Order. These net proceeds will be held in the Revenue Reinvestment Reserve. The Council is committed to providing access through finance partners to financial assistance to upgrade to compliant vehicles for those businesses and individuals that are impacted by the implementation of the scheme. This will be in the form of a grant and/or interest free finance. If accepted, the funding settlement from government will provide up to £9.351M to cover the administration and finance costs associated with the financial assistance scheme (with the finance partners providing the capital for the scheme).

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment for the project has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's risk management protocols. Specific information can be found in the project documentation (as published on the website).
- 6.2 The delivery and success of the CAZ has a range of interdependencies with national, sub-regional and local stakeholders and statutory bodies, whose activities, programmes and policies could have significant implications on the delivery of air quality compliance in the shortest possible time in Bath and North East Somerset. All relationships with these bodies are monitored by the Project Team and reported to the Project Board.
- 6.3 The implementation works for the scheme is capital expenditure, with that spend being covered by grant funding. If the project was not completed there is a risk that these costs, or an element of these costs, would need to revert to revenue.
- 6.4 Revenue costs such as staff, back office and CAZ Central Service costs are forecast to be covered by income generation and the proposed government grant funding for the entirety of the scheme. There is a risk that income generation could be lower than forecast. However, Officers have received written assurance from JAQU that any risk to the revenue forecast to be generated from the scheme will be fully underwritten by government in accordance with the 'new burdens' principle, thereby protecting the Council's wider revenue budget position.
- 6.5 The S151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer were involved in the formation of both the FBC and Clean Air Fund bids, have assessed the proposed funding award and have signed off this report for publication.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 6.1 The Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019, committing it to providing the leadership necessary to enable Bath and North East Somerset to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Research undertaken since March 2019 has recommended three immediate priority areas for action which include the need for a major shift to mass transit, walking and cycling to reduce transport emissions i.e. implementing policies to enable a 25% cut in car and van mileage per person per year by 2030, coupled with a 76% switch to fully electric cars and 14% to petrol/electric hybrid, leaving just 10% petrol/diesel cars on the road by 2030. Full electrification of passenger rail is also proposed by 2030.
- 6.2 As stated in section 5, any surplus revenue generated by the enforcement of the scheme will be held in a Revenue Reinvestment Reserve. Allocation of this revenue will be managed by the internal Transport Steering Group and there is opportunity for reinvestment to directly or indirectly facilitate the achievement of Bath and North East Somerset Council's transport policies. These policies include schemes to reduce the use of private vehicles, which will further contribute to a reduction in carbon dioxide generated by transport and travel.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 To reject the funding settlement and delay the implementation of the Clean Air Zone, which would be contrary to the requirements of the latest Ministerial Direction. This approach was rejected as it would significantly impact the Council's ability to achieve compliance in the shortest possible time (with consideration given to COVID-19 delays).

9 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Significant public consultation has been undertaken at each stage of the Clean Air Zone implementation process. All consultation reports are published on the Council's website with full analysis of the responses received and the changes to the plans that have occurred in light of feedback received.

Contact person	<i>Chris Major x4231</i>
Background papers	<i>E3175 Bath Clean Air Plan FBC Submission - January 2020</i> <i>E3152 Bath's Clean Air Plan - September 2019 update</i> <i>E3132 Bath's Clean Air Plan</i> <i>Documents published on the Council's website, including the Full Business Case, Outline Business Case and Equalities Impact Assessment</i>
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Equality Impact Assessment / Equality Analysis

Title of service or policy	Introduction of a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) in Bath and North East Somerset
Team	Development and Public Protection
Officer leading the completion of the EqlA	Cathryn Brown, Team Manager
Date of assessment	Updated July 2020

The Public Sector Equality Duty (Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people carrying out their activities.

Equality Impact Assessment (or 'Equality Analysis') is a process of systematically analysing a new or existing policy or service to identify what impact or likely impact it will have on different groups within the community. The primary concern is to identify any discriminatory or negative consequences for a particular group or sector of the community and help the Council to better understand the potential impact of any proposals and consider mitigating actions. Equality Impact Assessments (EqIAs) can be carried out in relation to service delivery as well as employment policies and strategies.

This toolkit has been developed to use as a framework when carrying out an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) or Equality Analysis on a policy, service or function. It is intended that this is used as a working document throughout the process, with a final version including the action plan section being published on the Council's and NHS Bath and North East Somerset's websites.

This document has been updated to align with publication of the Cabinet report in July 2020. It will remain an evolving document to ensure that all equality issues are properly considered during the life of the Clean Air Zone project.

Further information on the proposals can be found at <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021>.

1.	The aims of the policy or service
1.1	<p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor air quality is recognised as a major public health issue in Bath and North East Somerset and is identified as a corporate priority by the Council. In the report 'Every breath we take' published by the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in 2016, it states that some people will suffer more from air pollution because they live in deprived areas which often have higher levels of air pollution, they live, learn or work near busy roads or they may be more vulnerable because of pre-existing medical conditions. Nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter are the pollutants which are identified as presenting the highest risk and these are monitored throughout the authority. Exposure to high levels of NO₂ can make existing heart and lung conditions such as asthma worse; particulates are now known to contribute to heart disease and lung cancer (Air Quality - a briefing for

	<p>Directors of Public Health, DEFRA, 2017).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a pollutant, nitrogen dioxide has been assigned a national air quality objective, requiring compliance by the Council to reduce levels below the objective limit. The main source of nitrogen dioxide is from vehicle emissions, with diesel vehicles being the major contributing source of pollution. The Council is responsible for monitoring and achieving compliance under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995. In 2002 Bath city centre and the main roads leading into it, was declared as an Air Quality Management Area. An Air Quality Action Plan was developed and has been reviewed several times, the latest review being in 2017. The opportunity was taken to feed comments from this review into the consultation and engagement for the National Air Quality Plan. The updated Action Plan will be published following the completion of the project.
1.2	<i>Briefly describe purpose of the service/policy including: how the service/policy is delivered and by whom; if responsibility for its implementation is shared with other departments or organisations and intended outcomes</i>
1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The implementation of this policy must be delivered through engagement with communities within B&NES. This will be completed by teams across the Council, with support from external organisations such as the Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU), Highways England, neighbouring local authorities and transport operators. The intended outcome of this policy is to achieve compliance with the Ministerial Directions served on the Council by DEFRA and DfT (known as the Joint Air Quality Unit) in 2017 and 2019. The Directions are served under the Environment Act 1995.
1.4	<i>Provide brief details of the scope of the policy or service being reviewed, for example: is it a new service/policy or review of an existing one? Is it a national requirement? How much room for review is there?</i>
1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the introduction of a new policy which is required following the service of Ministerial Directions referred to in 1.2 above. The Council is one of several local authorities served with such Directions, as part of the National Air Quality Plan, to deliver compliance with the national air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide in the shortest time possible and by 2021 at the latest.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assessment and modelling carried out to date, confirms that in order to achieve the required reduction in concentrations, a Clean Air Zone is required where drivers of certain higher emission vehicles will be charged for entering a defined geographical zone in the city. In addition to this charging measure, a suite of non-charging measures are being proposed to support the necessary behaviour change from the public and businesses. The Council is also considering possible exemptions and concessions to mitigate any negative impacts for groups through the introduction of a Clean Air Zone. • The Ministerial Directions require the Council to identify a preferred option that will deliver the necessary compliance in the shortest time possible. The Council's Cabinet decided upon the preferred option of a Charging Class C CAZ with traffic management in March 2019. A public consultation on the Charging Order for the CAZ was carried out in September 2019 and the Full Business Case (FBC) for a Charging Class C CAZ with traffic management was confirmed by Cabinet in January 2020.
1.6	<i>Do the aims of this policy link to or conflict with any other policies of the Council?</i>
1.7	<p>This policy has links at both the sub-regional and local level:</p> <p>Sub-regional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The West of England LEP's Strategic Economic Plan (2015-30), which establishes the economic vision for the sub-region. • The West of England Joint Local Transport Plan (2011-26), which sets out the transport priorities for the sub-region. • Partnership arrangements to identify the economic development and growth projections for the sub-region. • The West of England Joint Transport Strategy (JTS), which provides a clear direction for the long-term development of the transport system in the West of England to 2036 and beyond. <p>Local:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B&NES Placemaking Plan (PMP), which aims to guide development up until 2029 and ensure that any developments within this timeframe are high quality, sustainable, well located and supported by appropriate infrastructure. • B&NES Getting Around Bath (GAB) Transport Strategy, which aims to 'enhance Bath's unique status by adopting measures that promote sustainable transport and reduce the intrusion of vehicles, particularly in the historic core. This will enable more economic activity and growth, while enhancing its special character and environment and improving the

quality of life for local people’.

- The B&NES Parking Strategy, which sets out the need to reduce the intrusion of vehicles into urban centres, reflecting concerns surrounding the impact of high numbers of vehicle movements on air quality.
- The B&NES Public Realm and Movement Strategy for Bath City Centre ‘is designed to give pedestrians, cyclists and public transport vehicles priority over cars, and deliver a network of beautiful, refashioned streets and public spaces’.
- Our Customer Services Transformation programme could result in less face to face interaction with customers at our One Stop Shops as we encourage those who are able to access information and services online. It is proposed that all Penalty Charge Notice charges incurred as a result of the Clean Air Zone will be managed by an online system which can be accessed at the One Stop Shop locations.
- The Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019 which identifies as a priority the need for a major shift to mass transport, walking and cycling to reduce carbon emissions by 2030.

2. Consideration of available data, research and information		
Key questions		Data, research and information that you can refer to
2.1	What is the equality profile of the team delivering the service/policy?	The size of the CAZ Project Team is too small to provide any meaningful equality profile information.
2.2	What equality training have team members received?	Team members in the wider CAZ Project Team have received equalities training and are regularly updated on equalities issues.
2.3	What is the equality profile of service users?	Information about the equalities profile of people in Bath and North East Somerset can be found at http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/your-council-and-democracy/local-research-and-statistics/census-and-population
2.4	What other data do you have?	As part of the Final Business Case (FBC) for the Clean Air Zone, a Distribution and Equality Impact Analysis has been carried out. This provides more detailed information on the groups which could be impacted by the introduction of a charging Class C CAZ and is appended to the FBC.
2.5	What engagement or consultation has been undertaken?	The Council has been engaging with the public since April 2018 on the introduction of a Clean Air Zone in Bath and a summary of the outcomes of this work can be found in the Engagement and Consultation reports which are appended to the Outline Business Case (OBC) and FBC and are available on the Council's webpages.
2.6	If you are planning to undertake any consultation in the future regarding this service or policy, how will you include equalities considerations within this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal periods of public consultation have taken place in October-November 2018 and September-October 2019. Through these consultations, contacts have been made with specific organisations to better understand both the positive and negative impacts of introducing a charging Clean Air Zone. Whilst there will be no further formal public consultations following the decision on the FBC, there will be ongoing engagement and communication with organisations prior to the Clean Air Zone becoming operational. Such organisations include taxi operators, community transport providers, healthcare providers and charities (this is not intended to be an exhaustive list). All consultation documents have been made accessible via the Council's website, One Stop Shops

		<p>and libraries. During the last consultation 25 paper surveys were completed and over 600 surveys were completed online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication regarding any decision and implementation process relating to the charging CAZ, will be designed to meet the communication needs of our diverse community (i.e. we will use a variety of methods to make sure that everyone is kept informed and make information available in different formats).
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3	Assessment of impact: <i>Based upon any data you have considered, or the results of consultation or research, use the spaces below to demonstrate you have analysed how the service or policy meets any particular needs of equalities groups or helps promote equality in some way. Could have a negative or adverse impact for any of the equalities groups</i>
3.1	An initial screening process for each of the protected characteristics was carried out and has been updated. A separate equality impact assessment will be developed for the proposed traffic management measures in Queen Square.
3.2	Potential positive impacts:
3.3	<p>Although air pollution can be harmful to everyone, some people are more affected than others because they are exposed to higher levels of air pollution in their day to day lives, live in a polluted area, or are more susceptible to health problems caused by air pollution. The most vulnerable people face all of these disadvantages. Overall, the introduction of a charging Class C CAZ, which brings about compliance with legal levels for nitrogen dioxide, will have positive health benefits for all and in particular for those people in the following protected characteristic groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age • Disability • Pregnancy and Maternity <p>There is a location in Whiteway, Bath where small increases in traffic flow, due to the additional traffic management measures in Queen Square, will result in a small net decrease in air quality for this area, where there is a higher concentration of children. However, irrespective of this, it is not anticipated that the national objective for nitrogen dioxide will be exceeded in this location. An extensive monitoring and evaluation programme has been developed to install additional air quality monitoring sites and automatic traffic counters to understand if the modelling outcomes are as expected.</p> <p>Other positive impacts are likely to include small scale public transport accessibility benefits due to a reduction in traffic volumes within the Clean Air Zone area and impacts of the supporting abatement measures. These benefits are likely to be concentrated on existing bus users who are typically more likely to be from lower income groups, older people, and households without a car than the background population.</p>

3.4	Potential negative impacts:
3.5	<p>For a charging Class C CAZ, the following groups could be negatively impacted for reasons of accessibility and affordability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age • Disability • Race • Residents living outside of the proposed CAZ • Businesses <p>This review of the EqIA also considers the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020 and details further mitigations which are being offered to affected residents, businesses and organisations.</p>

4	<i>Gender – identify the impact/potential impact of the policy on women and men.</i>
4.1	<i>Details of the impact</i>
4.2	No identified impact.

5	<i>Pregnancy and maternity</i>
5.1	<i>Details of the impact</i>
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging evidence suggests that air pollution can affect the growth of the unborn baby and may be linked to premature birth (<i>Impact of London's road traffic air and noise pollution on birth weight: retrospective population-based cohort study, British Medical Journal 2017.</i>) (RCPCH and RCP Report Every Breath We Take). Therefore, the reduction in nitrogen dioxide levels brought about by compliance with the Ministerial Directions should have a positive impact on people within this protective characteristic group. Under a charging Class C CAZ, it is possible that some people may experience problems in accessing medical appointments, toddler groups or other support networks for parents, because of impacts on community transport and health care providers and voluntary groups.
5.3	<i>What steps have been or could be taken to address the impacts?</i>
5.4	<p>Ongoing consultation with the Council's Independent Equality Advisory Group (this is the Council's forum for equality issues).</p> <p>Relevant mitigation measures funded from the Clean Air Fund:</p> <p>Financial assistance through an interest free loan and/or grant for transport providers to upgrade to a compliant vehicle.</p> <p>Relevant exemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles for disabled people which are exempt from vehicle road tax; A range of targeted exemptions for up to two years from the launch date for those supporting vital services and disadvantaged groups i.e. community transport, blue badge holders, community-based education, health or social care service providers, those supporting the emergency services, wheelchair accessible taxis, recovery vehicles, showman's vehicles, general haulage vehicles and special vehicles; A targeted exemption through to the expected vehicle handover date or up to two years from the launch date at the latest for those accepted for the financial assistance scheme but who need to wait for a vehicle to be manufactured and delivered; A general 'means-tested' exemption for everyone (except those with pre-Euro 4 vehicles manufactured before approx.

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6.2	<p>Some disabled people have chronic conditions which can be made worse by air pollution:</p> <table><tr><td>Disease</td><td>No. of people</td><td>Proportion of B&NES population</td></tr><tr><td>Chronic heart disease</td><td>5737</td><td>2.8%</td></tr><tr><td>Stroke/TIA*</td><td>3656</td><td>1.8%</td></tr><tr><td>Asthma</td><td>12912</td><td>6.2%</td></tr><tr><td>COPD**</td><td>2939</td><td>1.4%</td></tr></table> <p>Source: QOF indicators 2017/2018 available from: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/quality-and-outcomes-framework-achievement-prevalence-and-exceptions-data/2017-18 *transient ischemic attack, ** Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</p> <p>Therefore, improvements in air quality will benefit this group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Disabled people are likely to have concerns over access to a range of key amenities (e.g. health facilities), so any change in accessibility could hinder their ability to reach such facilities.The Distribution and Equality Impact Analysis also indicates that communities with a high disability ratio are located throughout the Clean Air Zone area and are particularly concentrated in central Bath and on the western periphery of the city. Therefore, the disabled population in central Bath may suffer from reduced accessibility with the implementation of the proposed Clean Air Zone scheme, due to more limited choices on modes of compliant transport.For a charging Class C CAZ, larger increases in motor traffic flows will occur in areas with higher than average concentrations of disabled people, and the larger decreases in motor traffic will occur in areas with the highest average concentrations of disabled people. As such, disabled people will see the greatest share of both the benefits and disbenefits in terms of severance.	Disease	No. of people	Proportion of B&NES population	Chronic heart disease	5737	2.8%	Stroke/TIA*	3656	1.8%	Asthma	12912	6.2%	COPD**	2939	1.4%
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7.2	<p>Children and young people may be more vulnerable to the health impacts of air pollution (<i>World Health Organization (2013) Review of evidence on health aspects of air pollution</i>).</p> <p>There is good evidence for the association between the development of asthma in childhood and traffic-related air pollution https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0160412016307838?via%3Dihub</p> <p>Further, there is evidence to suggest that the elderly are disproportionately affected by the public health impacts of air pollution (<i>Simoni et al., Adverse effects of outdoor pollution in the elderly, Journal of Thoracic Disease, January 2015</i>)’.</p> <p>The number and proportion of older people in B&NES is projected to increase over the coming years. Between 2016 and 2029 the number of over 75's in the population is projected to increase by 36% (approximately 6,000 people). Over the same time period the numbers of people over 90 are projected to increase by 25%. (<i>Source: B&NES JSNA</i>)</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>2016</td><td>2022</td><td>2029</td><td>2016-2029</td><td>Change 2016-2029</td></tr><tr><td>75+</td><td>16,600</td><td>19,300</td><td>22,600</td><td>6,000</td><td>36%</td></tr><tr><td>85+</td><td>5,300</td><td>5,500</td><td>6,700</td><td>1,400</td><td>26%</td></tr><tr><td>90+</td><td>2,000</td><td>2,100</td><td>2,500</td><td>500</td><td>25%</td></tr></table> <p>Therefore, the reduction in nitrogen dioxide levels brought about by compliance with the Ministerial Direction should have an overall positive impact on people within this protective characteristic group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are likely to be small scale public transport accessibility benefits due to a reduction in traffic volumes within the Clean Air Zone area and impacts of the supporting abatement measures. These benefits are likely to be concentrated on existing bus users who are typically likely to include older people.• Children and elderly people require access to a range of key amenities (e.g. schools and health facilities), so any change in accessibility could hinder their ability to reach such facilities. This is likely to be an impact under a charging Class C CAZ because of impacts on community transport providers.• The charging Class C CAZ results in both motor traffic flow increases and decreases in central Bath due to the Clean Air		2016	2022	2029	2016-2029	Change 2016-2029	75+	16,600	19,300	22,600	6,000	36%	85+	5,300	5,500	6,700	1,400	26%	90+	2,000	2,100	2,500	500	25%
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	<p>Zone charge and traffic management scheme on Queen Square. As there are areas with fewer children within the charging area, this is a group likely to experience the most benefits and disbenefits from noise, accident, and severance impacts as a result of the charging Class C CAZ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the charging Class C CAZ scheme, small increases in traffic flow due to the additional traffic management measures in Queen Square will result in a small net decrease in air quality for the area of Whiteway Road/Rush Hill where there is a high concentration of children. However, irrespective of this, it is not anticipated that the national objective for nitrogen dioxide will be exceeded in this location.
7.2	<i>What steps have been or could be taken to address the impacts?</i>
7.3	<p>Ongoing consultation with the Council's Independent Equality Advisory Group (this is the Council's forum for equality issues).</p> <p>Relevant mitigation measures funded from the Clean Air Fund:</p> <p>Financial assistance through an interest free loan and/or grant for transport providers to upgrade to a compliant vehicle.</p> <p>Relevant exemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles for disabled people which are exempt from vehicle road tax; A range of targeted exemptions for up to two years from the launch date for those supporting vital services and disadvantaged groups i.e. community transport, blue badge holders, community-based education, health or social care service providers, those supporting the emergency services, wheelchair accessible taxis, recovery vehicles, showman's vehicles, general haulage vehicles and special vehicles; A targeted exemption through to the expected vehicle handover date or up to two years from the launch date at the latest for those accepted for the financial assistance scheme but who need to wait for a vehicle to be manufactured and delivered; A general 'means-tested' exemption for everyone (except those with pre-Euro 4 vehicles manufactured before approx. 2005/6) that is also accessed via the financial assistance scheme i.e. if a vehicle owner or operator passes the eligibility checks but fails the affordability checks they are able to apply for a temporary exemption for up to two years from the launch date.

8	Race
8.1	<i>Details of the impact</i>
8.2	<p>The B&NES population contains fewer than the national average of black and minority ethnic people (5.4% as opposed to 14.03% nationally).</p> <p>The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment identifies that in the Bath area only Bathwick (14.70%) had a higher proportion of black and minority ethnic people in 2011 than the England & Wales average (14.03%). However, only two of the wards, Lyncombe (4.21%) and Lambridge (5.32%) had a lower proportion of black and minority ethnic people than the B&NES average (5.42%).</p> <p>It is possible that this group of people may be affected by any changes in accessibility in reaching facilities such as community and medical centres.</p>
8.3	<i>What steps have been or could be taken to address the impacts?</i>
8.4	<p>Ongoing consultation with the Council's Independent Equality Advisory Group (this is the Council's forum for equality issues).</p> <p>Relevant mitigation measures funded from the Clean Air Fund:</p> <p>Financial assistance through an interest free loan and/or grant for transport providers to upgrade to a compliant vehicle.</p> <p>Relevant exemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles for disabled people which are exempt from vehicle road tax; • A range of targeted exemptions for up to two years from the launch date for those supporting vital services and disadvantaged groups i.e. community transport, blue badge holders, community-based education, health or social care service providers, those supporting the emergency services, wheelchair accessible taxis, recovery vehicles, showman's vehicles, general haulage vehicles and special vehicles; • A targeted exemption through to the expected vehicle handover date or up to two years from the launch date at the latest for those accepted for the financial assistance scheme but who need to wait for a vehicle to be manufactured and delivered;

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9	<i>Religion/belief</i>
9.1	<i>Details of the impact</i>
9.2	<p>A number of faith-based venues are located within the proposed boundary of the Clean Air Zone, e.g. Bath City Church, Elim Church and Bath Islamic Centre. Attendees to these venues maybe disadvantaged if they do not have alternative, compliant methods of transport.</p> <p>This is likely to be an impact under a charging Class C CAZ if community transport providers are impacted.</p>
9.3	<i>What steps have been or could be taken to address the impacts?</i>
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10	<i>Sexual orientation; marriage and civil partnership and transgender people</i>
10.1	<i>Details of the impact</i>
10.2	No identified impact.

11	<i>Whilst not protected characteristics, the Council has chosen to include the following issues because of the distinctive context of B&NES.</i>
11.1	<i>Socio-economically disadvantaged</i> –factors like family background, educational attainment, neighbourhood, employment status can influence life chances
11.2	<i>Details of the impact</i>
11.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Distribution and Equality Impact Analysis indicates that the most acute concentrations of low-income households are located in and around Twerton on the western outskirts of Bath. • Under a Charging Class C CAZ, small increases in traffic flow on Whiteway Road, due to the additional traffic management measures in Queen Square, result in a small net increase in nitrogen dioxide concentrations in this location; all other locations will benefit from a decline in nitrogen dioxide concentrations. • There are also areas of income deprivation in central Bath too (albeit less severe than on the western periphery of the city). Under the scheme it is anticipated that there will be a more significant reduction in nitrogen dioxide concentrations in these communities, contributing to a notable beneficial air quality impact. • There are likely to be small scale public transport accessibility benefits due to a reduction in traffic volumes within the CAZ area and impacts of the supporting abatement measures. These benefits are likely to be concentrated on existing bus users who are typically more likely to include lower income groups. • It is possible that people within this group may find it difficult to access and afford alternative, compliant methods of transport, particularly if they are low paid and work antisocial or flexible shifts. This impact could be exacerbated by the COVID-19 outbreak. • In addition, sole traders who own non-compliant LGV's could experience affordability impacts under the scheme, which again could be exacerbated the COVID-19 outbreak.

11.4	<i>What steps have been or could be taken to address the impacts?</i>
11.5	<p>Ongoing consultation with the Council's Independent Equality Advisory Group (this is the Council's forum for equality issues).</p> <p>Relevant mitigation measures funded from the Clean Air Fund:</p> <p>Financial assistance through an interest free loan and/or grant for transport providers to upgrade to a compliant vehicle.</p> <p>Relevant exemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles for disabled people which are exempt from vehicle road tax; • A range of targeted exemptions for up to two years from the launch date for those supporting vital services and disadvantaged groups i.e. community transport, blue badge holders, community-based education, health or social care service providers, those supporting the emergency services, wheelchair accessible taxis, recovery vehicles, showman's vehicles, general haulage vehicles and special vehicles; • A targeted exemption through to the expected vehicle handover date or up to two years from the launch date at the latest for those accepted for the financial assistance scheme but who need to wait for a vehicle to be manufactured and delivered; • A general 'means-tested' exemption for everyone (except those with pre-Euro 4 vehicles manufactured before approx. 2005/6) that is also accessed via the financial assistance scheme i.e. if a vehicle owner or operator passes the eligibility checks but fails the affordability checks they are able to apply for a temporary exemption for up to two years from the launch date. <p>Additional measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing monitoring of air quality levels across the authority, including Whiteway, to monitor any increases in nitrogen dioxide levels under the scheme, so that corrective action can be taken. • Ongoing monitoring of traffic flows and road traffic accident data across the authority to assess any unforeseen changes so that corrective action can be taken.

12	<i>Rural communities – identify the impact/ potential impact on people living in rural communities</i>
12.1	<i>Details of the impact</i>
12.2	<p>Those people living in rural communities may have less access to public transport options to get to their place of work or for accessing leisure and social activities.</p> <p>This is likely to be a significant impact under a charging Class C CAZ if community transport and taxis are impacted.</p>
12.3	<i>What steps have been or could be taken to address the impacts?</i>
12.4	<p>Ongoing dialogue with the relevant Area Forums.</p> <p>Relevant mitigation measures funded from the Clean Air Fund:</p> <p>Financial assistance through an interest free loan and/or grant for transport providers to upgrade to a compliant vehicle.</p> <p>Relevant exemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles for disabled people which are exempt from vehicle road tax; A range of targeted exemptions for up to two years from the launch date for those supporting vital services and disadvantaged groups i.e. community transport, blue badge holders, community-based education, health or social care service providers, those supporting the emergency services, wheelchair accessible taxis, recovery vehicles, showman's vehicles, general haulage vehicles and special vehicles; A targeted exemption through to the expected vehicle handover date or up to two years from the launch date at the latest for those accepted for the financial assistance scheme but who need to wait for a vehicle to be manufactured and delivered; A general 'means-tested' exemption for everyone (except those with pre-Euro 4 vehicles manufactured before approx. 2005/6) that is also accessed via the financial assistance scheme i.e. if a vehicle owner or operator passes the eligibility checks but fails the affordability checks they are able to apply for a temporary exemption for up to two years from the launch date.

13	Residents living in Bath
13.1	<i>Details of the impact</i>
13.2	<p>This group of people benefit from improvements to air quality from reductions in circulating traffic through modal shift and avoidance.</p> <p>Under a charging Class C CAZ there could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased availability of on street parking spaces for permit holders from greater car park and park and ride usage. • Reduction in circulating traffic looking for a free space and decreased congestion from greater car park and park and ride usage. • Increased costs for entering the CAZ if either residents or contractors do not own a compliant vehicle. Contractors could pass these costs onto customers.
13.3	<p>Ongoing consultation with the Council's Independent Equality Advisory Group (this is the Council's forum for equality issues) and Residents Associations within the city.</p> <p>Relevant mitigation measures funded from the Clean Air Fund:</p> <p>Financial assistance through an interest free loan and/or grant for transport providers to upgrade to a compliant vehicle.</p> <p>Relevant exemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles for disabled people which are exempt from vehicle road tax; • A range of targeted exemptions for up to two years from the launch date for those supporting vital services and disadvantaged groups i.e. community transport, blue badge holders, community-based education, health or social care service providers, those supporting the emergency services, wheelchair accessible taxis, recovery vehicles, showman's vehicles, general haulage vehicles and special vehicles; • A targeted exemption through to the expected vehicle handover date or up to two years from the launch date at the latest for those accepted for the financial assistance scheme but who need to wait for a vehicle to be manufactured and delivered; • A general 'means-tested' exemption for everyone (except those with pre-Euro 4 vehicles manufactured before approx. 2005/6) that is also accessed via the financial assistance scheme i.e. if a vehicle owner or operator passes the

	eligibility checks but fails the affordability checks they are able to apply for a temporary exemption for up to two years from the launch date.
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14	Residents living outside of the proposed zone
14.1	<i>Details of the impact</i>
14.2	Increased potential for non-compliant vehicles to enter residential areas, looking for a diversion route or parking outside of the Clean Air Zone.
14.3	<i>What steps have been or could be taken to address the impacts?</i>
14.4	<p>Attendance at Residents Association and Area Forum meetings to explain the purpose of the Clean Air Zone and encourage feedback.</p> <p>Mitigations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment of the CAZ boundary to include the Pulteney Estates Area, Bathwick, Sydney Place and Oldfield Park areas • Review and extension of Resident's Parking Zones.

15	Businesses
15.1	<i>Details of the impact</i>
15.2	<p>The introduction of a Clean Air Zone could bring positive impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased availability of on street parking spaces for customers with compliant vehicles looking for short term 'pop and shop' parking. • Reduction in circulating traffic looking for a free space and decreased congestion. • Improvements to air quality from reduction in circulating traffic resulting in longer dwell times. <p>There could also be negative impacts including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The perception that the Clean Air Zone could deter footfall in central Bath as consumers and tourists opt to visit alternative locations. • Increased charges for deliveries to/from businesses located in the central area, providing additional costs that would either need to be absorbed by the business (affecting profitability) or passed on to consumers (increasing prices and potentially deterring custom). • Impacts on a range of businesses located outside the Clean Air Zone that require routing of LGVs/HGVs through the Clean Air Zone as part of their day-to-day activities (e.g. for trades people or for suppliers/deliveries). Although these businesses are not directly affected by the Clean Air Zone based on their geographical location within the Clean Air Zone, their business practices may mean regular entry to the Clean Air Zone, potentially resulting in charges being imposed. • Impacts on businesses which rely on employment sourced from a wide geographic labour market; imposing a charge on non-compliant vehicles could cause a contraction of this market as labour located in the wider geographic area choose to work in other locations that are unaffected by a Clean Air Zone. <p>All of these negative impacts could be exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>

15.3	<i>What steps have been or could be taken to address the impacts?</i>
15.4	<p>Engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Council departments including the Heritage Services and Economic Regeneration teams, • Bath Business Improvement District, • Bus, coach and taxi operators • Major employers e.g. Royal Mail <p>Relevant mitigation measures funded from the Clean Air Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance through an interest free loan and/or grant for transport providers to upgrade to a compliant vehicle; • Expanding the last mile delivery services available in the city. <p>Relevant exemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles for disabled people which are exempt from vehicle road tax; • A range of targeted exemptions for up to two years from the launch date for those supporting vital services and disadvantaged groups i.e. community transport, blue badge holders, community-based education, health or social care service providers, those supporting the emergency services, wheelchair accessible taxis, recovery vehicles, showman's vehicles, general haulage vehicles and special vehicles; • A targeted exemption through to the expected vehicle handover date or up to two years from the launch date at the latest for those accepted for the financial assistance scheme but who need to wait for a vehicle to be manufactured and delivered; • A general 'means-tested' exemption for everyone (except those with pre-Euro 4 vehicles manufactured before approx. 2005/6) that is also accessed via the financial assistance scheme i.e. if a vehicle owner or operator passes the eligibility checks but fails the affordability checks they are able to apply for a temporary exemption for up to two years from the launch date.

4. Bath and North East Somerset Council & NHS B&NES Equality Impact Assessment Improvement Plan

Please list actions that you plan to take as a result of this assessment. These actions should be based upon the analysis of data and engagement, any gaps in the data you have identified, and any steps you will be taking to address any negative impacts or remove barriers. The actions need to be built into your service planning framework. Actions/targets should be measurable, achievable, realistic and time framed.

Issues identified	Actions required	Progress milestones	Officer responsible	By when	Completion Date
<p>Ongoing collection of information about the potential impacts on people in the following protected characteristic groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability • Age • Black and Ethnic Minority Groups • Rural Communities • Pregnancy and Maternity • Businesses 	Ongoing engagement with impacted groups	At implementation stage	Cathryn Brown	Implementation Stage	
Are there possible mitigations which have been missed?	Development of ideas through feedback received during the public consultation on the Charging Order	At FBC stage in January 2020	Cathryn Brown	January 2020	January 2020

Disproportionate impact on disabled people who do not use a specific vehicle but are transported by others in their vehicle	Work with Central Government to ensure that a system is in place to allow a blue badge to be registered to any vehicle the holder is travelling in	To be developed and peer group tested	Chris Major	Ongoing	
Specific impact on those in the lowest socio-economic groups, especially in light of the COVID-19 outbreak	Targeted financial assistance for those who need it most to be developed in consultation with groups affected	To be defined through the ongoing engagement processes and be in place in advance of the zone going live in late 2020	Ashley Beighton	Ongoing	
Specific impact on businesses, particularly small businesses and especially in light of the COVID-19 outbreak	Targeted financial assistance for those who need it most to be developed in consultation with groups affected	To be defined through the ongoing engagement processes and be in place in advance of the zone going live in late 2020	Ashley Beighton	Ongoing	

5. Signed

Signed off by: Chris Major (Senior Responsible Project Officer)

Date: July 2020

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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report updates the cabinet on progress made in delivering our corporate strategy and identifies key issues for its further development in the context of recovery and renewal following from our response to Covid-19.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the impacts of the Council's Covid-19 response and recovery on the delivery of its Corporate Strategy, including opportunities to bring forward delivery where appropriate
- 2.2 Adopt the key actions this year set out in Appendix 1, designed to deliver key Corporate Strategy commitments
- 2.3 Note the case studies attached in Appendix 2, which set out how delivery of the Strategy has been “kickstarted” during this period and will be built upon

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Full Council adopted a new four-year Corporate Strategy at its meeting on 25th February. The document set a new direction for the Council, reflecting the aims of

the administration elected in May 2019 and providing a clear approach to the Council's activities and priorities.

3.2 The Corporate Strategy is the Council's overarching strategic plan. It sets out what we plan to do, how we plan to do it, and how we will measure performance over the next four years. It contains a new framework for what we will focus on and how we will work, as follows:

- 1) We have one overriding purpose – **to improve people's lives**. This brings together everything we do, from cleaning the streets to caring for our older people. It is the foundation for our strategy, and we will ensure that it drives our commitments, spending and service delivery.
- 2) We have two core policies – **tackling the climate and nature emergency** and **giving people a bigger say**. These will shape our work.
- 3) To translate our purpose into commitments, we have identified three principles. We want to **prepare for the future, deliver for residents** and **focus on prevention**. These, in turn, help us to identify specific delivery commitments across our services.

3.3 At the same meeting, Council also adopted:

- A first-year **Corporate Delivery Programme (CDP)**, which sets out the detailed actions that Council service areas will be taking in 2020/21 to deliver the strategy; Appendix 1 to this report highlights some of the key commitments identified in the **CDP** for delivery in 2020/21 and where it is expected that that these commitments will continue to be delivered, however this may be in a different form as part of the renewal and recovery work; and
- A **Budget for 2020/21** and Financial Outlook report, which sets out how the strategy will be resourced

3.4 In doing this, the Council ensured it has in place a clear and comprehensive strategy for the organisation, alongside robust financial, resourcing and performance frameworks to secure delivery of its programme.

3.5 Within weeks of adopting this framework, the Council's activities were refocused on the crisis response to Covid-19. The authority's work on this has been set out in detail in the report presented in May and June to Cabinet, Corporate PDS Panel and Council. As described in the report, the Council reacted swiftly to ensure key services were continued and to protect the most vulnerable through initiatives such as the cross-partner Compassionate Communities Hub. Staff were redeployed, a number of projects put on hold and some services reduced temporarily. Some facilities, including libraries and the Roman Baths Museum, were closed as a result of the national restrictions brought in to address the pandemic. In addition, the Council changed the way it delivered services through increased working from home and innovations including more online delivery.

3.6 The Council has also had to deal with the enormous financial impacts of Covid-19, particularly the loss of income from heritage attractions and car parking as a result of the lockdown, and the wider economic impacts of Covid-19 on tourism and the visitor and retail economy. Again, a detailed report setting out the Council's response to the financial impacts was presented to Cabinet on 2nd July. The report highlighted the need to take immediate action to ensure a balanced budget in this year, deferring schemes where possible and seeking savings from staff vacancies and further efficiencies.

3.7 Given the decisive action that has now been taken both in response to the crisis and to stabilise the Council's finances, and as restrictions gradually ease, there is now an opportunity to assess the overall impact on the strategy which the Council adopted in February.

3.8 Inevitably, the level of response required for Covid-19 and the need to focus on reopening our High Streets safely and recovering from the crisis has led to the deferral or delay of some commitments set out in the Corporate Strategy. However, the overall approach set out in the strategy, particularly the Council's key role in improving people's lives and the need for long-term thinking to tackle climate change, have become even more vital.

3.9 The Council has therefore established three external workstreams which focus the Corporate Strategy through the lens of our local Covid-19 experience. These are:

- ✓ **Reopening** - ensuring that our High Streets, shops, hospitality and services are brought back as quickly and above all as safely as possible
- ✓ **Renewal** - ensuring that we take any opportunities created by the "new normal" to address the long-term issues facing the area including tackling the climate emergency and diversifying the economy
- ✓ **Resilience** - ensuring that we build on the success of the Compassionate Communities Hub and work even more closely with partners, our third sector organisations and local volunteers to grow local capacity.

3.10 The situation changes almost daily however it is becoming possible to identify some of the striking changes brought about by Covid-19, both locally, nationally and internationally. While there is uncertainty about the extent of the impacts and to what extent changes brought about during the crisis will be permanent, the table below sets out some of the key issues that need to be considered alongside their impacts on the Council's strategy.

Corporate Strategy	Key Issues and Impacts
Tackling the climate and nature emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact of the crisis has brought into sharp relief the dependency of our area on an economic model based on mass tourism and the need to diversify into low carbon, locally based, green economic

Corporate Strategy	Key Issues and Impacts
	<p>recovery models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling the climate emergency will come into even sharper focus as the Council works with partners to renew the local economy and address the long-term challenges facing our area, such as tackling inequalities and reshaping our skills base. • Key commitments in the strategy relating to the climate emergency- such as investment in retrofitting homes to improve energy efficiency, renewable energy development and sustainable travel- have become even more relevant, as they form key elements of investment packages being identified to boost the economy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving people a bigger say 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockdown combined with the swift adoption of new technology have sped up the introduction of online and video engagement tools. Council meetings are now livestreamed, and the Council Leader has established regular webinars on key topics. Our weekly e-newsletter now goes to than 50,000 email addresses. A webinar organised by the Council on Reopening Our High Streets Safely has been watched by more than 700 people. Our two most recent webinars focus on the key issues for young people from Covid 19 and lockdown, and on the green recovery. We have also used webinars to explore the legacy of slavery in our area as well as to engage with local residents on our local response to the impact of Covid-19, including the impact on council finances. This emphasis on quick and easy online engagement will be continued and further developed (see case study). • It is also important to emphasise the associated support and help required for people who have limited or no access to digital services. We must consider fully the equalities implications of this shift to online working. For example, during the crisis the Council also wrote to all households in the area and worked with key local groups such as parish and town councils and local radio stations.
<p>Delivering for residents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The closure of libraries during lockdown has led to innovation including a “Virtual Library” (see case study) and these digital innovations will likely continue even as our facilities reopen. • Support for the most vulnerable has continued

Corporate Strategy	Key Issues and Impacts
	<p>throughout the lockdown period through our One Stop Shops (<i>see case study</i>) and the work of the Compassionate Communities Hub (<i>see case study</i>). The cross-service and partner collaboration that has supported this work will continue and become stronger.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our waste and recycling teams dealt with significant increases in recycling tonnages while maintaining doorstep collection throughout the crisis. Feedback from local communities has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly from children with their rainbow drawings. There is now an opportunity for residents and the Council to work even more closely together to continue the high level of recycling, particularly of food waste, and to keep our streets and open spaces clean.
<p>Preparing for the future</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council's commitment is to net zero carbon by 2030. Tackling the climate and nature emergency will come into even sharper focus as the council works with business and communities to renew the local economy • To ensure this, partnership working is vital and an Economic Renewal Board has been established that brings together businesses, our Universities, college and the Council to protect local firms while making the changes we need to diversity our economy. • The introduction of social distancing measures in town centres has led to a re-allocation of road space on a temporary basis for walking and cycling, particularly in town centres. This has also provided a catalyst for wider conversations about how the Council can achieve the commitments to reducing traffic on local communities. The Council's new Liveable Neighbourhoods website has received over 10,000 visits (<i>see case study</i>) and we are progressing key projects including Residents Parking Zones, electric vehicle charging, the "Wiltshire Whippet" and we are also working closely with WECA on Bristol to Bath mass transit.
<p>Focusing on prevention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of the Compassionate Communities Hub (<i>see case study</i>), established in days at the start of the crisis to provide support, is a living example of exactly the "joined up" approach to supporting our most vulnerable highlighted in the Corporate

Corporate Strategy	Key Issues and Impacts
	<p>Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hub has drawn on pre-existing partnership working with Virgin Care, the CCG and our third sector colleagues including 3SG. • Detailed work is underway for the Hub to evolve still further to support local wellbeing through designing services around all the needs that people have, not working in “silos”, • The Council also took swift and decisive action to accommodate all rough sleepers at the start of the crisis, directly housing 42 individuals (see case study), Last year the Council secured the delivery of 329 units of affordable housing, the highest annual delivery for many years. In addition, there are a further 428 units with planning consent awaiting build-out. • The Council is also looking to further enhance delivery by the direct provision of Council housing, including discounted market housing, housing for rent and supported housing schemes to assist our most vulnerable residents. • A covid-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan has been prepared to prevent or limit future waves of the disease in B&NES • Preventive services of all types have all made imaginative adaptations to working under lockdown. These changes will be reviewed, and some will be continued into the future where they bring greater effectiveness or efficiency.

3.11 In addition, the Council has an **internal recovery workstream**, chaired by the Chief Executive and which is focusing on the following

- To provide strategic leadership for all aspects of the Council’s recovery;
- Develop a new vision for how Council buildings and technology will support services post Covid-19;
- Making the most of our workforce and available technology;
- Ensuring Council services are future focussed, working at optimal efficiency and re-built on principles of good governance.

3.12 The table below outlined the key themes and workstreams and focus of the recovery work

Theme	Description	Specific work includes
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Financial recovery and Future Resilience	Planning in-year financial recovery and delivery of agreed budget mitigations. Reviewing the core cost structure of our business and setting the strategy to plan our resources for the medium to long-term by being future focussed, taking opportunities and diversifying risk to deliver the Council's Corporate Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Recovery plans • Council redesign
Workplaces & Workforce Fit for the Future	Returning Services and our Workforce from a Covid-19 lockdown position to a 'new normal' by reviewing our existing use of assets, designing new workplaces which offer real flexible working arrangements and giving the workforce technology and tools that are fit for the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redesigned Council IT systems • Flexible and remote working policies • Redesign of Council buildings
Future Focussed Redesign & Effective Corporate Governance	Ensuring that the organisation is built on sound foundations of good governance, clear lines of corporate control and oversight and we take opportunities to future focus service redesign to deliver optimum efficiency to the business	<p>Specific service reviews include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Services • Heritage Services • Adult Social care • Centralisation of corporate services

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

The Council has a wide range of powers which allow it to deliver the strategy adopted in February. It should be noted however that the government have introduced an extensive range of new legislation, regulations and guidance during this period, which may influence how certain aspects of our programme are delivered. The Council Strategy was subject to a full Equalities Impact Assessment and it is important that equalities are actively pursued as we implement the strategy.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 A full report on the Council's approach to financial recovery was presented to cabinet on 2nd July. However, this is a fast-moving situation and updates will be provided as appropriate e.g. relating to government and WECA funding.

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 This report provides an opportunity to re-emphasise the Council's climate emergency commitments and to identify ways of speeding up potential delivery mechanisms in the light of our approach to economic renewal. The rise of home working during lockdown and the emphasis on local needs, particularly for food and other essential shopping, has demonstrated the possibility of, and benefits arising from, new low-carbon ways of working and organising. In addition, the local economy must diversify away from dependency on mass tourism.
- 7.2 During the lockdown period, the Cabinet member held a number of webinar-based "climate conversations" (see *case study*). Tackling the climate end nature emergency will now be placed at the centre of our renewal vision and a future webinar programme has been established to set out our plans for progressing this.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The option of completely redrafting the approach and priorities set out in the Corporate Strategy was considered. However, as set out in the report, it was considered that while there were clearly impacts on the timing of delivery, the overall themes and approach set out in the strategy remained highly relevant.

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 This report has been cleared by the S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer.

Contact person	David Trethewey, Director of Partnerships and Corporate Services
Background papers	Corporate Strategy Financial Plans Covid-19 Response report Financial Recovery report Webinars – Council YouTube Channel
Please contact the report author if you need to access this report in an alternative format	

Appendix 1

Delivering the Corporate Strategy in 2020/2021

Portfolio- Leader

Key action this year- continue to develop our series of webinars on key issues for our area, so we are more accountable and transparent and give people a bigger say

Corporate Strategy commitments this delivers-

- new technologies
- tailor our approach to community engagement in Bath
- community engagement charter

Portfolio- Resources and Deputy Leader

Key action this year- manage our finances well to address the income challenges caused by covid 19 and ensure central government shares these burdens fairly

Corporate Strategy commitments this delivers

- new technologies

Portfolio – Adult Services

Key action this year - continue the “no wrong door” model of the Compassionate Communities Hub and work even more closely with our third sector and other partner to support our most vulnerable

Corporate Strategy commitments this delivers

- preventative approaches
- reduce health inequalities
- build on local strengths

Portfolio- Climate Emergency and Neighbourhoods

Key actions this year- engage with our communities on a new vision for our area with climate and nature emergency at its heart - crack down on people who dump rubbish and support those who do the right thing by taking their litter home, and by sorting and recycling their waste (see *case study*)

Corporate Strategy commitments this delivers

- carbon neutral development and energy efficiency retrofitting
- local renewable energy
- reduce waste, increase recycling and support local litter picking schemes
- effective approach to fly-tipping and litter enforcement
- natural environment carbon stores and biodiversity e.g. planting more trees
- Clean Air Zone

Portfolio- Transport Services

Key action this year - continue to deliver improvements to walking and cycling, to build Liveable Neighbourhoods in partnership with local businesses and communities, and deliver key transport projects

Corporate Strategy commitments this delivers

- walking, micro mobility (cycling), car-sharing, buses, and rail;
- Liveable Neighbourhoods (Low traffic)
- Residents Parking Zones
- Electric vehicle charging

Portfolio- Housing, Planning and Economic Development

Key action this year- work with the new Economic Recovery Board to reduce our dependency on mass tourism and build a more sustainable economy by promoting our local centres.

Corporate Strategy commitments this delivers

- high-skill economy
- green local economy

Portfolio- Children's Services

Key action this year – remodelling the Children social care front door and service model to ensure that it is easier to access service provision and referrals (see *case study*)

Corporate Strategy commitments this delivers

- improved statutory health and care services
- develops preventative approaches
- reduce health inequalities
- provision for children and young people with SEND

Portfolio - Community Services

Key action this year – reopen our libraries safely and ensure our key heritage facilities can reopen in a safe and sustainable way

Corporate Strategy commitments this delivers

- Build on local strengths

Appendix 2 - Case Studies

Giving people a bigger say

The imposition of lockdown meant that the council has had to adapt to working in different ways by turning to technology, using online video and engagement tools.

Communicating key messages to residents quickly has been vital and, although not all have computer access, we are able to reach a large proportion of our population through e-communication. At the start of lockdown, we rapidly expanded the reach of our weekly e-connect newsletter to more than 50,000 residents, by combining the email databases held by various services and sharing the newsletter via the Nextdoor website.

To maintain a two-way conversation the council Leader established regular webinars on key topics, streamed live on our YouTube channel. The webinars give residents direct access to local decision makers without the need to travel and 100 people can take part in each discussion. Panellists appear on screen as in a regular zoom call and have the option to illustrate points via slides. Webinar attendees can use the chat and Q&A features at any time and may also be invited to temporarily join the panel to speak during the webinar. As they are interactive the webinars are very flexible, which means issues can be explored as they arise in the discussion.

The webinars have proved very popular for example the Reopening Our High Streets Safely webinar has now been viewed over 700 times and webinars have also been held. Our two most recent webinars focus on the key issues for young people from Covid 19 and lockdown, and on the green recovery. We have also used webinars to explore the legacy of slavery in our area as well as to engage with residents on our local response to the impact of Covid-19, including the impact on council finances.

Following a change in regulations to permit virtual meetings, the council selected Zoom as its platform with public meetings streamed on its YouTube channel. Members of the public can engage with the meetings online by making a statement or asking a question and are given specific instructions on how to do so in the virtual setting.

18 virtual meetings have now been held including three Planning Committees, two Council meetings and three Cabinet meetings. Community meetings, such as the Interagency Forum, are also taking place via zoom and the council is also conducting school appeals virtually.

Being able to virtually attend a meeting from home has proved to be a hit with residents. Viewing figures are growing steadily, the May cabinet meeting has been viewed more than 200 times and the council's last planning meeting has been watched almost 300 times.

By communicating virtually, residents can engage with the council quickly and easily. We will look to develop this method of interaction further whilst ensuring the views of those without access to internet facilities continue to be heard through more traditional methods of communication.

Virtual library

With the closure of public libraries as a result of COVID-19 the libraries team had to work out the best way to engage with customers – the answer was to set up a virtual library using service social media channels.

It took just three days to establish the new library offering, using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to offer services and share information. Content is regularly monitored and reviewed to ensure it remains fresh and interesting for customers.

A daily theme is assigned for children and adults ranging from digital support to home-schooling ideas and arts and crafts activities. The themes reflect the Universal Offers from Libraries Connected - reading, information & digital, culture & creativity, health & wellbeing and the Children's Promise. Feedback has been extremely positive, with Baby Bounce and Rhyme videos becoming a firm favourite and there has been a big growth in followers.

The service has also made it easier for new users to join online; any B&NES resident can now complete the online registration on the LibrariesWest website and use their membership number to sign into any of the digital services.

To meet increased demand the service invested £3,000 in new e-Audio with a wide range of new titles added to the eBook and Audio collections shared with our LibrariesWest neighbours. In April there was a 100%+ increase in the number of people using both services when compared to the previous April and upward trend is continuing. 81% of existing library card holders have used e-Audio books for the very first-time during lockdown and almost one in five e-Audio book users are brand new library members. eMagazines have also proved popular, in April almost 1,000 members downloaded nearly 7,000 issues from the library service collection of around 100 titles.

The service also launched a virtual Dungeons and Dragons club, a virtual Lego Club and an online book group. Lockdown creative writing and poetry competitions also proved very popular receiving positive feedback:

"I found it very therapeutic to write – it gave me a sense of mental freedom at a time when physical freedom is so restricted."

"I just also wanted to say thank you for running this competition. It has given me something to focus on while being furloughed and given me the motivation to get back into writing."

The Home Library Service was a big source of concern at the start of lockdown, as it provides a vital service for many of the readers, offering social contact as well as reading materials. Many of the readers and the volunteers are in the most vulnerable groups, so the service was immediately halted as the team worked to find ways to operate safely. Arrangements have now been made for the volunteers to ring their readers where possible and a pared-down 'drop off' service for books has been established.

One Stop Shops

Despite the lockdown, Bath & North East Somerset Council's One Stop Shop (OSS) in Bath and Library Information and Advice centres in Keynsham and Midsomer Norton have remained open providing vital council services for residents who need support.

All non-essential services provided face-to-face are on hold, but Monday – Friday between 10am and 4pm customers have telephone access to council and partner services, can make payments on self-service machines and access welfare support.

To enable the OSS and Information and Advice Centres to remain open, social distancing measures were quickly put in place. These include:

- encouraging customers to enter the building individually
- erecting barriers to prevent close contact between staff and customers
- widening aisles
- removing furniture and seating
- erecting signs reminding customers to maintain two metre social distancing
- removing stock from customers reach to prevent cross-contamination
- ensuring staff working at computers keep one computer apart from one another and clean computers after use
- ensuring staff access to hand washing facilities, hand sanitiser, gloves and face masks

Staff have risen to the challenge of changing working practices, including:

- working flexibly, including from home on an amended rota
- supporting other council services by for example processing renewals for Diamond Travel cards for the Transport team and taking payments from the contact centre for bulky waste removal.
- supporting the contact centre and handling the switchboard

In April alone, 1290 people visited the One Stop Shop and Information and Advice Centres, and 180 Welfare support Retail Food vouchers were issued to vulnerable people who may well have gone hungry without support.

Children's Services

Children's social care services support more than 1,000 vulnerable young people and care leavers. In the run up to lockdown, the team carried out risk assessments and completely redesigned the service.

The changes impacted more than 100 members of staff. Instead of working in individual teams such as Child Protection or Children in Care, two service wide teams were created to work on a two-week rota- one to carry out visits, the other designated as the duty team.

Social workers continued to work with their allocated families remotely, and home visits were undertaken by the delegated visiting team. Unless there were serious concerns regarding the safeguarding of children, social workers did not enter homes during family visits and instead, to minimise risk, spoke on the doorstep. The approach helped to build trust and some families became more willing to accept help at a time when the whole country was in some kind of need.

Indeed, in some cases the only contact social workers had with families was to play a supporting role, coordinating deliveries of nappies, food and medicines. Consequently, positive relationships have developed with many families now viewing their social worker as less judgemental and more supportive.

The Connecting Families team, including the Bright Start Children Centre, has continued its work with vulnerable families with children under five throughout lockdown. Most staff work from home and home visits are delegated to an on-call team. Staff have provided advice and support for parents, compiled activity packs, delivered food parcels and liaised with other agencies to provide a co-ordinated response.

The COVID-19 lockdown has highlighted the disadvantages facing young people, their families and carers supported by the Youth Offending Service. They have been disproportionately affected by school closures and often have insufficient IT resources to maintain contact with their peers or to access support. Many of these young people have been bored, frustrated and scared and have required emotional health support.

The council's Young People's Prevention Service has continued to respond to the individual needs of these young people and their families either on the phone or through regular doorstep visits or socially distanced meetings in open spaces. The team have worked to engage these young people in practical reparation projects including giving feedback on the new knife crime programme and writing letters to people in care homes. Work in addressing the risk of reoffending has also continued.

In some cases, food parcels and other essential items have been provided. Other young people have been supported to engage in home schooling and a number have been supported to start attending school again.

Liveable Neighbourhoods

With fewer vehicles on the roads during lockdown air quality across Bath and North East Somerset improved and more people took up walking and cycling.

The council wants to maintain this momentum. One of its key aims is to encourage a long-term shift to active travel by encouraging people to walk and cycle more, taking pressure off roads and public transport networks while continuing to support those who depend on their vehicle for mobility.

Following the relaxation of restrictions, some temporary measures have been introduced to widen pavements and remove traffic from roads to enable people to socially distance and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The council now wants to build on this. Two months into lockdown it launched the Liveable Neighbourhoods project. The idea was to use the fresh knowledge gained during the pandemic to consider where additional measures could be implemented to help solve traffic and environmental problems with a modal shift.

Via a dedicated website, residents are being asked for their help in shaping the plans by identifying locations where more space can be created for walking and cycling, accessibility improved, or the impact of traffic reduced.

By the end of June, the site had been visited more than 10,000 times and more than 3000 residents had put forward suggestions to reshape the future of transport in their community.

The consultation will remain open until late summer when the council will identify the priority areas where it will use its limited resources effectively to transform Bath and North East Somerset's streets into places where people choose to walk and cycle. Any ideas that are taken forward will be subject to further public engagement and if new permanent traffic restrictions are identified they will involve a formal consultation process.

The long-term vision is to create a connected district fit for the future, whilst tackling the Climate Emergency.

Climate Emergency

While the council's main focus over the past few months has been responding to the needs of residents and businesses during the COVID-19 crisis, it has not lost sight of its commitment to reduce carbon emissions and achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

Over the past two months the cabinet member for Climate Emergency, Councillor Sarah Warren, has held a series of conversations with local community members who are involved in activities that contribute towards the carbon neutral aim.

Guests have included:

- Adam Gretton, from More Trees for BANES, who discussed building a community tree nursery
- Donald MacIntyre, from Emoresgate Seeds, who explained how good quality meadows take carbon deep into the soil
- Lorna Montgomery, from Share and Repair Bath, who spoke about the successful, growing community of repairers and fixers helping residents keep stuff for longer and the expansion the Sharing Library
- John Adler, Chair of Freshford Parish Council, who spoke about the role of Parish Council's in being able to take action to reduce carbon emissions at a really local level
- Polly and Elsa France who explained how they got involved in the Youth Climate Strikes, what it means to them to make their voice heard and the discussions that are happening in school as a result
- Ped Asgarian, from the Community Farm in Chew Magna, who discussed the need to change our food culture to reduce the environmental and social impact and benefit the local economy, as well as the opportunities the farm provides for improving mental health & wellbeing.

The discussions, available on the council's YouTube channel have already been viewed more than 200 times.

The ideas discussed will be picked up and built-on during a series of special Green Renewal webinars in the coming weeks.

The council views Green Renewal as fundamental to how it leads the district towards a more resilient future and the webinars will focus on opportunities for tackling the Climate and Nature Emergency with a green economic and community recovery from COVID-19.

Waste Services

With the imposition of lockdown, the council prioritised its kerbside recycling and general waste collections to keep them running normally. Many residents were grateful that the service was not interrupted with staff mentioned in many of the rainbow thank you pictures posted in windows across the district.

The council did have to temporarily suspend bulky and garden waste collections due to staff self-isolating or shielding, but these resumed quickly in mid-April.

Due to health concerns however, the council had to close all its recycling centres. Following a detailed review Keynsham recycling centre reopened at the end of May for essential use only. Access is restricted to four vehicles at a time and users must maintain social distancing. The reopening of the council's other recycling sites, when finances allow, is under review.

An unexpected and frustrating impact of the lifting of lockdown restrictions has been a big increase in the amount of litter left in our parks and open spaces.

Gas canisters, balloons, glass, disposable barbecues, plastic bottles, cans and bags of dog foul have been left strewn on the ground and around overflowing bins, putting extra strain on the council. In May and June alone the council's cleansing team dealt with more than 120 littering incidents.

While the support of volunteers such as the Keynsham Wombles has been invaluable, it is the responsibility of residents and visitors to clear up their rubbish and use a bin or take it home. To try to combat the litter menace the council has now launched an anti-littering campaign with the powerful message 'Don't be a tosser'. The campaign is not intended to cause offence, but the message is hard-hitting. Signs have been erected in parks and open spaces in Keynsham, Saltford and Bath and anyone caught littering can be fined £150.

Business Grants

Since the onset of COVID-19 the council's Business & Skills team operating under the Invest in Bath brand, has been working incredibly hard to give targeted help to companies affected by the pandemic.

Its aim is to help businesses not only survive these challenging times, but to flourish as we move into recovery.

The team has processed close to 4,000 applications for the various grants offered by the government including the Small Business Grant Fund, the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund and the Discretionary Grant scheme for charities and small or micro businesses. More than £30m in grants have now been awarded to local businesses and charities though these schemes and thousands of eligible retail, leisure and hospitality premises across the district have also been awarded business rate discounts.

Invest in Bath has also subsidised a series of free support sessions for businesses covering a range of subjects via individual zoom meetings and webinars. More than 450 businesses in the past quarter have received help with emergency financial planning, business planning, human resources, online training and reopening preparations. An example of the team's success is one local retailer who moved to on-line trading after being given support and turned over £10,000 in sales within a month.

The Invest in Bath team has also compiled a database on its website of essential information to support businesses to safely reopen and renew. This includes:

- the latest guidance on business responsibilities
- information on social distancing, queuing and managing customers
- risk assessments and health and safety
- food safety
- PPE
- travel
- training and redundancy support
- opportunities.

Businesses can also directly contact the team with specific concerns and questions and be signposted to support services.

The Business & Skills Team continues to engage with and support our business sectors most affected by COVID-19, for example by supporting retail centres with their reopening plans, assisting businesses with filling any skills gaps and by providing support for employers who unfortunately need to make redundancies.

The team is working on a number of projects as part of the Renewal Board contributing to all three work packages involved in rebuilding a strong, resilient economy in Bath & North East Somerset.

Compassionate Communities Hub

Bath and North East Somerset is a Compassionate Community in which people are inspired and supported to look after themselves and each other.

With the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic the project has taken on greater significance.

Ahead of lockdown, the council, the CCG and Virgin Care joined forces with local 3rd sector infrastructure organisation 3SG and other local organisations. Working around the clock, they set up the Compassionate Community Hub, based at Peasedown St John, to support people self-isolating, shielding or simply in need of help.

Staff from all the partner organisations were seconded to the Hub to help and were supported by 2,500 volunteers recruited by 3SG. A dedicated phone line was set up for those in need. Staff from Virgin Care provided a triage service, signposting people to a range of support including money advice housing, mental health, emergency food, as well as help from volunteers with shopping and picking up medication.

Since lockdown the Hub has received more than 6,000 calls and the feedback from people supported by the Hub team has been overwhelming:

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart for arranging for the lovely lady to collect my shopping for me whilst I’m self-isolating, her smile made me happy for the rest of the day. You are doing a great job all of you. She packed the bag, just like I would if I had done it myself.”

“Thank you to whoever spoke to my mum today at the Compassionate Community Hub, she is a very proud lady who found herself in a desperate situation. You were very kind and considerate.”

Staff at the Hub have also proactively called people shielding at home to make sure they have access to food and are well. The response has been heart-warming, some who have received calls have not spoken to anyone for some time and are delighted to have someone to talk to.

The strong working partnership at the Compassionate Communities Hub has made a real difference to people’s lives and is helping to make neighbourhoods and communities stronger. Although government restrictions are easing the Hub will continue its support throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond.

More Housing Options

As part of the response to the Covid crisis the Council, working with partners, assisted 69 rough sleepers to find housing of which 42 of these were housed directly by the Council in temporary accommodation. This action is already creating a number of positive outcomes for the individuals concerned including reduced drug and alcohol usage and improved mental wellbeing. The Council is committed to ensuring that these positive outcomes are maintained for these individuals but also that there are more high-quality housing options for those residents in need, particularly our more vulnerable residents. As such the Council is progressing a range of strategies designed to support this aim; including:

- **Bespoke Rough Sleeper Action Plan**
The Council has committed to extending the provision of temporary accommodation for rough sleepers for at least the next 6 months. During this time individual housing action plans aim to ensure that all rough sleepers are provided with the support and assistance to enable them to transition into supported or permanent accommodation.
- **Improving Housing Conditions**
Last year the Council extended the Housing in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licensing requirements to include all shared houses in the City of Bath, regardless of their size. Outside of Bath all larger HMOs are required to be licensed. This has had a significant and positive impact on the housing conditions and management standards in these properties. So far around 2,300 HMOs have been licensed within the district. In addition, the Council has also taken formal action on a number of identified sub-standard properties including issuing 50 formal Warning letters; 6 Cautions; and two Financial Penalties.
- **Preventing Homelessness**
The Council has enhanced its positive work preventing homelessness, particularly improving working with the private rented sector. As a result the Council has maintained its very low usage of temporary accommodation and at the time of writing the rate of temporary accommodation usage was only a tenth of the national average.
- **Social & Council Housing**
Last year the Council secured the delivery of 329 units of affordable housing, the highest annual delivery for many years. In addition, there are a further 428 units with planning consent awaiting build-out. The Council is also looking to further enhance delivery by the direct provision of Council housing, including discounted market housing, housing for rent and supported housing schemes to assist our most vulnerable residents.

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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 In February 2012 the Council adopted the 2011 edition of the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice, which requires the Council to approve a Treasury Management Strategy before the start of each financial year, review performance during the year, and approve an annual report after the end of each financial year.
- 1.2 This report gives details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Plan for 2019/20.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees that;

- 2.1 The Treasury Management Report to 31st March 2020, prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Code of Practice, is noted.
- 2.2 The Treasury Management Indicators to 31st March 2020 are noted.

3 THE REPORT

Summary

- 3.1 The average rate of investment return for 2019/20 is 1.02%, which is 0.44% above the benchmark rate.
- 3.2 The Council's Prudential Indicators for 2019/20 were agreed by Council in February 2019 and performance against the key indicators is shown in **Appendix 1**. All indicators are within target levels.

Summary of Returns

- 3.3 The Council's investment position as at 31st March 2020 is given in **Appendix 2**. The balance of deposits as at 31st December 2019 and 31st March 2020 are also set out in the pie charts in this appendix.
- 3.4 Gross interest earned on investments totalled £607k. **Appendix 3** details the investment performance, showing the average rate of interest earned over this period was 1.02%, which was 0.58% above the benchmark rate of average 7 day LIBID +0.05% (0.53%).
- 3.5 The level of return in 2019/20 was significantly higher than the previous financial year (1.02% in 2019/20 compared to 0.73% in 2018/19) despite a relatively flat benchmark (0.58% compared to 0.56%). The increase in margin over the benchmark in 2019/20 is largely due to the £5m investment held in the CCLA Local Authority Property Fund, which is a long term strategic investment taken out in 2019/20 earning a higher rate of interest. This property fund generated £160k of the total £607k interest during the year with a rate of return of 3.9%.

Summary of Borrowings

- 3.6 The Council's external borrowing as at 31st March 2020 totalled £232.4 million and is detailed in Appendix 4. The Council did not take out any new borrowing in the final quarter of 2019/20. Over the course of the year the Council took out £10m of new long term loans with the PWLB.
- 3.7 The Council's Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) as at 31st March 2020 was £323.7 million. This represents the Council's underlying need to borrow to finance capital expenditure and demonstrates that the borrowing taken to date relates to funding historical capital spend.
- 3.8 The CFR represents the underlying need to borrow and the difference from the current borrowing of £232.4 million represents re-investment of the internal cash balances and reserves, reducing the in-year borrowing costs in excess of the potential investment returns.
- 3.9 Following Local Government Reorganisation in 1996, Avon County Council's residual debt is administered by Bristol City Council. All successor Unitary Authorities make an annual contribution to principal and interest repayment, for which there is a provision in the Council's revenue budget. The amount of residual debt outstanding as at 31st March 2020 apportioned to Bath & North East Somerset Council is £11.4m. Since this borrowing is managed by an external body and treated in the Council's Statement of Accounts as a deferred liability, it is not included in the borrowing figures referred to in paragraph 3.6.

3.10 The borrowing portfolio as at 31st March 2020. is shown in Appendix 4.

Strategic & Tactical Decisions

3.11 As shown in the charts at **Appendix 2**, the investment portfolio is diversified across Money Market Funds, highly rated UK and Foreign Banks and other local councils. The Council uses AAA rated Money Market funds and a AA-call account to maintain very short term liquidity and had overall investments of £26.3m invested as at 31st March 2020.

3.12 The Council does not hold any direct investments with banks in countries within the Eurozone reflecting both on the underlying debt issues in some Eurozone countries and the low levels of interest rates.

3.13 The Council has reviewed its current investment holdings with its Treasury Management advisors to assess whether any of the investments placed are directly related to companies involved in fossil fuel companies. It was confirmed that the Council does not currently invest directly in equities or certificates of deposits that were not issued by banks or building societies and does not have any investments in fossil fuel companies. The main area where there is a potential for this type of investment is in the strategic diversified income funds which the Council is considering as part of its longer term investment approach, as these funds invest part of their portfolio in equities. A review into the two funds the council is considering using has shown that direct investment in fossil fuel companies forms a low proportion of the overall fund's investments (between 4% and 8%). However, given the existing uncertainty's due to the Coronavirus, the Council has no immediate plans to pursue such investments at this stage.

3.14 The Council's average investment return of 1.02% is currently slightly below the budgeted level of 1.20%, although the impact of this is offset by the Council investment balances being higher than forecast.

Future Strategic & Tactical Issues

3.15 Our treasury management advisors full economic and market review for the fourth quarter 2019/20 is included in **Appendix 5**.

3.16 The headline rate of UK Consumer Price Inflation UK Consumer Price Inflation fell to 1.7% y/y in February, below the Bank of England's target of 2%. Labour market data remained positive. The ILO unemployment rate was 3.9% in the three months to January 2020 while the employment rate hit a record high of 76.5%. The average annual growth rate for pay excluding bonuses was 3.1% in January 2020 and the same when bonuses were included, providing some evidence that a shortage of labour had been supporting wages.

3.17 GDP growth in Q4 2019 was reported as flat by the Office for National Statistics and service sector growth slowed and production and construction activity contracted on the back of what at the time were concerns over the impact of global trade tensions on economic activity. The annual rate of GDP growth remained below-trend at 1.1%.

3.18 Then coronavirus swiftly changed everything. COVID-19, which had first appeared in China in December 2019, started spreading across the globe

causing plummeting sentiment and falls in financial markets not seen since the Global Financial Crisis as part of a flight to quality into sovereign debt and other perceived 'safe' assets.

3.19 In response to the spread of the virus and sharp increase in those infected, the government enforced lockdowns, central banks and governments around the world cut interest rates and introduced massive stimulus packages in an attempt to reduce some of the negative economic impact to domestic and global growth.

3.20 The Bank of England, which had held policy rates steady at 0.75% through most of 2019/20, moved in March to cut rates to 0.25% from 0.75% and then swiftly thereafter brought them down further to the record low of 0.1%. In conjunction with these cuts, the UK government introduced a number of measures to help businesses and households impacted by a series of ever-tightening social restrictions, culminating in pretty much the entire lockdown of the UK.

3.21 The benefits of the Council's current policy of internal borrowing are monitored regularly against the likelihood that long term borrowing rates are forecast to rise in future years. The focus remains on the rate of increase and the medium-term peak.

3.22 The borrowing that has taken place in 2019/20 is therefore driven by a need to maintain an appropriate working cash balance rather than any immediate changes to interest rates.

3.23 In light of the unfolding corona virus pandemic which was becoming apparent at the end of the financial year, the Council undertook the following actions to mitigate against potential cashflow pressures due to the impacts on Council service income streams from the lockdown measures that were introduced:

- (1) Undertook short term borrowing of £15m from 1st April 2020 to increase liquidity, as at that point in time there was no confirmation of any government grant support to Local Authorities.
- (2) In light of Arlingclose guidance, the Council gave notice on its 95 day notice call accounts, recalling £10m to reduce counterparty risk and increase liquidity.
- (3) The Council has continued to closely follow Arlingclose guidance on investment strategy which has been very proactive in terms of managing financial risk.

PWLB Borrowing Rate Increase

3.24 On 9th October 2019, the PWLB increased the margin applied to loan rates by 100 basis points (1%) without warning; the new margin above gilts is now 180 basis points for certainty rate loans. This shift in policy was implemented by HM Treasury, who cite a substantial increase in the use of PWLB loans at some authorities in recent months, as the cost of borrowing has fallen to record lows, and state that HM Treasury is therefore restoring interest rates to levels available in 2018, by increasing the margin that applies to new loans from the PWLB by

100bps (one percentage point) on top of usual lending terms. The deadline for responses to the consultation paper is 31st July 2020.

3.25 The PWLB has published a consultation paper seeking feedback from councils on the impact of this increase in rates and how lending from the PWLB may change moving forward. The consultation paper does not give any indication as to whether the increase in margin is likely to be reduced in the near future.

3.26 As of 2nd April 2020 the 25 year PWLB certainty rate was 2.44%.

3.27 In line with the Council's Treasury Management advisor's advice, the Council will continue to consider borrowing rates offered by alternative lenders, including other Local Authorities, alongside PWLB rates in order to minimise, where possible, its costs of borrowing.

Budget Implications

3.28 A breakdown of the revenue budget showing interest and capital financing and the year end position based on the period April to March is included in **Appendix 6**. An overall underspend of £2,451k is reported towards the Council's net revenue outturn, mainly related to the re-phasing of capital spend leading to lower than forecast borrowing costs and minimum revenue provision (MRP) requirement. (Overall Outturn is reported elsewhere on the Agenda). This is partly offset by lower internal income related to service charges for funding debt costs in relation to the re-phased capital projects.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 This report is for information only.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The financial implications are contained within the body of the report.

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.

6.2 The Council's lending & borrowing list is regularly reviewed during the financial year and credit ratings are monitored throughout the year. All lending/borrowing transactions are within approved limits and with approved institutions. Investment and Borrowing advice is provided by our Treasury Management consultants Arlingclose. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the frequency of updates and recommended actions from Arlingclose has increased, the Council has been acting on all recommendations in a timely manner.

6.3 The CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice requires the Council nominate a committee to be responsible for ensuring effective scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and policies. The Corporate Audit Committee carries out this scrutiny.

6.4 In addition, the Council maintain a risk register for Treasury Management activities, which is regularly reviewed and updated where applicable during the year.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

7.1 This is a technical report for information only and does not directly link to climate change policy.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 None

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Section 151 Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer.

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APPENDIX 1

Performance against Treasury Management Indicators agreed in Treasury Management Strategy Statement

1. Authorised limit for external debt

These limits include current commitments and proposals in the budget report for capital expenditure, plus additional headroom over & above the operational limit for unusual cash movements.

	2019/20 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31 st March 2020
	£'000	£'000
Borrowing	440,000	232,419
Other long term liabilities	2,000	0
Cumulative Total	442,000	232,419

2. Operational limit for external debt

The operational boundary for external debt is based on the same estimates as the authorised limit but without the additional headroom for unusual cash movements.

	2019/20 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31 st March 2020
	£'000	£'000
Borrowing	409,000	232,419
Other long term liabilities	2,000	0
Cumulative Total	411,000	232,419

3. Upper limit for fixed interest rate exposure

This is the maximum amount of total borrowing which can be at fixed interest rate, less any investments for a period greater than 12 months which has a fixed interest rate.

	2019/20 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31 st March 2020
	£'000	£'000
Fixed interest rate exposure	409,000	212,419*

* The £20m of LOBO's are quoted as variable rate in this analysis as the Lender has the option to change the rate at 6 monthly intervals (the Council has the option to repay the loan should the Lender exercise this option to increase the rate).

4. Upper limit for variable interest rate exposure

While fixed rate borrowing contributes significantly to reducing uncertainty surrounding interest rate changes, the pursuit of optimum performance levels may justify keeping flexibility through the use of variable interest rates. This is the maximum amount of total borrowing which can be at variable interest rates.

	2019/20 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31 st March 2020
	£'000	£'000
Variable interest rate exposure	222,000	20,000

5. Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 364 days

This is the maximum amount of total investments which can be over 364 days. The purpose of this indicator is to control the Council's exposure to the risk of incurring losses by seeking early repayment of its investments.

	2019/20 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31 st March 2020
	£'000	£'000
Investments over 364 days	50,000	5,000

6. Maturity Structure of borrowing

This indicator is set to control the Council's exposure to refinancing risk.

	Upper Limit	Lower Limit	Actual as at 31 st March 2020
	%	%	%
Under 12 months	50	Nil	8.8*
12 months and within 24 months	75	Nil	2.2
24 months and within 5 years	75	Nil	2.2
5 years and within 10 years	100	Nil	4.5
10 years and above	100	Nil	82.3

* The CIPFA Treasury management Code now requires the prudential indicator relating to Maturity of Fixed Rate Borrowing to reference the maturity of LOBO loans to the earliest date on which the lender can require payment, i.e. the next call date (which are at 6 monthly intervals for the £20m of LOBO's). However, the Council would only consider repaying these loans if the Lenders exercised their options to alter the interest rate.

7. Average Credit Rating

The Council has adopted a voluntary measure of its exposure to credit risk by monitoring the weighted average credit rating of its investment portfolio. A summary guide to credit ratings is set out at **Appendix 7**.

	2019/20 Prudential Indicator	Actual as at 31 st March 2020
	Rating	Rating
Minimum Portfolio Average Credit Rating	A-	AA+

APPENDIX 2

The Council's Investment position at 31st March 2020

The term of investments is as follows:

Term Remaining as at 31st March 2020	Balance at 31st March 2020
	£'000's
Notice (instant access funds)	26,300
Up to 1 month	6,000
1 month to 3 months	20,000
Over 3 months	0
CCLA Property Fund (Strategic)	5,000
Total	57,300

The investment figure is made up as follows:

	Balance at 31st March 2020
	£'000's
B&NES Council	54,488
Schools	2,812
Total	57,300

The Council had a total average net positive balance of £56.7m during the period April 2019 to March 2020.

Chart 1: Council Investments as at 31st March 2020 - £57.3m

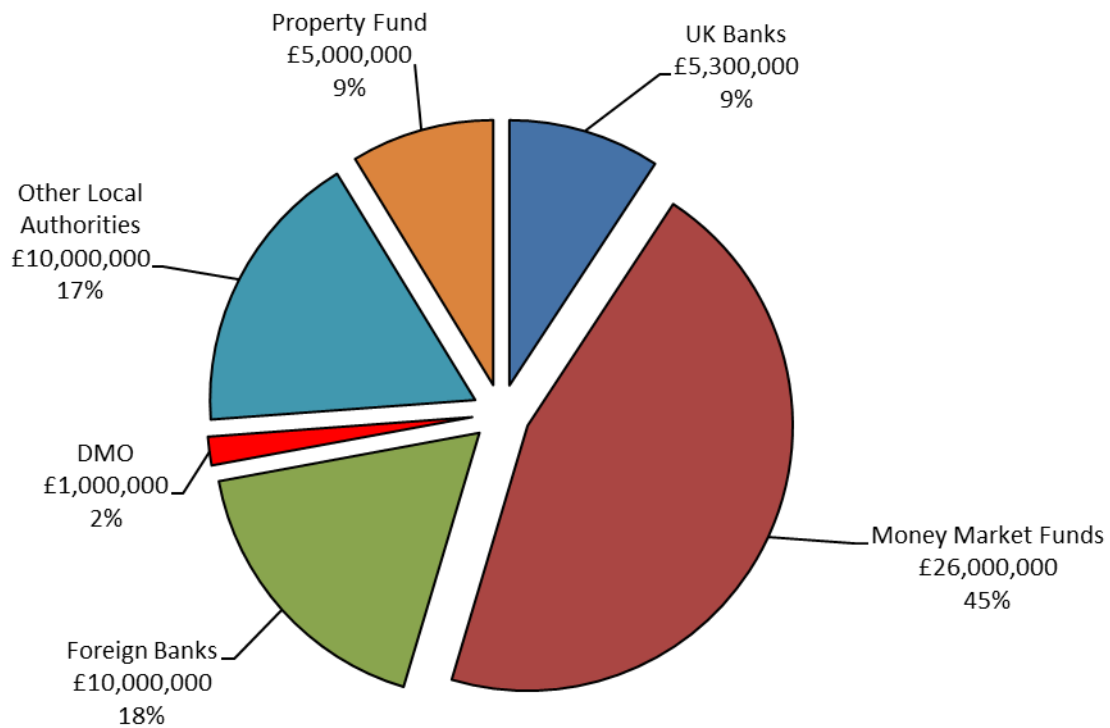


Chart 2: Council Investments as at 31st December 2019 - £60.7m

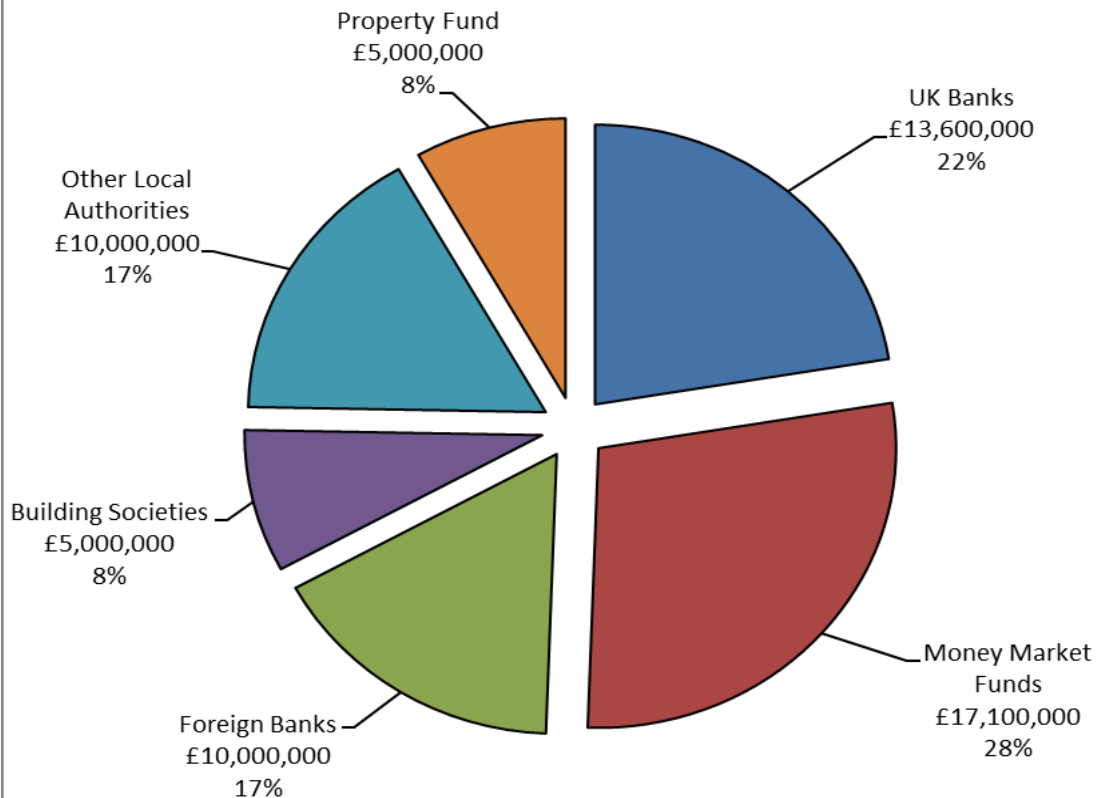


Chart 3: Council Investments Per Lowest Equivalent Long Term Credit Rating as at 31st March 2020 - £57.3m

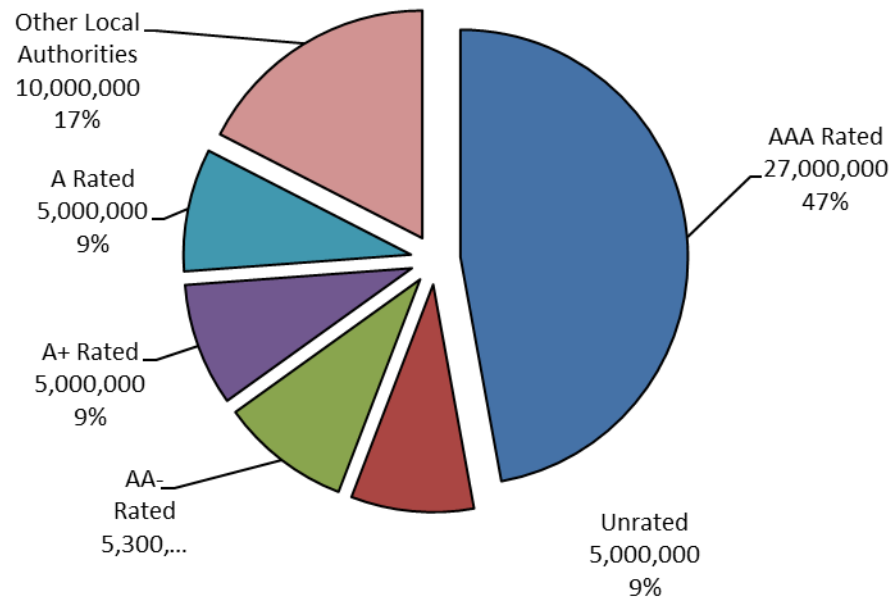
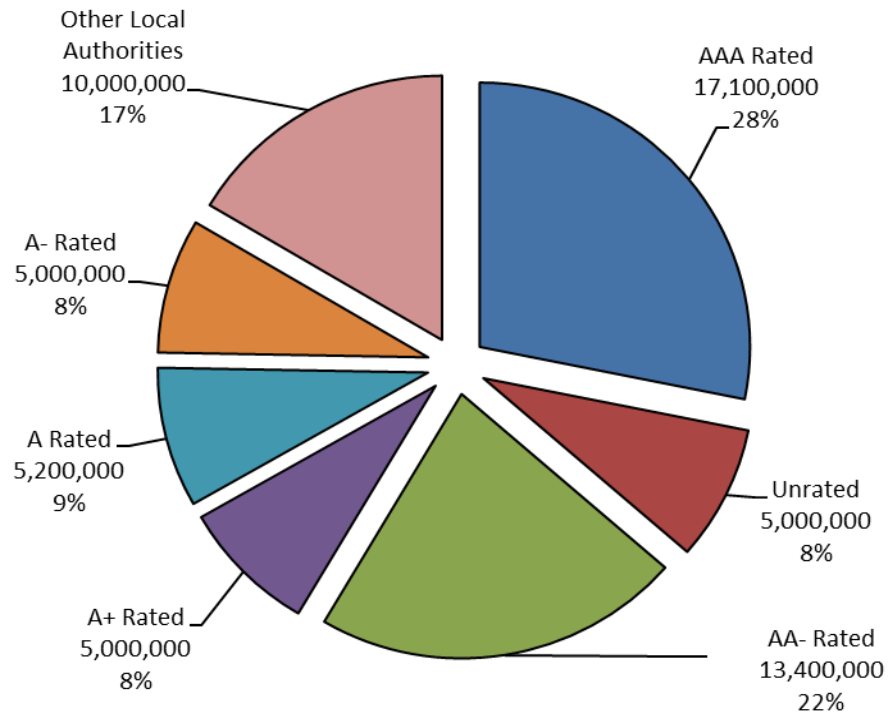


Chart 4: Council Investments Per Lowest Equivalent Long Term Credit Rating as at 31st December 2019 - £60.7m



APPENDIX 3

Average rate of return on investments for 2019/20

	Av return	Benchmark = Average 7 Day LIBID rate +0.05% (source: Arlingclose)	Performance against Benchmark %
April	0.84%	0.62%	+0.22%
May	1.01%	0.62%	+0.39%
June	1.02%	0.62%	+0.40%
July	0.99%	0.61%	+0.38%
August	1.10%	0.61%	+0.49%
September	1.06%	0.62%	+0.44%
October	1.07%	0.62%	+0.45%
November	1.06%	0.62%	+0.45%
December	1.03%	0.62%	+0.41%
January	1.00%	0.60%	+0.40%
February	1.04%	0.61%	+0.43%
March	1.01%	0.23%	+0.78%
Average	1.02%	0.58%	+0.44%

APPENDIX 4
Council's External Borrowing at 31st March 2020

Lender	Amount (£)	Start date	Maturity date	Interest rate
KBC Bank N.V*	5,000,000	08/10/2004	08/10/2054	4.50%
KBC Bank N.V*	5,000,000	08/10/2004	08/10/2054	4.50%
Eurohypo Bank*	10,000,000	27/04/2005	27/04/2055	4.50%
PWLB	10,000,000	15/10/2004	15/10/2034	4.75%
PWLB	5,000,000	12/05/2010	15/08/2035	4.55%
PWLB	5,000,000	12/05/2010	15/02/2060	4.53%
PWLB	5,000,000	05/08/2011	15/02/2031	4.86%
PWLB	10,000,000	05/08/2011	15/08/2029	4.80%
PWLB	15,000,000	05/08/2011	15/02/2061	4.96%
PWLB	5,300,000	29/01/2015	08/04/2034	2.62%
PWLB	5,000,000	29/01/2015	08/10/2064	2.92%
PWLB	17,854,459	20/06/2016	20/06/2041	2.36%
PWLB	9,552,155	06/12/2018	20/06/2043	2.38%
PWLB	9,849,833	12/12/2018	20/06/2068	2.59%
PWLB	4,772,323	13/12/2018	20/06/2043	2.25%
PWLB	8,942,387	24/02/2017	15/02/2039	2.28%
PWLB	9,074,862	04/04/2017	15/02/2042	2.26%
PWLB	7,712,688	08/05/2017	15/02/2042	2.25%
PWLB	6,825,039	10/08/2017	10/04/2067	2.64%
PWLB	9,397,038	13/12/2017	10/10/2042	2.35%
PWLB	9,409,808	06/03/2018	10/10/2042	2.52%
PWLB	9,548,442	06/03/2018	10/10/2047	2.62%
PWLB	9,554,447	10/09/2018	20/07/2043	2.42%
PWLB	19,793,349	11/02/2019	20/07/2068	2.52%
PWLB	9,832,270	04/09/2019	20/07/2044	1.40%
Gloucestershire C.C.	5,000,000	25/11/2019	25/11/2021	1.50%
Portsmouth C.C.	5,000,000	19/12/2019	19/12/2022	1.65%
Total	232,419,101			

*All LOBO's (Lender Option / Borrower Option) have reached the end of their fixed interest period and have reverted to the variable rate of 4.50%. The lender has the option to change the interest rate at 6 monthly intervals. Should the lender use the option to change the rate, then at this point the borrower has the option to repay the loan without penalty.

APPENDIX 5

Economic and market review for April to March 2020

Economic background:

The UK's exit from the European Union and future trading arrangements, had remained one of major influences on the UK economy and sentiment during 2019/20. The 29th March 2019 Brexit deadline was extended to 12th April, then to 31st October and finally to 31st January 2020. Politics played a major role in financial markets over the period as the UK's tenuous progress negotiating its exit from the European Union together with its future trading arrangements drove volatility, particularly in foreign exchange markets. The outcome of December's General Election removed a lot of the uncertainty and looked set to provide a 'bounce' to confidence and activity.

The headline rate of UK Consumer Price Inflation fell to 1.7% y/y in February, below the Bank of England's target of 2%. Labour market data remained positive. The ILO unemployment rate was 3.9% in the three months to January 2020 while the employment rate hit a record high of 76.5%. The average annual growth rate for pay excluding bonuses was 3.1% in January 2020 and the same when bonuses were included, providing some evidence that a shortage of labour had been supporting wages.

GDP growth in Q4 2019 was reported as flat by the Office for National Statistics and service sector growth slowed and production and construction activity contracted on the back of what at the time were concerns over the impact of global trade tensions on economic activity. The annual rate of GDP growth remained below-trend at 1.1%. Then coronavirus swiftly changed everything. COVID-19, which had first appeared in China in December 2019, started spreading across the globe causing plummeting sentiment and falls in financial markets not seen since the Global Financial Crisis as part of a flight to quality into sovereign debt and other perceived 'safe' assets.

In response to the spread of the virus and sharp increase in those infected, the government enforced lockdowns, central banks and governments around the world cut interest rates and introduced massive stimulus packages in an attempt to reduce some of the negative economic impact to domestic and global growth.

The Bank of England, which had held policy rates steady at 0.75% through most of 2019/20, moved in March to cut rates to 0.25% from 0.75% and then swiftly thereafter brought them down further to the record low of 0.1%. In conjunction with these cuts, the UK government introduced a number of measures to help businesses and households impacted by a series of ever-tightening social restrictions, culminating in pretty much the entire lockdown of the UK.

The US economy grew at an annualised rate of 2.1% in Q4 2019. After escalating trade wars and a protracted standoff, the signing of Phase 1 of the trade agreement between the US and China in January was initially positive for both economies, but COVID-19 severely impacted sentiment and production in both countries. Against a slowing economic outlook, the US Federal Reserve began cutting rates in August. Following a series of five cuts, the largest of which were in March 2020, the Fed Funds rate fell from of 2.5% to range of 0% - 0.25%. The US government also unleashed a raft of COVID-19 related measures and support for its economy including a \$2 trillion fiscal stimulus package. With interest rates already on (or below) the floor, the European Central Bank held its base rate at 0% and deposit rate at -0.5%.

Financial markets: Financial markets sold off sharply as the impact from the coronavirus worsened. After starting positively in 2020, the FTSE 100 fell over 30% at its worst point with stock markets in other countries seeing similar huge falls. In March sterling touch its lowest level against the dollar since 1985. The measures implemented by central banks and governments helped restore some confidence and financial markets have rebounded in recent weeks but remain extremely volatile. The flight to quality caused gilts yields to fall substantially. The 5-year benchmark falling from 0.75% in April 2019 to 0.26% on 31st March. The 10-year benchmark yield fell from 1% to 0.4%, the 20-year benchmark yield from 1.47% to 0.76% over the same period. 1-month, 3-month and 12-month bid rates averaged 0.61%, 0.72% and 0.88% respectively over the period.

Since the start of the calendar 2020, the yield on 2-year US treasuries had fallen from 1.573% to 0.20% and from 1.877% to 0.61% for 10-year treasuries. German bund yields remain negative.

Credit review: In Q4 2019 Fitch affirmed the UK's AA sovereign rating, removed it from Rating Watch Negative (RWN) and assigned a negative outlook. Fitch then affirmed UK banks' long-term ratings, removed the RWN and assigned a stable outlook. Standard & Poor's also affirmed the UK sovereign AA rating and revised the outlook to stable from negative. The Bank of England announced its latest stress tests results for the main seven UK banking groups. All seven passed on both a common equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio and a leverage ratio basis. Under the test scenario the banks' aggregate level of CET1 capital would remain twice their level before the 2008 financial crisis.

After remaining flat in January and February and between a range of 30-55bps, Credit Default Swap spreads rose sharply in March as the potential impact of the coronavirus on bank balance sheets gave cause for concern. Spreads declined in late March and through to mid-April but remain above their initial 2020 levels. NatWest Markets Plc (non-ringfenced) remains the highest at 128bps and National Westminster Bank Plc (ringfenced) still the lowest at 56bps. The other main UK banks are between 65bps and 123bps, with the latter being the thinly traded and volatile Santander UK CDS. While the UK and Non-UK banks on the Arlingclose counterparty list remain in a strong and well-capitalised position, the duration advice on all these banks was cut to 35 days in mid-March.

Fitch downgraded the UK sovereign rating to AA- in March which was followed by a number of actions on UK and Non-UK banks. This included revising the outlook on all banks on the counterparty list to negative, with the exception of Barclays Bank, Rabobank, Handelsbanken and Nordea Bank which were placed on Rating Watch Negative, as well as cutting Close Brothers long-term rating to A-. Having revised their outlooks to negative, Fitch upgraded the long-term ratings on Canadian and German banks but downgraded the long-term ratings for Australian banks. HSBC Bank and HSBC UK Bank, however, had their long-term ratings increased by Fitch to AA-.

APPENDIX 6

Interest & Capital Financing Costs – Budget Monitoring 2019/20 (April to March)

April to March 2020	YEAR END POSITION			ADV/FAV
	Budgeted Spend or (Income) £'000	Actual Spend or (Income) £'000	Actual over or (under) spend £'000	
Interest & Capital Financing				
- Debt Costs	9,106	7,291	(1,815)	FAV
- Internal Repayment of Loan Charges	(12,412)	(10,637)	1,775	ADV
- Ex Avon Debt Costs	1,100	1,098	(2)	FAV
- Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)	8,403	6,145	(2,258)	FAV
- Interest on Balances	(620)	(771)	(151)	FAV
Total	5,577	3,126	(2,451)	FAV

APPENDIX 7

Summary Guide to Credit Ratings

Rating	Details
AAA	Highest credit quality – lowest expectation of default, which is unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.
AA	Very high credit quality - expectation of very low default risk, which is not likely to be significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.
A	High credit quality - expectations of low default risk which may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.
BBB	Good credit quality - expectations of default risk are currently low but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.
BB	Speculative - indicates an elevated vulnerability to default risk, particularly in the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time.
B	Highly speculative - indicates that material default risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Capacity for continued payment is vulnerable to deterioration in the business and economic environment.
CCC	Substantial credit risk - default is a real possibility.
CC	Very high levels of credit risk - default of some kind appears probable.
C	Exceptionally high levels of credit risk - default is imminent or inevitable.
RD	Restricted default - indicates an issuer that has experienced payment default on a bond, loan or other material financial obligation but which has not entered into bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation or other formal winding-up procedure, and which has not otherwise ceased operating.
D	Default - indicates an issuer that has entered into bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation or other formal winding-up procedure, or which has otherwise ceased business.

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Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	22 July 2020	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3163
TITLE:	Revenue & Capital Outturn 2019/20	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
Appendix 1: Detailed Revenue Budget Outturn		
Appendices 2(i) & 2(ii): Proposed Revenue Virements & Revised Revenue Cash Limits 2019/20		
Appendix 3: Detailed Capital Variance & Rephasing Requests 2019/20		
Appendices 4(i) & 4(ii): Capital Virements & Capital Programme by Portfolio 2019/20		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The report presents the revenue and capital outturn for 2019/20, highlighting a net revenue under budget position of £0.12m after allowing for proposed carry forwards. This represents an improved position when compared with the last report, based on monitoring for the year to December 2019, which forecast an on-budget position after using £0.61m from the Financial Planning & Smoothing Reserve. The improved position resulted from continued mitigation of pressures through Directors cost reduction and income generation plans.
- 1.2 The report refers to requests to carry forward specific revenue budget items to 2020/21 and to write-off revenue over budgets where recovery in future years would have an adverse impact on continuing service delivery. It is proposed that the net under budget position is transferred to the Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve.
- 1.3 The report also refers to requests to re-phase specific capital budget items to 2020/21 and to remove net capital underspends.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to;

- 2.1 Note the revenue budget outturn under budget position of £0.12m for 2019/20, after allowing for carry forwards.
- 2.2 Approve the revenue carry forward proposals listed in the tables in paragraph 3.5.
- 2.3 Approve that all over budgets are written-off as an exception to the Budget Management Rules for 2019/20.
- 2.4 Approve the transfer of the net underspend of £0.12m to the Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve.
- 2.5 Note the revenue virements for 2019/20 reported for information in Appendix 2(i)
- 2.6 Note the reserve positions and the use of flexible capital receipts shown in paragraphs 3.16-3.18;
- 2.7 Note the outturn position of the 2019/20 capital programme in paragraph 3.24, and the funding outlined in paragraph 3.26;
- 2.8 Approve the capital rephasing and write-off of net underspends as listed in Appendix 3. This reflects the outturn spend position on projects against final budgets as detailed in Appendix 4(ii).

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 This report provides information about the Council's financial performance against its revenue and capital budgets in 2019/20.

Revenue Budgets

The report identifies that, after allowing for carry forwards, the Council was under budget by £0.12m. Early impact of the Covid 19 restrictions and government lockdown measures have been fully reflected in the 2019/20 revenue outturn. The table below shows the overall position by portfolio:

Portfolio	Revised Budget £'m	Outturn £'m	Variance Over / (Under) £'m
Leader	(0.36)	0.07	0.43
Resources	1.33	0.06	(1.27)
Adult Services	61.95	61.56	(0.40)
Children's Services	28.15	30.40	2.25

Portfolio	Revised Budget £'m	Outturn £'m	Variance Over / (Under) £'m
Transport Services	(0.02)	(0.22)	(0.20)
Housing, Planning & Economic Development	3.29	2.69	(0.60)
Community Services	(2.72)	(3.48)	(0.76)
Total	107.84	107.49	(0.35)
Carry Forwards Requests			0.23
Total (incl Carry Forwards)			(0.12)

Note1: Some of the figures in this table are affected by rounding.

3.2 The main areas of over/under budget and change against the April to December outturn forecast position are as follows:

Leader (£0.43m over budget, £0.11m adverse movement)

The over budget position is due to revisions to the Aequus company business plan projections which have resulted in the timing of the dividend payment to the Council being reprofiled into 2020/21, causing a pressure of £0.26m and delays in achieving destination management savings targets amounting to £0.17m.

Resources (£1.27m under budget, £0.72m favourable movement)

The under-budget position has resulted mainly due to underspends on capital financing corporate budgets of £2.8m due to re-profiling the delivery of capital schemes such as the Waste Relocation strategy into future years. In addition, the Council has had the benefit of lower borrowing rates, both factors have contributed to a reduction in the revenue budget required to repay capital borrowing costs. Other favourable variances arose from contract management savings in ICT of £0.2m, Housing Benefits £0.2m due to the improved controls on claimant eligibility resulting in a reduction in overpayments, as well as vacancy management savings from across other services. These are partially offset by adverse variances of £1.5m as a result of the phased implementation of schemes within the Improving How We Work and Contract Management savings programmes, as well as a shortfall in budgeted income of £0.8m within the Commercial Estate due to a slowing down of retail income and challenges in new acquisitions to generate additional income. This pressure has been incorporated into the 2020/21 budget.

Adult Services (£0.40m under budget, £0.40m favourable movement)

Adverse variances in commissioned purchasing budgets due to increased mental health placement costs £0.6m and increased demand for high cost learning disability placements £0.5m were more than offset by underspends in placement costs in Physical Disability £0.2m, and contribution income collection from Community Resource Centres nursing placements £0.3m. Timings of schemes under the Better Care Fund resulted in further underspends £0.5m being realised in year together with lower than anticipated spend on services within the collective safeguarding teams £0.3m.

Children's Services (£2.25m over budget, £0.35m adverse movement)

Key placement budgets were overspent by £1.6m as a result of increases in support packages to keep children safe and for complex packages for the children with highest need. The portfolio was further over-budget by £0.6m relating to respite and care packages for disabled children, reflecting a national and regional trend for numbers of children coming into care. Staffing overspends on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) were offset by staffing underspends in Integrated Commissioning and Safeguarding.

Climate Emergency & Neighbourhoods (£0.20m over budget, £0.20m adverse movement)

The adverse outturn position mainly relates to repair work at Ashmead depot and the purchase of food bins for the roll out of food waste collections in Bath city centre.

Transport Services (£0.20m under budget, £0.08m favourable movement)

Increased traffic management income at the same time as reduced costs within Highways £0.2m and one-off debt recovery and staffing vacancies within Parking £0.3m accounted for the under-budget services. These were partially offset by a reduction in parking income £0.1m and emerging costs within Emergency Planning £0.2m, both relating to the start of the Covid-19 outbreak – leaving the portfolio with a small under budget position.

Housing, Planning & Economic Development (£0.60m under budget, £0.39m favourable movement)

All four services within the portfolio (Housing, Regeneration, Planning, Business and Skills) ended the year in an under budget position, with salary savings and over-achieved income being the core reasons.

Community Services (£0.76m under budget, £0.03m favourable movement)

Heritage's most profitable year to date contributed £0.8m to the under-budget position, which was offset slightly by a reduction in cremation and burial income. The favourable outturn position for Heritage Services was impacted by the early closure of the service due to the Covid-19 outbreak, however most of the impact of this will be felt in 2020/21.

3.3 Further detail of outturn budget variances is attached at Appendix 1.

3.4 Further analysis of the Covid 19 impact on the 2020/21 budget has been reviewed and mitigation measures have been developed through the 2020/21 financial recovery plan as reported to Cabinet on 2nd July. As set out in that report, income pressures, most prominently affecting the Roman Baths, Parking & Commercial Estate, and expenditure pressures, including those on Adult Social Care, arising due to the pandemic will be closely monitored during 2020/21.

Carry Forward Requests

3.5 The following carry forward requests have been made for approval:

Request and Reason for Request	£
Strategy & Performance – Community Empowerment Fund This is a three-year programme which commenced midway through financial year 2019/20. Wards have until 2021 to claim £2,000 per ward. Many have not claimed their share yet so carry forward into 2020/21 is requested.	93,000
Business & Skills – Skills Projects To fund a range of business and skills interventions delivered in partnership with Visit Bath. Examples of these would include specialist customer service training, specialist marketing and social media courses, targeted business growth/resilience workshops, and HR/recruitment training. This will support career development for low paid, low skilled roles in the leisure, catering, tourism and retail sector, which provide a large volume of employment for local residents. As a consequence it would also help attract new members to Visit Bath, increasing their membership base and in turn increasing long term sustainability.	34,772
Development Management - Planning Policy - Strategic and Local plan making after Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) withdrawal Carry Forward requested to resource delayed Planning Policy work, primarily due to issues surrounding the West of England Joint Spatial Plan, which still needs to be progressed during 2020/21.	93,136
Human Resources – Apprenticeship Training Income Carry forward required to fund “End Point Assessments” (EPAs) on the new apprenticeship programmes. Only now are apprentices in the new scheme coming to this point as most apprenticeships take two years to reach completion, in the old scheme apprentices did not have EPAs.	8,500
Total	229,408

3.6 It is proposed that the net under budget position of £0.12m, after allowing for carry forwards, is transferred to the Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve.

- 3.7 It is recommended that all over budgets are written off as an exception to the Budget Management Scheme Rules to retain budget stability in 2020/21.

Delivery of Savings

- 3.8 The 2019/20 approved budget included the requirement for the delivery of £8.9m of savings. The final outturn position included achievement of £6.8m or 76% of the savings target compared to 80% delivered in 2018/19. Savings items that are no longer deliverable in 2019/20 have been reviewed alongside other recurring budget pressures and have been incorporated into the financial planning assumptions for the 2020/21 budget. All 2020/21 savings are now being reviewed as part of the Council's 2020/21 Covid 19 financial recovery plan.

Schools

- 3.9 The Overall Dedicated Schools Grant for 2019/20 was £140.74m, however of this sum £93.68m was returned to the DFE to be allocated to academies, £15.64m was allocated to schools through funding formula, with the remaining £31.42m retained by the LA to support Special Educational Needs, central expenditure and Early Years.
- 3.10 The centrally held elements of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) were over budget by £1.25m, mainly due to increased cost of placements for children with SEND which is funded from the high needs block within the Dedicated Schools Grant. During the year, the government consulted on the funding of SEND placements and has confirmed that these costs are required to be funded from the DSG. Where this results in an overspend, this is to be carried forward for recovery against future DSG funding. Therefore, the Council cannot fund this pressure from its own non DSG funding (unless permission is given by the Secretary of State to disregard the requirement to fund from the DSG). Year end budgets have been adjusted to reflect the transfer of the £1.25m overspend into a negative earmarked reserve for recovery against future DSG funding in line with accounting guidance.
- 3.11 Following this clarification on the treatment of SEND pressures, the £2.35m Council contingency budget, held in 2019/20 for covering these pressures should it not be able to contain them within DSG resources, has been released and transferred to the Revenue Budget Contingency reserve. The transfer will provide one-off resource to contribute towards the mitigation actions required in respect of the 2020/21 Covid 19 Financial Recovery Plan.
- 3.12 Schools balances increased by £197k to £585k at the year-end. This increase is partly due to schools with deficits converting to academies and taking their deficit out of the LA schools balances. These balances are closely monitored by Schools Forum which has adopted an excessive balances policy in line with continued DFE best practise guidance. All schools with balances deemed to be excessive are challenged to explain their position. Most large balances are retained as part of plans for capital projects in schools.

Public Health

3.13 The Public Health budget is currently ringfenced. The year-end outturn was a £0.567m over budget position mainly due to activity driven expenditure from commissioned services. This has been funded from the Public Health Grant balances held in reserve to leave £0.041m remaining as at the 31st March 2020. Budgets have been adjusted to reflect the transfer from reserves.

Reserves and Flexible Capital Receipts

3.14 The year-end position of earmarked reserves, taking into account the 2019/20 outturn, are shown in the table below.

Council's Earmarked Reserves	£'m
<i>Corporate Earmarked Reserves</i>	
Insurance Fund	1.795
Capital Financing Reserve	8.335
Revenue Budget Contingency	5.478
Transformation Investment Reserve	1.319
Business Rates Reserve	3.568
City Deal Smoothing Reserve	1.490
Restructuring & Severance Reserve	2.184
Financial Planning and Smoothing Reserve	6.285
Invest to Save Reserve	0.699
Public Health Grant Reserve	0.041
Community Empowerment Fund	0.324
Revenue Grants Unapplied (<i>Includes COVID19 Support Grant Tranche No.1</i>)	5.649
Revenue Funding of Capital Reserve	0.506
Other	0.602
<i>Sub Total</i>	38.274
Schools Balances	0.585
Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve	(1.250)
Service Specific Reserves	2.769
General Service Reserves	4.422
<i>Total Earmarked Reserves</i>	44.801
Reserve balances excludes any 2020/21 transfers agreed as part of the 2020/21 Budget Report	

Note: Some of the figures in this table are affected by rounding.

3.15 The year-end position of uncommitted non-earmarked reserves was £12.3m in line with the risk assessed requirements of a range of £11.9m to £13.1m.

Flexible Use of Capital Receipts

3.16 Council approved a revised Efficiency Strategy in February 2020 as part of the 2020/21 budget. This enables the authority to utilise capital receipts for once-off spend such as severance costs that result in the delivery of ongoing savings. Flexible capital receipts of £1.26m were utilised in 2019/20 taking the total used to £7.84m and it is estimated that this spend will contribute to the release of ongoing revenue savings of £13.15m by 2020/21. Further details of spend and savings are shown in the following tables.

Category	Spend			
	2017/18 £m	2018/19 £m	2019/20 £m	Total £m
Restructuring & Severance Costs	3.124	3.045	0.955	7.123
Procurement, Commissioning and other service redesign	0.000	0.408	0.306	0.714
Total	3.124	3.453	1.261	7.837

Category	Cumulative Savings			
	2017/18 £m	2018/19 £m	2019/20 £m	2020/21 £m
Restructuring & Severance Costs	0.102	2.658	5.547	6.015
Procurement, Commissioning and other service redesign	0.000	3.425	6.127	7.133
Total	0.102	6.083	11.675	13.148

Council Tax, Business Rates and Collection Fund

3.17 The final outturn position on the Council Tax Collection Fund was a surplus of £1.168m for the Council's share, this represents a 1.2% variance against target income. The increase in Council Tax surplus is mainly due to an increase in the number of chargeable dwellings compared to forecast. For 2019/20, the tax base included an adjustment of £9.2m for the estimated costs of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme and the outturn position was slightly higher at £9.3m.

3.18 The collection rate for Council Tax was 98.14% (98.22% 2018/19).

3.19 The year-end position for the Council's share of Business Rate income relating to 2019/20 is £0.165m higher than estimated, which benefits the Collection Fund. The overall Collection Fund position, including the positive element relating to the 2018/19 outturn, is a surplus of £1.199m. The main factors producing the favourable in year position on Business Rates are new chargeable properties and lower than forecast empty property and retail reliefs, partially offset by higher than forecast small business and charitable reliefs. The Council holds a Business Rates Reserve to ensure that the General Fund is not adversely impacted in any

one year. Following outturn transfers, the balance of the Business Rate Reserve was £3.1m as at the 31st March 2020. The collection rate for Non Domestic Rates was 98.06% (98.61% 2018/19).

3.20 The following table shows the overall estimated position, for which provision was made in the 2020/21 Budget Report, and the actual outturn position for the Council share of the Collection Fund for 2019/20. These figures exclude preceptor and central government shares:-

	Estimated Surplus/ (Deficit) £'m	Actual Surplus/ (Deficit) £'m	Difference £'m
Council Tax	0.707	1.168	0.461
Business Rates	1.517	1.199	(0.318)
Total	2.224	2.367	0.143

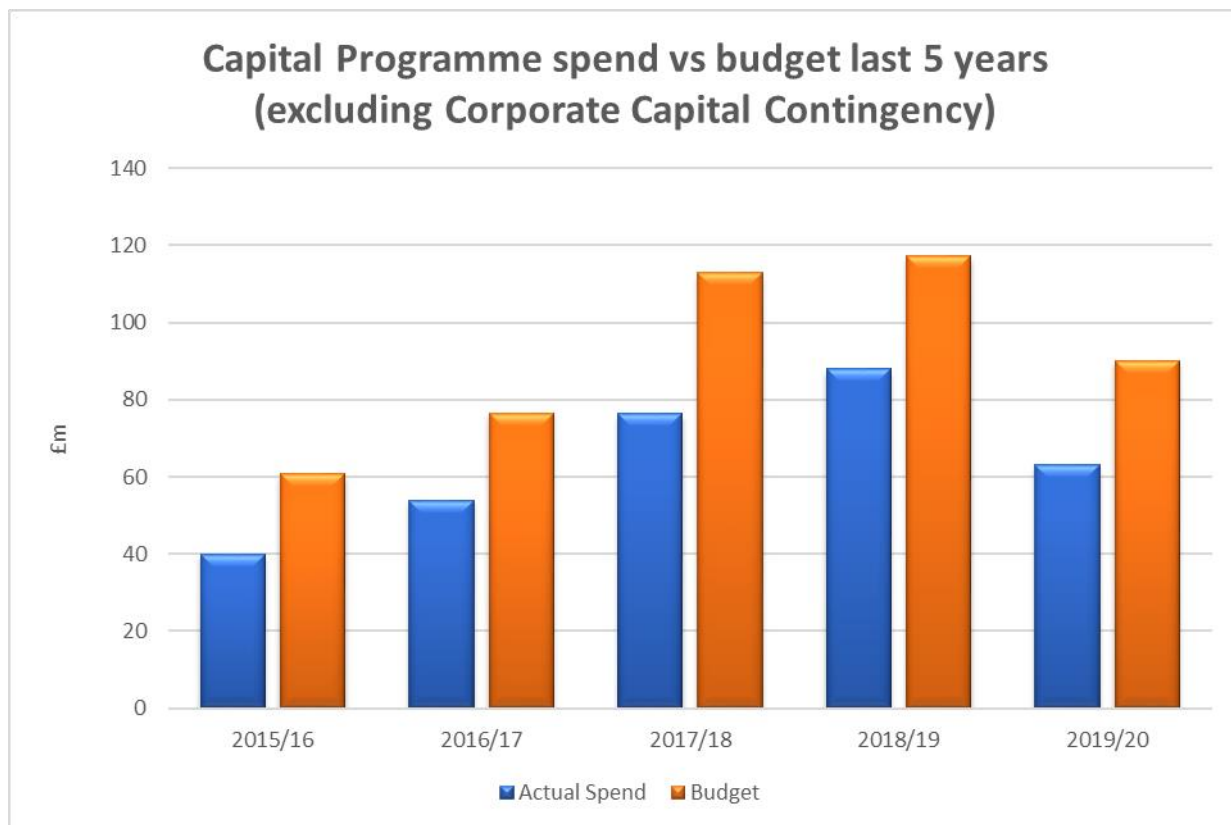
3.21 At an overall level, the outturn position on the Collection Fund improved by £0.143m over the estimated position and this difference will be taken into consideration when estimated the closing 2020/21 Collection Fund position as part of the 2021/22 Budget process.

Capital Programme

3.22 The capital spend in 2019/20 was £63.091m (75%) against a budget of £90.164m giving a variance of £27.073m, primarily reflecting the delivery time to complete projects moving into future financial periods.

Portfolio Summary	2019/2020 Outturn Position			
	Capital Budget £'m	Outturn £'m	Variance £'m	Rephasing to 2020/21 Requested £'m
Resources & Deputy Leader	20.764	11.950	(8.814)	8.658
Adult Services	0.293	0.295	0.002	(0.002)
Children's Services	12.523	8.563	(3.960)	3.954
Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	6.325	3.838	(2.487)	2.487
Transport Services	11.025	8.607	(2.418)	2.418
Housing, Planning & Economic Development	28.614	21.474	(7.140)	6.741
Community Services	10.620	8.364	(2.256)	2.130
TOTAL	90.164	63.091	(27.073)	26.386

3.23 Of this variance, £26.386m is requested for carry forward to 2020/21 to cover re-phased costs of capital projects. The detailed outturn position and re-phasing of each individual project is attached at Appendix 3. The delivery of the capital spend compared to budget over the last five years is shown in the following graph:



3.24 The funding of the capital programme for 2019/20 is as follows:-

	£'m
Total Capital Spending:	63.091
Funded by:	
Capital Receipts	1.680
Capital Grants	24.904
3 rd Party Receipts (inc S106 & CIL)	5.363
Revenue	0.024
Prudential Borrowing (Implied Need)	31.120
Total	63.091

3.25 The Council's provisional Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) as at 31st March 2020 is £323.7 million. This represents the Council's requirement to borrow to finance capital expenditure and demonstrates that total borrowing of £232.4 million remains well below this requirement as at 31st March 2020. This illustrates the extent to which the Council is currently cash-flowing capital projects in line with the Treasury Management Strategy to minimise borrowing costs.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The annual Medium Term Financial Strategy and planning process allocates resources across services with alignment of these resources towards the Council's corporate priorities. This report monitors how the Council has performed against the budget and Capital Programme set in February 2019.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 These are contained throughout the report and appendices.

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.
- 6.2 The substance of this report is part of the Council's risk management process. The key risks in the Council's budget were assessed by each Corporate Director, with these risks re-assessed on a monthly basis as part of the budget monitoring process.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 This is an information only report about the Council's financial performance against budgets set for 2019/20, it therefore does not include any decisions that have a direct impact on Climate Change.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The option to carry forward over budgeted spend could be considered which would mean that services would have to make up any deficits in 2020/21 with a considerable impact on service delivery especially in light of the financial recovery measures already required in 2020/21 in respect of mitigating the financial impacts of Covid 19.

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Corporate Directors/Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.
- 9.2 The provisional outturn position has been discussed at Senior Leadership Team and Corporate Management Team in May.

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Background papers	2019/20 Budget Monitoring reports to the Cabinet; Revenue and Capital Budget Setting reports, Budget Management Scheme
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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for the Leader							
P04	Leader	1112	Housing Delivery Vehicle	(730)	(470)	260	A revised timetable for pipeline sites from the Council and a revised sales timeline for the Riverside development has resulted in the timing of the dividend payment from Aequus Group to the Council being reprofiled to 2020/21.
P04	Leader	1126	Visit Bath	367	540	173	The adverse variance is due to slippage in delivering the destination management savings target which should be on target for delivery from 2020/21.
P04	Leader Total			(363)	71	434	
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Resources and Deputy Leader							
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1032	Information Technology	4,932	4,693	(239)	Underspend is due to various contract savings which have been achieved in year due to effective contract management.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1037	Property Services	670	587	(84)	Underspend due to current staff vacancies. Plan was to fill posts in October but this has been delayed.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1038	Corporate Estate Including R&M	3,721	3,762	41	The corporate office accommodation savings target of £300k originally set for Lewis House rental of floors. This has not been achieved but offset by underspends from various premises costs (including utilities, service charges, repairs and maintenance) and income from office spaces.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1039	Traded Services	24	37	13	Minor overspend on premises costs.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1040	Finance	2,839	2,799	(40)	Under-budget position resulting from vacancy management.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1041	Revenues & Benefits	955	852	(103)	Salary savings due to delay in recruitment in Revenues team.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1042	Risk & Assurance Services	1,108	1,108	0	On budget.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1045	Strategy & Performance	1,489	2,487	998	£750k Digital Programme and £250k procurement savings will not be delivered this financial year as originally planned due to challenges in establishing the delivery workstream due to skills and capacity gaps that are now being addressed.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1047	Human Resources	1,276	1,432	156	The training element of this budget was centralised at the beginning of the year (including mandatory & essential statutory training) for 2,100 staff across the council. Training & Development spend in 19/20 did see a year on year reduction however, it did not deliver the full £350k of budgeted savings.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1053	Council Solicitor & Democratic Services	2,708	2,843	135	The overspend reflects unachievable historic savings and required adjustments of historic external income targets for the 20/21 (mainly s106 agreements). The continuing increase in childcare cases have required further temporary legal capacity in the Legal Childcare Team.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1054	Hsg / Council Tax Benefits Subsidy	(195)	(443)	(248)	Improved controls on claimant eligibility resulting in a reduction in overpayments.

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P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1055	Capital Financing / Interest	5,577	3,129	(2,447)	The overall underspend mainly relates to the reprofiling of capital spend to future years and lower than forecast borrowing interest rates, leading to lower than forecast borrowing costs.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1056	Unfunded Pensions	1,598	1,547	(51)	Lower than budgeted costs in respect of historic pension liabilities.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1057	Corporate Budgets including Capital, Audit and Bank Charges	(14,155)	(14,815)	(660)	There is a £400k one-off underspend for borrowing costs relating to the Waste Services Re-Design Project, due to the phasing of the project spend. In addition, there were other smaller underspends relating to Pension Deficit Contributions, apprenticeship levy contributions and external audit fees.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1058	Magistrates	12	11	(1)	Minor underspend.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1059	Coroners	287	287	0	On budget.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1061	West of England Combined Authority Levy	4,104	4,104	0	On budget.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1081	Commercial Estate	(16,224)	(15,419)	804	Over budget position, mainly attributable to a shortfall on Commercial Estate income. There has been slippage in identifying new and replacement assets that generate a return to the Council.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1118	Procurement & Commissioning	729	681	(48)	Under-budget position resulting from salary underspends.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1125	Improving The Way we work	(360)	150	510	Programme not yet fully engaged with or mobilised so further resources will be required and will be addressed during 20/21.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader Total			1,094	(170)	(1,265)	

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Adult Care Health and Wellbeing							
P20	Adult Services	1027	CRC & Community Equipment contracts	0	0	0	On budget.
P20	Adult Services	1036	Adults Substance Misuse (DAT)	523	508	(15)	Delivery of additional in year savings as agreed in corporate plan.
P20	Adult Services	1073	Adults & Older People- Mental Health Commissioning	10,346	10,949	603	Adverse variances in the commissioned purchasing budgets due to increased placement costs. The purchasing position was offset by increased contribution income and underspends in service areas outside the purchasing budgets. There was an increase in bad debt in month and timing of memo debt income/delayed probate.
P20	Adult Services	1086	Adult Care Commissioning	1,788	1,714	(74)	Vacancies in commissioning team not filled until end of the year.
P20	Adult Services	1088	Older People & Physically Disabled Purchasing	13,063	13,076	13	Increasing demand for high cost placements. The timing of bad debt and delay in obtaining probate did not reverse the position in 19/20 but income should materialise in 20/21.
P20	Adult Services	1091	Learning Disabilities Commissioning	17,374	17,849	474	Increased demand for high cost placements, and backdated supplier invoices outside of the panel process. Commissioners are now reviewing the process.
P20	Adult Services	1093	Physical Disability, Hearing & Vision	4,323	4,099	(224)	Package movement between services resulted in an underspend on package purchasing costs.
P20	Adult Services	1094	Public Health	392	242	(150)	A pressure reagrdng Sexual Health provision and ad hoc projects has led to final outturn position requiring an actual drawdown from the earmarked Public Health reserve.
P20	Adult Services	1110	Better Care Fund	14,131	13,621	(510)	Schemes underspending in year due to delayed starts and resourcing.
P20	Adult Services	1113	CCG B&NES CHC and FNC Payments	0	0	0	On budget.
P20	Adult Services	1114	Community Equipment	203	203	0	Balance position at year end included use of Disabled Facilities Grant.
P20	Adult Services	1123	Safeguarding Adults	1,541	1,309	(231)	Underspends in consultant costs as requirement predicted was not needed in year.
P20	Adult Services	1124	Community Resource Centres & Extra Care Income	(1,733)	(2,016)	(283)	Increased nursing placements resulted in higher contribution income as the income included Funded Nursing Contributions that had not previously been forecast.
P20	Adult Services Total			61,951	61,555	(396)	

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Childrens Services							
P21	Childrens Services	1076	Children, Young People & Families	15,855	17,999	2,144	Spend in Joint Area Panel (JAP) pooled budget vs last year (LY) up by £1,075k. This includes increased costs due to the closure of specialist residential care provider. Cost increases versus LY due to 6 additional children, plus annualised costs of further 10 children whose packages started mid-way through 2018/19. These are our children with the highest need, who also require the most complex care packages of those that we support. Residential Placement spend up £308k vs LY due to increase in support packages needed to keep children safe. Pressures from the other key placement budget areas are £200k, which means an over budget position for Key placement budgets of £1,560k. Numbers coming into care are increasing, which is a regional and national trend. The cost of respite and care packages for disabled children equates to a total pressure of £600k.
P21	Childrens Services	1077	Learning & Inclusion	3,517	3,876	359	Psychology costs over budget by £100k due to salary pressures as a result of one off events. Youth Prevention Services are over budget by £60k due to delayed implementation of planned savings proposals, that are now in place. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Team over budget by £150k mainly on staffing, due to increased demand for SEND provision.
P21	Childrens Services	1078	Health, Commissioning & Planning	6,304	6,249	(55)	Business Support teams for Early years and Schools under budget, mainly due to salary savings.
P21	Childrens Services	1079	Schools Budgets	(536)	(536)	0	The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Outturn was £1.25m over spent. This is as a result of pressures on SEND spend due to increased demand and lack of local provision, requiring independent specialist provision which is expensive. The overspend represents a reduction on pressures from the previous financial year, as no council support of this pressure is allowed under new financial guidelines issued by the DFE. The overspend will be accommodated in a negative reserve and will be charged to the DSG in the next financial year.
P21	Childrens Services	1116	Integrated Commissioning - CYP	2,305	2,121	(184)	Salary underspends due to staff vacancies.
P21	Childrens Services	1117	Safeguarding - CYP	703	687	(16)	Salary underspends due to staff vacancies.
P21	Childrens Services Total			28,148	30,396	2,247	

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services							
P22	Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	1060	Environment Agency	236	234	(2)	Minor underspend.
P22	Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	1101	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services	15,733	15,920	187	Overspends due to volatility of prices and tonnages. These are constantly monitored and kept to a minimum. Increased spend in final quarter due to repair work at Ashmead Depot and purchase of bins for roll out of food waste collections in Bath city centre.
P22	Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	1120	Sustainability	297	351	54	Our Power, which held this concession contract, ceased trading in January 2019. As a result no income has been possible from referral fees.
P22	Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	1127	Air Pollution	199	155	(44)	Temporary salary savings and overachieved income.
P22	Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services Total			16,465	16,660	195	
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Housing, Planning & Economic Development							
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	1029	Housing	1,056	936	(120)	Over all elements of the Housing cashlimit, there is a net reduction in expenditure of £16k, increased income of £44.5k and staff vacancies £61k. Along with some other minor variances this results in the favourable financial position of £120k.
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	1052	Regeneration	359	196	(163)	£94k overachievement of project income and staff savings, £20k reduction in budgeted expenditure and £53k Arts expenditure budget not spent which has been realigned in the 20/21 budget setting process.
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	1106	Development Management	1,354	1,123	(232)	Although planning application fee Income has underachieved by £209k, this has been offset by an overachievement of income in other planning streams and an underspend on consultants fees. Staff vacancies and a £50k favourable position on planning policy due to unanticipated delays has resulted in the department's favourable position.
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	1128	Business & Skills	517	430	(87)	£18k salary savings and £38k project underspend along with other minor adverse movements of £4k.
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development Total			3,286	2,685	(601)	

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Community Services							
P24	Community Services	1005	Building Control & Land Charges	840	847	8	Unachieved income in Pest Control, Health & Safety Food and Land charges have been offset with underspends in salaries in Health & Safety Food and Licensing, resulting in a minor over budget outturn position.
P24	Community Services	1018	Heritage	(8,782)	(9,612)	(830)	2019/20 was Heritage Services' most profitable year, up £1m (13%) on prior year and £840k on budget. The key driver for this was the changes to our pricing strategy. Room hire also benefited significantly from filming at the Assembly Rooms during 2019. These achievements would have been greater had we not closed all sites to visitors from the 19th March, due to COVID-19. Despite the closure of the sites during March we came within 1.7% of the forecast, which was reduced at the end of February.
P24	Community Services	1019	Public Protection & Health Improvement - Leisure	1,246	1,246	0	On budget.
P24	Community Services	1089	Community Safety	41	19	(22)	Minor underspend.
P24	Community Services	1102	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	1,114	1,218	104	Cremation income not achieved, and a reduction in Burial income in final two months of the year, due to demand.
P24	Community Services	1109	World Heritage	152	147	(5)	Minor underspend.
P24	Community Services	1115	Registrars Service	(85)	(123)	(37)	The increase is due to additional income from increased certificate fees (which are set by the government).
P24	Community Services	1121	Events & Active Lifestyles	153	154	1	Events income and wedding Income targets not achieved, offset by underspends on associated expenditure.
P24	Community Services	1122	Customer Services (Including Libraries)	2,605	2,620	15	Changes in Libraries West charging for all authorities resulting in increased charges to B&NES resulting in overspend.
P24	Community Services Total			(2,718)	(3,483)	(765)	
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Transport Services							
P25	Transport Services	1006	Highways & Traffic Management	7,268	7,107	(161)	Increased Traffic Management income and capital recovery, along with reduced expenditure resulted in a favourable outturn position.
P25	Transport Services	1103	Transport & Parking Services - Parking	(7,771)	(7,631)	140	Income remains above 2018/19, but budgeted income target not achieved. Parking income is seasonal and weather dependant. One off debt recovery and filming income is offsetting under recovery of parking income. Reductions in income due to Covid-19 and parking charges suspended from 23rd March.
P25	Transport Services	1104	Transport & Parking Services - Public & Passenger Transport	205	(160)	(365)	One off debt recovery and staffing vacancies. One off drawdown from Reserves of £150k contributed to favourable outturn position.
P25	Transport Services	1119	Emergency Planning	275	464	188	CCTV income target not achieved, plus additional pressures due to responding to the Covid-19 pandemic.
P25	Transport Services Total			(22)	(220)	(198)	
	Council Total			107,841	107,492	(349)	

2019/20 Revenue Virements for APPROVAL

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REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	CABINET MEMBER	TRANSFER FROM	Income	Expenditure	CABINET MEMBER	TRANSFER TO	Income	Expenditure	DESCRIPTION	ONGOING EFFECTS
			CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		CASHLIM	(£'s)	(£'s)		
The following virements are reported for approval under the Budget Management Scheme rules.											
OVERALL TOTALS				0	0			0	0		

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The following virements have either been previously approved, are technical in nature or are below limits within BMS that require approval, and therefore are reported for information only.											
INFO 19#55	Waste Service Redesign	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		449,519	Climate Emergency & Environmental Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services		449,519	Transfer of Corporately held budget for Waste Service Redesign to match spending in service.	Budget virement is on-going.
INFO 19#56	Adult Social Care Training	Children's Services	Safeguarding - CYP		5,000	Adult Services	Adult Services		20,000	Establishment of funding stream within Business Intelligence relating to specific Adult Social Care training resource.	Budget virement is on-going.
		Resources	Human Resources		15,000						
INFO 19#57	Bikeability	Community Services	Building Control & Public Protection		3,410	Climate Emergency & Environmental Services	Air Pollution (Environmental Monitoring)		3,410	Alignment to match expenditure budget and grant income budgets relating to Bikeability.	Budget virement is on-going.
INFO 19#58	Corporate Complaints Team centralisation to One West.	Resources	Revenues & Benefits		40,000	Resources	Risk & Assurance Services		60,926	Transfer of budgets for posts in Corporate Complaints Team to the One West budget.	Budget virement is on-going.
		Community Services	Customer Services (including Libraries)		20,926						
INFO 19#59	Financial Planning Reserve Drawdown	Resources	Balances (Financial Planning Reserve)	110,487		Resources	Risk & Assurance Services		9,500	Management Savings Smoothing drawdown from Financial Planning Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
							Information Technology		7,000		
							Strategy & Performance		5,950		
						Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Development Management		9,579		
						Community Services	Building Control & Public Protection		18,400		
							Customer Services (including Libraries)		40,613		
							Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services		19,445		

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INFO 19#60	Somer Valley Enterprise Zone	Resources	Balances (Financial Planning Reserve)		41,668	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Regeneration		41,668	Drawdown from Financial Planning Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#61	Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve Drawdown	Resources	Balances (Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve)		482,197	Resources	Risk & Assurance Services		60,000	Drawdown from Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
							Human Resources		85,264		
							Corporate Estate Including R&M		29,504		
						Climate Emergency & Environmental Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services		40,000		
						Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Housing		142,429		
							Development Management		50,000		
							Business & Skills		75,000		
INFO 19#62	Transfers to Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		125,000	Resources	Balances (Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve)		2,523,000	Transfer to Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
			Coroners		48,000						
		Children's Services	Inclusion & Prevention		2,350,000						
INFO 19#63	Transformation Investment Reserve Drawdown	Resources	Balances (Transformation Investment Reserve)		829,432	Resources	Finance		150,617	Drawdown from Transformation Investment Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
							Revenues & Benefits		47,192		
							Strategy & Performance		44,007		
							Procurement		511,000		
						Climate Emergency & Environmental Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services		36,468		
							Sustainability		12,087		
						Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Regeneration		28,061		

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INFO 19#64	Capital Financing Reserve Drawdown	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		55,000	Resources	Finance		55,000	Drawdown of funding from Capital Financing Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#65	VAT Reserve Drawdown	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		45,000	Resources	Finance		45,000	Drawdown of funding from VAT Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#66	Combe Down Stone Mine 100 Year Grant Reserve Drawdown	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		41,185	Resources	Corporate Estate Including R&M		41,185	Drawdown of funding from Combe Down Stone Mine Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#67	EU Exit Funding Reserve Transfer	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		280,174	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		280,174	Transfer to EU Exit Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#68	Waste Re-provision Reserve Transfer	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		192,240	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		192,240	Transfer to Waste Re-provision Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#69	Business Rates Reserve Transfer	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		155,000	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		155,000	Transfer to Business Rates Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#70	Capital Financing	Resources	Capital Financing / Interest		1,141,305	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		1,141,305	Transfer to Capital Financing Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#71	Public Health Reserve	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		567,073	Adult Services	Public Health		567,073	Drawdown of funding from Public Health Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#72	Social Care Reserve	Adult Services	Adult Services		1,093,556	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		1,093,556	Transfer to Social Care Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#73	Drug Action Team Reserve	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		9,410	Adult Services	Adult Substance Misuse (Drug Action Team)		9,410	Drawdown of funding from Drug Action Team Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.

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INFO 19#74	SEN Reserve	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		462,496	Children's Services	Schools' Budgets		462,496	Drawdown of funding from SEN Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#75	Schools' Reserve Transfer	Children's Services	Schools' Budgets		196,717	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		196,717	Transfer to Schools' Balances.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#76	Housing Reserve Transfer - Flexible Homelessness Support	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Housing		172,971	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		172,971	Transfer to Housing Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#77	Revenue Reversion Capital Financing Reserve Transfer	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		362,984	Community Services	Customer Services (including Libraries)		362,984	Drawdown of funding from Capital Financing Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#78	WECA Supported Buses	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		150,000	Transport Services	Transport & Parking Services - Parking		150,000	Drawdown of funding from Supported Bus Contribution Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#79	Leisure Contract Invest to Save	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		557,299	Community Services	Health Improvement - Leisure		557,299	Drawdown of funding from Invest To Save Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#80	Revenue Grants Reserve	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Housing	120,233		Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		4,931,714	Transfer to Unused Revenue Grants Reserve	Budget virement is one-off.
		Community Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	24,490							
		Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges	4,643,684							
			Strategy & Performance	143,307							
INFO 19#81	DSG Reserve Overspend	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		1,249,664	Children's Services	Schools' Budgets		1,249,664	Drawdown of funding from DSG Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 19#82	DSG Re-Profiling	Children's Services	Education Transformation		116,808	Children's Services	Inclusion & Prevention		116,808	Drawdown of funding from DSG Reserve.	Budget virement is one-off.
OVERALL TOTALS				4,931,714	11,369,521			0	16,301,235		
					16,301,235				16,301,235		

Portfolio Cash Limits 2019/20 - Revenue Budget

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CABINET PORTFOLIO	Service	Feb'20 Revised Cash Limits £'000	Technical Adjustments, below BMS limits or already agreed - shown for information £'000	Total Virements for Approval £'000	Jul'20 Revised Cash Limits £'000
Leader	Housing Delivery Vehicle	(730)			(730)
	Visit Bath	367			367
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(363)			(363)
Resources	Finance	2,588	251		2,839
	Risk & Assurance Services	977	130		1,108
	Procurement & Commissioning	218	511		729
	Revenues & Benefits	948	7		955
	Council Solicitor & Democratic Services	2,708			2,708
	Information Technology	4,925	7		4,932
	Strategy & Performance	1,582	(93)		1,489
	Human Resources	1,206	70		1,276
	Improving The Way We Work	(360)			(360)
	Property Services	670			670
	Corporate Estate Including R&M	3,650	71		3,721
	Commercial Estate	(16,224)			(16,224)
	Traded Services	24			24
	Hsg / Council Tax Benefits Subsidy	(195)			(195)
	Capital Financing / Interest	6,718	(1,141)		5,577
	Unfunded Pensions	1,598			1,598
	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges	(3,170)	(5,846)		(9,016)
	New Homes Bonus Grant	(5,139)			(5,139)
	Magistrates	12			12
	Coroners	335	(48)		287
	Environment Agency	236			236
	West of England Combined Authority Levy	4,104			4,104
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	7,411	(6,081)		1,330
Adult Services	Adult Services	62,110	(1,074)		61,037
	Adult Substance Misuse (Drug Action Team)	514	9		523
	Public Health	(175)	567		392
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	62,449	(497)		61,951
Children's Services	Children, Young People & Families	15,855			15,855
	Integrated Commissioning - CYP	2,305			2,305
	Safeguarding - CYP	708	(5)		703
	Inclusion & Prevention	5,930	(2,233)		3,697
	Education Transformation	6,241	(117)		6,124
	Schools Budget	(2,051)	1,515		(536)
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	28,988	(840)		28,148
Climate Emergency & Environmental Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services	15,207	526		15,733
	Sustainability	285	12		297
	Air Pollution (Environmental Monitoring)	195	3		199
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	15,687	541		16,229
Transport Services	Highways & Traffic Management	7,268			7,268
	Transport & Parking Services - Parking	(7,771)			(7,771)
	Transport & Parking Services - Public & Passenger Transport	55	150		205
	Emergency Planning	275			275
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(172)	150		(22)

CABINET PORTFOLIO	Service	Feb'20 Revised Cash Limits £'000	Technical Adjustments, below BMS limits or already agreed - shown for information £'000	Total Virements for Approval £'000	Jul'20 Revised Cash Limits £'000
Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Housing	1,207	(151)		1,056
	Regeneration	289	70		359
	Development Management	1,295	60		1,354
	Business & Skills	442	75		517
	Economy & Culture				
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	3,232	54		3,286
Community Services	Building Control & Public Protection	825	15		840
	Heritage	(8,782)			(8,782)
	Health Improvement - Leisure	689	557		1,246
	Community Safety	41			41
	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	1,119	(5)		1,114
	World Heritage	152			152
	Registrars Service	(85)			(85)
	Events & Active Lifestyles	153			153
	Customer Services (including Libraries)	2,222	383		2,605
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(3,668)	950		(2,718)
	NET BUDGET	113,564	(5,723)		107,841
	Sources of Funding				

Council Tax
 Retained Business Rates*
 Collection Fund Deficit (-) or Surplus (+)
 Balances
Total

92,036			92,036
22,547			22,547
439			439
(1,458)	(5,723)		(7,181)
113,564	(5,723)		107,841

Capital Scheme	2019/20 Final Budget	Outturn	Variance	Re-phase Request	Commentary
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Resources and Deputy Leader					
Agresso System Development & Upgrade	32	15	17	17	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Bath Area Forum - CIL Funded Schemes - Approved	(44)	138	(182)	(182)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
BTP Transitional Funding	150	-	150	-	Loan not being pursued . No re-phase required
Capital Contingency	1,511	-	1,511	1,511	Re-phase to 20/21
Cleveland Pools	180	170	10	10	Remaining budget re-phasing into 20/21
Commercial Estate Investment Fund	437	36	401	401	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Commercial Estate Refurbishment Programme	-	303	(303)	(303)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Communications Hub (Microwave Link)	17	11	6	-	Scheme completed 19/20, no re-phase required
Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	4,387	1,694	2,693	2,691	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Customer Payments Security and Channel Shift	60	50	10	10	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Digital Programme	568	535	33	24	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Equality Act Works	224	49	175	175	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Flexible Use of Capital Receipts	1,923	1,261	662	662	Re-phase to 20/21
Grand Parade & Undercroft	138	-	138	138	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Housing Delivery Vehicle	1,486	269	1,217	1,217	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
IT Asset Refresh	867	788	79	79	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 20/21
Keynsham Regeneration & New Build	75	7	68	68	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Property Company Investment	7,200	5,862	1,338	1,338	Re-phase to 20/21
Property Disposals	1,186	455	731	731	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Workplaces Programme Delivery	225	235	(11)	-	Scheme completed 19/20. Variance recovered Digital Programme
York Street Infrastructure Works	(107)	72	(179)	-	Scheme completed 19/20. Variance recovered phase 2 below
York Street Vaults Phase 2	250	1	249	71	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
	20,764	11,950	8,814	8,658	
Adult Services					
Adult Social Care Database Replacement	68	42	25	25	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Community Resource Centre Capital Investment	5	4	0	0	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Drugs and Alcohol Recovery House Public Health Grant	221	249	(28)	(28)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
	293	295	(2)	(2)	
Children's Services					
Alternative Education - Refurbishment & Equipment	16	11	6	-	Scheme completed 19/20, no re-phase required
Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	8,927	6,151	2,776	2,776	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Building Adaptations to Provide Short Breaks for Disabled Children	20	-	20	20	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Children's Education Management System	173	174	(1)	(1)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Children's Centre Capital Schemes	592	533	58	58	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Schools' Capital Maintenance Schemes	1,953	824	1,129	1,130	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Schools Devolved Capital	185	337	(153)	(153)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) Education Provision Loan	601	516	86	86	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Youth Service Capital Schemes	56	18	38	38	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
	12,523	8,563	3,960	3,954	

Capital Scheme	2019/20 Final Budget	Outturn	Variance	Re-phase Request	Commentary
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services					
Air Quality Management Area	68	69	(1)	(0)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Clean Air Zone	2,126	1,262	864	864	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Environmental Protection Vehicles	16	24	(8)	(8)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Neighbourhood Services - Asset & Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,849	1,093	756	756	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 20/21
Neighbourhoods Bin & Bench Replacement	34	21	13	13	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 20/21
Waste Collection Vehicles In Cab Technology	200	-	200	200	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Waste Depot Relocation	1,407	1,026	381	382	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21 - small re-alignment
Waste Service Redesign	624	343	281	280	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21 - small re-alignment
	6,325	3,838	2,487	2,487	
Transport Services					
A37 to A362 Improvements to Access Somer Valley Enterprise Zone	165	116	49	49	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Bath Transport Package Main Scheme	1,760	58	1,702	1,702	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Bus lane camera replacement	-	(1)	1	-	Scheme completed 19/20, no re-phase required
Chew Valley Recreational Trail	13	11	2	2	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
City Centre Security	124	170	(47)	(47)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Clutton Depot Refurbishment	50	51	(1)	(1)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Dorchester Street - Traffic Review	78	78	-	-	Scheme completed 19/20, no re-phase required
Hicks Gate Roundabout Improvement	288	245	43	43	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Highways & Traffic Fleet Vehicle Renewal	1,025	1,011	14	14	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 20/21
Highways Maintenance Programme	5,155	5,150	5	5	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 20/21
London Road Modification	9	6	3	3	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Bid	234	104	130	130	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Parking Vehicle Replacement Programme	17	17	-	-	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 20/21
Passenger Transport Vehicles	46	40	6	6	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 20/21
Replacement Mopeds for Outer Area Parking Enforcement	-	-	-	-	No re-phasing required
Somerdale Bridge, Keynsham – Initial Options Study	11	3	9	9	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Street Lighting LED Replacement Programme	30	30	0	0	Multi year programme; No re-phasing to 20/21
Transport Improvement Programme	2,019	1,517	502	502	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
	11,025	8,607	2,418	2,418	

Capital Scheme	2019/20 Final Budget	Outturn	Variance	Re-phase Request	Commentary
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Housing, Planning and Economic Development					
Affordable Housing	498	311	187	187	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Bath Quays Bridge & Linking Infrastructure	1,372	1,368	5	5	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Bath Quays North	827	481	346	346	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Bath Quays South	9,429	8,219	1,210	1,210	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Bath Streetspace	103	84	19	19	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
BWR - Council Project Team	75	132	(58)	(58)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
BWR - Infrastructure	(41)	50	(91)	(91)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
BWR - Relocation of Gas Holders	1,536	-	1,536	1,536	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
BWR Phase 2	11,284	9,001	2,283	2,283	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Digital B&NES	71	33	38	38	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,421	1,181	239	239	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Innovation Quay - Strategic Flooding Solution	170	29	141	141	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Keynsham High Street Public Realm Implementation	257	260	(3)	(3)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Midsomer Norton Public Realm	25	16	9	9	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
North Keynsham SDL	230	138	92	92	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
NRR Infrastructure	115	-	115	115	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Pioneer Office Investment Block (Quays) – LGF Funded	398	-	398	-	Scheme not being pursued with this funding.
Radstock & Westfield Implementation Plan	40	33	7	7	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Radstock Healthy Living Centre	100	14	86	86	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Saw Close Works	323	8	315	315	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Sladebrook Road: Energy Efficiency Measures	128	-	128	128	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Somer Valley Enterprise Zone - Infrastructure	222	91	131	131	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Waterspace	31	26	5	5	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
	28,614	21,474	7,140	6,741	

Capital Scheme	2019/20 Final Budget	Outturn	Variance	Re-phase Request	Commentary
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Community Services					
Alice Park - Skate Park	81	45	36	36	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Bath Leisure Centre Refurbishment	645	225	420	420	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Bath Recreation Ground Trust - Leisure	466	463	3	-	Scheme completed 19/20, no re-phase required
Bath Spa Water Monitoring - CIP (Cleaning in Place) Hub	80	80	-	-	Scheme completed 19/20, no re-phase required
Bathscape	156	40	116	116	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Beechen Cliff Woodland & Other Open Spaces Improvements	45	23	22	22	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Heritage Infrastructure Development	23	23	0	0	Multi year programme; No re-phasing to 20/21
Heritage Services Energy Capture Scheme	50	7	43	43	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Leisure - Council Client / Contingency	195	39	156	156	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Leisure Bath - Car Park	68	66	2	2	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Leisure Facility Modernisation - Keynsham Sports Centre	4,874	4,481	394	394	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Modern Libraries & Workplaces	248	220	28	28	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Neighbourhoods CCTV	38	16	22	-	Scheme completed 19/20, no re-phase required
Parade Gardens Infrastructure for Business Development	5	11	(7)	(7)	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Parks Action Response Work	50	-	50	-	Scheme not being pursued . No re-phase required
Parks and Bereavement Infrastructure	59	1	58	22	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Parks Equipment	68	47	21	20	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 20/21
Parks S106 Projects	268	234	33	33	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Play Area Refurbishment / Equipment	503	160	344	344	Rolling programme, delivery continues into 20/21
Roman Baths Archway Centre	2,094	1,677	417	417	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Sydney Gardens	380	295	85	85	Multi year programme; re-phasing to 20/21
Victoria Art Gallery Air Conditioning	225	211	14	-	Scheme completed 19/20, no re-phase required
	10,620	8,364	2,256	2,130	
TOTAL CAPITAL SCHEMES	90,164	63,091	27,073	26,386	

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	TRANSFER / FUNDING FROM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	TRANSFER TO	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	Notes
CAP19#079-2019	Leisure facility modernisation - Keynsham Sports Centre	CIL	250,000		Community Services		250,000	ODD 1353- 10/2/20 to increase budget to help meet the additional costs of the enlarged facility that is being built
CAP19#080-2019	23 Grosvenor Place	Capital Receipt	600,000		Resources and Deputy Leader		600,000	SMD E3181 - 27/01/20 to surrender of Lease and Payment of Reverse Premium
CAP19#081-2019	Air Quality Monitors	SSB	18,089		Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services		18,089	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Purchase of Air Quality Monitoring Equipment at various sites.
CAP19#082-2019	Leisure - Council Client / Contingency	SSB	-334,320		Community Services		-334,320	SMD E3194 - 25/02/20 to outline costs arising from the Keynsham Leisure Centre project to be met from the Leisure Contingency budget
CAP19#083-2019	Leisure Facility Modernisation - Keynsham Sports Centre	SSB	334,320		Community Services		334,320	SMD E3194 - 25/02/20 to outline costs arising from the Keynsham Leisure Centre project to be met from the Leisure Contingency budget
CAP19#084-2019	Neighbourhood Services - Asset & Vehicle Replacement Programme	Grant	8,000		Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services		8,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. GULW OLEV grant contribution towards electric vehicle.
CAP19#085-2019	Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Bid	Grant	-8,000		Transport Services		-8,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. GULW OLEV grant contribution towards electric vehicle.
CAP19#086-2019	Alice Park - Skate Park	CIL	43,200		Community Services		43,200	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. From Bath CIL for the provision of connecting access paths in Alice Park.
CAP19#087-2019	Bath Area Forum - CIL Funded Schemes - Approved	CIL	-43,200		Resources and Deputy Leader		-43,200	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. From Bath CIL for the provision of connecting access paths in Alice Park.
CAP19#088-2019	Transport Improvement Programme	CIL	-50,000		Transport Services		-50,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Realign CIL funding for Keynsham, Radstock and Midsomer Norton parking surveys.
CAP19#089-2019	Transport Improvement Programme	S106	1,041		Transport Services		1,041	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Realign s106 contributions.
CAP19#090-2019	Freefields (Parks S106 Projects)	CIL	9,500		Community Services		9,500	Technical Adjustment - Approval by BAF of CIL funding for Freefields was given in March 2018 - these are the budget adjustments to complete this.
CAP19#091-2019	Parks S106 Projects	S106	-32,000		Community Services		-32,000	Technical Adjustment - S106 funding reallocated in prior decisions; these are the budget decisions to complete this.
CAP19#092-2019	Bathwick St Mary New School Expansion to 420 School Feasibility Study	Grant	-18,909		Children's Services		-18,909	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of withdrawn scheme budget.
CAP19#093-2019	Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	Grant	33,503		Children's Services		33,503	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of scheme budget.
CAP19#094-2019	Schools' Capital Maintenance Schemes	Grant	-33,503		Children's Services		-33,503	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of scheme budget.
CAP19#095-2019	Castle Primary - Phase 4 New Build/Phase 5 Bulge Class.	Grant	-111,751		Children's Services		-111,751	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of completed Schools' Capital project
OVERALL TOTALS			665,970	0		0	665,970	
			665,970				665,970	

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	TRANSFER / FUNDING FROM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	TRANSFER TO	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	Notes
Capital Virements - Additions & Reductions Future Years								
								Appendix 4 (i)
REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	TRANSFER / FUNDING FROM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	TRANSFER TO	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	Notes
CAP19#007-FY	Bath Quays North	Grant Home England	3,519,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Development		3,519,000	ODD1355 - 19/2/20 to fund enabling works and infrastructure for 20/21
CAP19#008-FY	Bath Weston Riverside phase 2	Grant Home England	1,650,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Development		1,650,000	ODD 1373 06/03/20 recognise Accelerated Construction Funding Agreement in respect of housing delivery for 20/21
CAP19#009-FY	Bath Weston Riverside phase 2	Capital Receipt	1,100,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Development		1,100,000	ODD 1373 06/03/20 to move BWR Phase 2 provisional capital to full approval for 20/21
CAP19#010-FY	Haycombe Crematorium	SSB	125,000		Community Services		125,000	ODD 1382 - 23/03/20 to improve Cemetery and Crematorium's service provision infrastructure and customer satisfaction for 20/21
CAP19#011-FY	Bath Quays South	SSB	-32,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Development		-32,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of scheme budget for 20/21
CAP19#012-FY	Workplaces	Capital Receipts	8,592		Resources and Deputy Leader		8,592	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of scheme budget for 20/21
CAP19#013-FY	Digital Programme	Capital Receipts	-8,592		Resources and Deputy Leader		-8,592	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of scheme budget for 20/21
CAP19#014-FY	Kingswood School Crossing Feasibility	Revenue contribution	38,000		Children's Services		38,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Realignment of School contribution to match TIP scheme budgets 20/21
CAP19#015-FY	Radstock Health Living Centre	CIL	50,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Development		50,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of scheme budget 20/21
CAP19#016-FY	Radstock Health Living Centre	Capital Receipts	-605,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Development		-605,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of scheme budget from 20/21.
CAP19#017-FY	Radstock Health Living Centre	Capital Receipts	605,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Development		605,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of scheme budget to 21/22.
CAP19#017-FY	Bath Quays South		-8,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Development		-8,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Re-alignment of scheme budget 20/21
OVERALL TOTALS			6,442,000	0		0	6,442,000	
				6,442,000			6,442,000	

Capital Programme by Portfolio - 2019/2020
Revised Capital Cash Limits by Portfolio

Appendix 4(ii)

Capital Scheme	Revised Budget After February Cabinet	Approvals to Outturn	Final Budget at Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Resources and Deputy Leader			
Agresso System Development & Upgrade	32	0	32
Bath Area Forum - CIL Funded Schemes - Approved	-0	-43	-44
BTP Transitional Funding	150	0	150
Capital Contingency	1,511	0	1,511
Cleveland Pools	180	0	180
Commercial Estate Investment Fund	437	0	437
Communications Hub (Microwave Link)	17	0	17
Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	4,387	0	4,387
Customer Payments Security and Channel Shift	60	0	60
Digital Programme	568	0	568
Equality Act Works	224	0	224
Flexible Use of Capital Receipts	1,923	0	1,923
Grand Parade & Undercroft	138	0	138
Housing Delivery Vehicle	1,486	0	1,486
IT Asset Refresh	867	0	867
Keynsham Regeneration & New Build	75	0	75
Property Company Investment	7,200	0	7,200
Property Disposals	586	600	1,186
Workplaces Programme Delivery	225	0	225
York Street Infrastructure Works	-107	0	-107
York Street Vaults Phase 2	250	0	250
	20,208	557	20,764
Adult Services			
Adult Social Care Database Replacement	68	0	68
Community Resource Centre Capital Investment	5	0	5
Drugs and Alcohol Recovery House Public Health Grant	221	0	221
	293	0	293
Children's Services			
Alternative Education - Refurbishment & Equipment	16	0	16
Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	9,024	-97	8,927
Building Adaptations to Provide Short Breaks for Disabled Children	20	0	20
Children's Education Management System	173	0	173
Children's Centre Capital Schemes	592	0	592
Schools' Capital Maintenance Schemes	1,987	-34	1,953
Schools Devolved Capital	185	0	185
Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) Education Provision Loan	601	0	601
Youth Service Capital Schemes	56	0	56
	12,653	-131	12,523
Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services			
Air Quality Management Area	50	18	68
Clean Air Zone	2,126	0	2,126
Environmental Protection Vehicles	16	0	16
Neighbourhood Services - Asset & Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,841	8	1,849
Neighbourhoods Bin & Bench Replacement	34	0	34
Waste Collection Vehicles In Cab Technology	200	0	200
Waste Depot Relocation	1,407	0	1,407
Waste Service Redesign	624	0	624
	6,299	26	6,325

Capital Programme by Portfolio - 2019/2020
Revised Capital Cash Limits by Portfolio

Appendix 4(ii)

Capital Scheme	Revised Budget After February Cabinet	Approvals to Outturn	Final Budget at Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Transport Services			
A37 to A362 Improvements to Access Somer Valley Enterprise Zone	165	0	165
Bath Transport Package Main Scheme	1,760	0	1,760
Chew Valley Recreational Trail	13	0	13
City Centre Security	124	0	124
Clutton Depot Refurbishment	50	0	50
Dorchester Street - Traffic Review	78	0	78
Hicks Gate Roundabout Improvement	288	0	288
Highways & Traffic Fleet Vehicle Renewal	1,025	0	1,025
Highways Maintenance Programme	5,155	0	5,155
London Road Modification	9	0	9
Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Bid	242	-8	234
Parking Vehicle Replacement Programme	17	0	17
Passenger Transport Vehicles	46	0	46
Somerdale Bridge, Keynsham – Initial Options Study	11	0	11
Street Lighting LED Replacement Programme	30	0	30
Transport Improvement Programme	2,068	-49	2,019
	11,082	-57	11,025
Housing, Planning and Economic Development			
Affordable Housing	498	0	498
Bath Quays Bridge & Linking Infrastructure	1,372	0	1,372
Bath Quays North	827	0	827
Bath Quays South	9,429	0	9,429
Bath Streetspace	103	0	103
BWR - Council Project Team	75	0	75
BWR - Infrastructure	-41	0	-41
BWR - Relocation of Gas Holders	1,536	0	1,536
BWR Phase 2	11,284	0	11,284
Digital B&NES	71	0	71
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,421	0	1,421
Innovation Quay - Economic Development Funding Enabling Infrastructure	0	0	0
Innovation Quay - Strategic Flooding Solution	170	0	170
Keynsham High Street Public Realm Implementation	257	0	257
Midsomer Norton Public Realm	25	0	25
North Keynsham SDL	230	0	230
NRR Infrastructure	115	0	115
Pioneer Office Investment Block (Quays) – LGF Funded	398	0	398
Radstock & Westfield Implementation Plan	40	0	40
Radstock Healthy Living Centre	100	0	100
Saw Close Works	323	0	323
Sladebrook Road: Energy Efficiency Measures	128	0	128
Somer Valley Enterprise Zone - Infrastructure	222	0	222
Waterspace	31	0	31
	28,614	0	28,614

Capital Programme by Portfolio - 2019/2020
Revised Capital Cash Limits by Portfolio

Appendix 4(ii)

Capital Scheme	Revised Budget After February Cabinet	Approvals to Outturn	Final Budget at Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Community Services			
Alice Park - Skate Park	38	43	81
Bath Leisure Centre Refurbishment	645	0	645
Bath Recreation Ground Trust - Leisure	466	0	466
Bath Spa Water Monitoring - CIP (Cleaning in Place) Hub	80	0	80
Bathscape	156	0	156
Beechen Cliff Woodland & Other Open Spaces Improvements	45	0	45
Heritage Infrastructure Development	23	0	23
Heritage Services Energy Capture Scheme	50	0	50
Leisure - Council Client / Contingency	529	-334	195
Leisure Bath - Car Park	68	0	68
Leisure Facility Modernisation - Keynsham Sports Centre	4,290	584	4,874
Modern Libraries & Workplaces	248	0	248
Neighbourhoods CCTV	38	0	38
Parade Gardens Infrastructure for Business Development	5	0	5
Parks Action Response Work	50	0	50
Parks and Bereavement Infrastructure	59	0	59
Parks Equipment	68	0	68
Parks S106 Projects	290	-23	268
Play Area Refurbishment / Equipment	503	0	503
Roman Baths Archway Centre	2,094	0	2,094
Sydney Gardens	380	0	380
Victoria Art Gallery Air Conditioning	225	0	225
	10,350	271	10,620
TOTAL CAPITAL SCHEME BUDGET	89,498	666	90,164

Sources of Funding	£'000	£'000	£'000
EU/Government Grant	34,508	248	34,756
Revenue	82	87	169
Other Council Support including Borrowing and Capital Receipts	49,380	-302	49,079
S106 Contribution	4,005	335	4,339
CIL Contribution	1,330	125	1,455
Other Third Party	193	173	366
Total Sources of Funding	89,498	666	90,164

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Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	22nd July 2020	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3215
TITLE:	Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring, Cash Limits and Virements – April 2020 to June 2020	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 – Revenue Monitoring Commentary Appendix 2 – Key Scheme Capital Monitoring Commentary Appendix 3 (i) & 3 (ii) – Proposed Revenue Virements & Revised Revenue Cash Limits 2020/21 Appendix 4 (i) & 4 (ii) – Capital Virements & Capital Programme by Portfolio 2020/21		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

a) Revenue budget

The Revenue budget outturn is currently forecast to be £10.8m over budget. This is a £0.6m improvement in the position outlined in the Covid-19 Financial Recovery Report, which projected a £11.4m deficit requiring funding from reserves to balance the budget. The main reason for the positive movement is an improved outlook on demand within Adults Services.

Significant projected income losses in Heritage Services, Parking and Commercial Rents, as well as other income generating services, combined with new Covid-19 related expenditure pressures has caused a substantial in year financial pressure.

The government have recently announced their Sales, Fees and Charges (SFC) scheme which will aim to compensate councils for income losses resulting from the pandemic. Once detailed guidance is issued forecasts will be updated to reflect income loss compensation and be reported in our Q2 report to Cabinet, we expect the SFC scheme will enable us to reduce our reliance on reserves and give the option to re-visit and adjust the 2020/21 recovery plans.

Furthermore, an additional funding package of £500m was announced by MHCLG to fund cost pressures. B&NES allocation has not yet been announced. This funding will help mitigate the new Covid-19 expenditure pressures.

The Covid-19 2020/21 Financial Recovery plan was agreed by Cabinet in the 2nd July, the Q1 forecast is reporting full delivery of these plans.

In addition, there is a SEND placement pressure of £3.1m on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Mitigation plans are being worked up which includes identifying uncommitted balances within the DSG.

Savings of £4.8m were included in the 2020/21 budget. The delivery of some savings proposals has been put at risk due to diverting resources to responding to the emergency. Those savings at risk have been captured within the forecasts and more work will be done between Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 to shift focus back to delivery of these.

b) Capital budget

The current position of the 2020/21 Capital Programme is a forecast of £73.0m against a budget of £79.9m. The variance of £6.9m reflects anticipated rephasing requests into future years, mainly from large Economic Development Projects.

c) Council Tax and Business Rates

The initial assessment on the income from Council Tax due to the impacts of Covid-19 affecting residents' ability to pay and the increase in the number of Local Council Tax Support scheme claimants is £6m. There has been an increase in Local Council Tax Support Scheme applications that present an ongoing financial risk to Council Tax payments.

The initial assessment on the income from Business Rates due to the impacts of Covid-19 affecting businesses ability to pay is £1.5m. This represents a reduction of c5% on collectible income after allowing for the 100% business rate relief which has been granted for Retail, Leisure & Hospitality businesses during 2020/21.

d) Council Reserves

The Covid-19 2020/21 Financial Recovery plan reported £11.43m reserves will be required to balance the 2020/21 budget. The new funding announcement may reduce the requirement to rely on reserves.

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report presents the financial monitoring information for the Authority as a whole for the financial year 2020/21, using information available as at the end of June 2020.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked:

- 2.1 To note the 2020/21 revenue budget position (as at the end of June 2020).
- 2.2 To approve the revenue virements listed for approval in Appendix 3(i) and to note those virements listed for information only.
- 2.3 To note the capital year-end forecast detailed in paragraph 3.39 of this report;
- 2.4 To note the changes in the capital programme including capital schemes that have been agreed for full approval under delegation listed in Appendix 4(i).

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Budget Management Scheme requires that the Cabinet consider the revenue and capital monitoring position four times per year.

REVENUE BUDGET

- 3.2 Service Directors have been asked to outline the actual expected outturn for the year and the reasons to date for over / under budget forecasts. For revenue budgets which are forecast to be over budget, the Directors are expected to seek compensating savings to try and bring budgets back to balance. Financial recovery plans agreed by Cabinet on 2nd July will be included in the service forecasts.
- 3.3 A summary by Portfolio of the revenue position as at the end of the first quarter is shown in the table below:

Portfolio	Revised Budget £'m	Year End Forecast £'m	Variance Over / (Under) £'m
Leader	(0.63)	(0.63)	0.00
Resources and Deputy Leader	16.44	4.53	(11.91)
Community Services	(4.24)	11.10	15.34
Adult Services	63.55	63.46	(0.09)
Children's Services	26.33	26.31	(0.02)
Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	16.99	16.88	(0.11)
Housing, Planning & Economic Development	3.59	3.12	(0.47)
Transport Services	(0.09)	7.94	8.03
Quarter 1 Forecast Outturn Position	121.94	132.71	10.77

Note1: Some of the figures in this table are affected by rounding.

- 3.4 The current **year-end** forecast is £10.77m over budget position. The Council has earmarked and committed general un-earmarked and financial planning reserves to fund the projected deficit. However, the requirement to use reserves should reduce as the new funding announcements from MHCLG to reimburse local authorities for lost income will help minimise the impact on reserve balances and give the option to re-visit and adjust the recovery plans. This will be understood in more detail once the detailed guidance has been issued.

Portfolio Commentary

- 3.5 Key variances and associated actions by Portfolio are as follows, a more detailed breakdown can be found in Appendix 1:

Leader (on budget)

The dividend due from the Aequis Group has been confirmed as budgeted, whilst the contractual payment to Visit Bath has been paid in full.

Resources (£11.91m under budget)

Commercial Estate is one of the key income sources for the Council and the income has been put very much at risk as a result of the impacts of the pandemic on the economy. The service is currently forecasting a £3m adverse budget position, based upon the assumptions that during 20/21 there will be no rental growth, all lease events result in an estimated rental value 30% below the passing rent, and that all current voids remain. Evidence suggests that delays in payments to date could result in business failures throughout the year. Whilst it is too early to produce an accurate prediction of what this equate to, a further £3.6m has been modelled and added to the forecast to reflect the significant risk to the Council.

The Corporate Estate has a £0.6m savings target which is at risk of delivery. Work is ongoing to enable these to be delivered – it is currently estimated that £0.3m will be achieved in 20/21. Further service expenditure mitigations have been agreed as part of the financial recovery plans that reduce the forecast to a breakeven position.

Strategy and Performance £1m, Improving How We Work £0.3m and Legal £0.2m also have savings targets themselves that are forecast at risk in 20/21. We are forecasting 50% delivery of the Improving How We Work, and Strategy and Performance savings due to implementation timing issues as a result of Covid-19. Court fees £0.1m and our estimated profit share from Bath Spa £0.7m are also areas in which income losses are being projected.

The over budget positions described above are offset by £6.7m of corporate and finance initiatives agreed as part of the financial recovery plans. Corporate supported borrowing costs and interest payments are forecast to underspend by a combined £3m as a result of a revised Capital Programme. £1m of revenue budget contingency, £1m of unallocated social care reserve, £0.45m of unutilised Mental Capacity Act implementation budget and £0.25m of one-off headroom budget have been released, along with £1m of provisions from the balance sheet as one-off in year mitigations to the overall financial position.

The £10m Covid-19 grant received from central government to date is currently held within this portfolio, creating an overall favourable position. The grant will be allocated to the relevant service areas in which it is supporting in due course, but for now is being managed centrally to allow for more transparent monitoring of the pressures existing across the organisation.

Community Services (£15.34m over budget)

This portfolio has been significantly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, as many of the services included are income generating for the Council. Heritage Services after planned recovery measures is £14.3m over budget, other services impacted by loss of income are Building Control and Land Charges £0.3m, Registrars £0.2m and Events £0.1m. In addition, the Council is incurring additional costs supporting its Leisure provider during the first quarter of the year.

Adult Services (0.09m under budget)

Future demand on Adult Social Care is expected to return to previously seen levels once we are through this pandemic period, with a risk of additional demand being seen when these levels return, in both package numbers and complexity

following the lockdown period. £0.66m of supplier relief has been provided to the supplier market and we are seeing further demand in this area through ongoing requests for support. Hospital discharges are currently being funded via the Health funding route and in line with government guidelines. It is expected that this expenditure will transfer to Social Care funding, the current pressure for this is £1.8m. The timing of this is subject to further government guidelines yet to be issued to health colleagues.

The current position reflects the reduced number of package placements seen in the first quarter when comparing with the same period in 2019/20. The impact of this reduced activity will help to offset the demand that the return of previously funded health packages will cause, and further requests for supplier relief. The level of future demand is still undetermined but is expected to cause pressure on existing budgets. To balance this, work is continuing on the delivery of the service plans so this demand can be met.

The small underspend of £0.09m reflects achievement of the budget savings from the Drug and Alcohol Budgets that are part of Public Health.

Children's Services (£0.02m under budget)

Within Education services there is a pressure surrounding the Home to School transport service. The pressure anticipated in September with social distancing measures in place is currently estimated at £0.7m. Payments to nursery providers to maintain provision for key workers during the lockdown period increases the over budget position by a further £0.2m.

Further guidance has been received from the DFE regarding the social distancing measures required from September. Modelling of our transport capability is ongoing to assess whether additional forecast pressure will materialise. It is hoped that the costs of the provision required will be less than the current projected estimate.

This is offset by the release of £0.9m budgeted corporate contingency for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) pressures, all SEND costs will now be funded by the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), new DFE guidance has set out that this must be funded from the DSG rather than the General Fund.

Elsewhere in the portfolio, underlying costs associated with Covid-19 total £0.6m. It is assumed that although currently forecast in the service, these will be mitigated at Outturn with allocation from the Government's Covid-19 expenses grant. These costs arise mainly from increased placement costs.

Approved Recovery Plans – of which the majority seek to better support families at an earlier stage of difficulty, thereby reducing the growth in costly specialist interventions and residential placements needed – offset the increased Covid-19 costs, bringing the overall portfolio forecast to a minor under budget position.

Schools DSG (£3.13m over budget, plus an overspend of £1.25m carried forward from 2019-20)

The DSG has a forecast overspend of £3.1m in 20/21 made up of significant pressures on SEND. The SEND pressures are estimated based on current pupils identified with Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans of £4.1m however mitigating actions have identified £0.9m of savings.

Further work on opening the provision of local SEND places at schools in the area will help reduce the pressure and extensive analysis of the specific cost pressures is being conducted to look to reduce the pressure. Additional work is being done to assess the corporate overheads charged to the DSG and this is expected to reduce the pressure on this budget

Any overspend on the DSG is ringfenced to the grant allocation and the Department for Education (DFE) have issued guidance to restrict the supporting of the pressures from council revenue funding.

A recovery plan will need to be developed and shared with the DFE and the Schools Forum so that the overspend can be recovered over a three-year period.

Climate Emergency & Neighbourhoods (£0.11m under budget)

Pressures in the Waste Service due to increased staffing costs and a loss in trade waste income during the first few months of the pandemic. Additional funding announced for active travel across the region has created an opportunity to fund existing budgeted activity from the new grant allocation, which has offset the Waste pressures, resulting in a minor favourable budget position across the portfolio.

Housing, Planning & Economic Development (£0.47m under budget)

Planning income has been significantly impacted by the pandemic, and additional costs to accommodate rough sleepers during this time have created overspends within the portfolio. However, as part of the financial recovery plan measures it was agreed to release £0.6m of un-ringfenced Housing reserve to aid the current financial situation. The budget position has been further mitigated through vacancy management across Development Management and Regeneration, resulting in a favourable forecast budget position that will support areas of pressure elsewhere in the organisation.

Transport Services (£8.03m over budget)

Parking is one of the key income generating areas of the council and has been considerably impacted by lockdown and social distancing restrictions. Whilst income levels may pick up during the year as restrictions are reduced and public transport is avoided, the service is still expected to have a shortfall in budgeted income of around £7m. Costs of PPE and new infrastructure for temporary resting places has further contributed to the adverse budget position reported in this portfolio.

LATEST FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT AND FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLANS

3.6 On 2nd July 2020 MHCLG announced three new measures at supporting councils spending pressures and lost income arising from the pandemic:

- A further un-ringfenced £500m to respond to expenditure pressures. Allocations for each Council are still to be confirmed.
- Sales, Fees and Charges – where losses are more than 5% of a council's planned income from sales, fees and charges, the government will cover them for 75p in every pound lost.

- Council Tax & Business Rates Collection Fund Deficits – changes to be brought in to allow spreading of collection fund deficits over three years rather than having to account for the full deficit in full in the following year's budget.
- 3.7 While allocations are yet to be announced for the additional £500m funding, based on previous distribution calculations B&NES could expect c£1.5m of additional funding. This has not been factored into the budget monitoring position in section 3.3.
- 3.8 The £20.7m financial recovery plans agreed by Cabinet will be monitored throughout the year and progress on the delivery of these reported as part of the quarterly budget monitoring process. Amendments to these plans as a result of the additional government support will be considered and agreed by the Council's Strategic Leadership Team in consultation with the Cabinet.

REVENUE BALANCES, CONTINGENCY AND RESERVES

- 3.9 The current forecast revenue position includes planned and approved use of earmarked reserves as set out in the table below.

Key Reserves

- 3.10 The following table shows the balances of key reserves at the beginning of the year, planned use, and expected balance at the year-end based on current forecast:

	Balance as at 01/04/2020 £'m	Projected Use / Commitments £'m	Earmarked for Covid-19 2020/21 In year pressure £'m	Estimated Balance 31/03/2021 £'m
Revenue Budget Contingency*	4.90	0.58	2.43	1.89
Financial Planning and Smoothing Reserve*	6.28	0.66	4.00	1.62
Transformation Investment Reserve	3.13	2.13	0.00	1.00
Restructuring & Severance Reserve	2.18	0.00	0.00	2.18

Note * Use of these reserves are in line with the Covid-19 Financial Recovery Report in July 2020

Reserves and Flexible Capital Receipts

- 3.11 Flexible Capital Receipts are being utilised for revenue spend that results in ongoing revenue savings. A four-year estimated use of £11.5m was agreed as part of budget setting in February 2020, this has now been updated to reflect the re-profiled requirement and re-phasing into 2020/21 as follows:

	Actual Usage 2017/18 £'m	Actual Usage 2018/19 £'m	Actual Usage 2019/20 £'m	Estimated Usage 2020/21 £'m	Estimated Total Usage £'m
Flexible Capital Receipts	3.12	3.45	1.26	3.67	11.50

- 3.12 Unapplied capital receipts of £3.623m was carried forward from 2019/20 and £0.63m has been received in 2020/21 so far with a further £5.808m expected by 31st March 2021.

General Fund Un-Earmarked Reserve

- 3.13 The General Fund Un-Earmarked Reserve is retained to meet the Council's key financial risks. The risk assessment has set a range of between £12.3m and £13.5m to meet those risks in the 2020/21 financial year. At the end of the 2019/20 financial year the reserve was increased by £1.2m and currently has a balance of £13.5m.
- 3.14 The Covid-19 Financial Recovery Report indicated a potential need to utilise £5m worth of un-earmarked reserves, which would leave a balance of £8.5m. This equates to 7.2% of the Council's 2020/21 £118.25m net revenue budget. Should this be required it would leave a satisfactory level of reserve for financial risk, with the remaining balance being higher than the 4%-6% held by the Council's nearest neighbours' group.
- 3.15 Due to the exposure to commercial income it is prudent to hold a higher than benchmark average general fund un-earmarked reserve. Prior years assessments against the budget have set a minimum level of un-earmarked reserves at £7.5m. The ongoing reserve requirement for the Council will be assessed in detail for the 2021/22 Medium Term Financial Strategy.

SAVINGS PERFORMANCE

- 3.16 The 2020/21 revenue budget approved savings of £4.8m, with £1.4m of these savings to be found through efficiencies, £1.6m from income generating opportunities, and £1.8m from service redesign. Some of these savings will be at risk of being fully delivered given resources have been diverted to focus on the emergency response situation. However, these will be reviewed over the coming weeks and will form part of the organisation's wider recovery measures.
- 3.17 The Council's financial position, along with its financial management arrangements and controls, are fundamental in continuing to plan and provide services in a managed way, particularly in light of the medium-term financial challenge. Close monitoring of the financial situation provides information on new risks and pressures in service areas, and appropriate management actions are then identified and agreed to manage and mitigate those risks.

Revenue Budget Virements

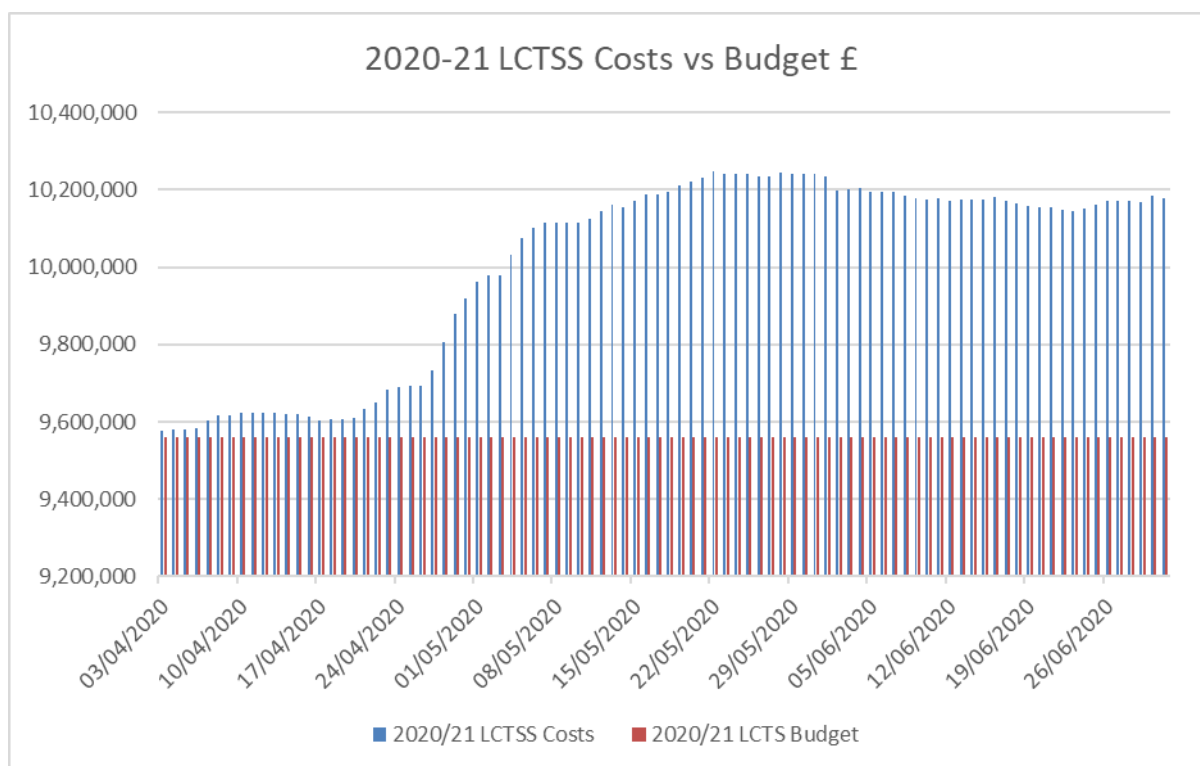
- 3.18 Any revenue budget virements which require Cabinet approval are listed in Appendix 3(i). Technical budget adjustments are also shown in Appendix 3(i) for information purposes, as required by the Budget Management Scheme.

COUNCIL TAX, COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT AND BUSINESS RATES

- 3.19 The initial forecast for potential impact on the income from Council Tax due to the impacts of Covid-19 affecting resident's ability to pay and the increase in the number of Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) claimants is £6 million.
- 3.20 The forecast is based on reductions of around 10% in Council Tax income per month for the first quarter of 2020/21 and then for a gradual monthly improvement until returning to near normal levels by January 2021. Initial assessments of the income levels during the first three months of this financial year, when compared to payment rates for the same periods in 2019/20, shows a reduction of c8% in April, improving to 5.3% by the end of June.
- 3.21 The actual direct impact on the Collection Fund will depend on the proportion of this income that becomes irrecoverable.
- 3.22 The Council has seen a large increase in the number of people claiming Local Council Tax Support since April. The 2020/21 tax base included an adjustment of £9.56m for the estimated costs of the LCTSS. At the end of June the current cost has risen to £10.19m, an increase of £0.63m. The number of working age claimants at the end of June was 6,683 compared to the budget assumption of 5,939; an increase of 11%. The increase follows the national trend of increases in people claiming Universal Credit where a record number of claims led to 1.2 million new starts to Universal Credit in the period 13 March 2020 to 9 April 2020, which represents an increase of 40%.
- 3.23 The actual outturn position on LCTSS will depend on a number of variables, including the number of new claimants and the period claimants remain eligible for support whilst seeking employment and this continue to be monitored closely during the year. Further increases in claimants may feed through as the government makes future changes to its furlough support scheme. The actual out turn for Q1 was slightly lower than was reported at the end of May as some claimants had ceased to be entitled to Local Council Tax Support, for example where they had returned to work.

3.24 The following chart show the increased cost of LCTSS in B&NES.

B&NES LCTSS Costs vs Budget (April 2020 to June 2020)



3.25 Under Local Government accounting arrangements for Council Tax, the impacts of the Council Tax collection fund projected outturn position will need to be built into the financial planning assumptions for recovery as part of the 2021/22 budget.

3.26 The government has recently announced that as part of its Covid-19 support package to local government any deficit arising on the Collection Fund in 2020/21 for both Council Tax and Business Rates will be able to be recovered over the following 3 financial years instead of the normal requirement to recover this in the following financial year.

Council Tax Hardship Fund

3.27 Following the outbreak of Covid-19 and the advice of the UK Government on self-isolation and the temporary closure of Businesses and places of work, the Government made available a £500m Hardship fund for Local Authorities, with the expectation that it will primarily be used to provide council tax relief under section 13A (1) (c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The Council received £1,288,040 to fund the costs of these reliefs.

3.28 The government guidance gives minimum requirements expected of each local authority, which is to apply a further reduction of the lower amount of the claimant's residual council tax liability or £150.00 to all recipients of working age local council tax support (LCTS) during the financial year 2020-21.

- 3.29 The position, as at the end of June, is that reliefs totalling £827,327 have been applied to 5,894 Council Tax Accounts.
- 3.30 It is highly likely that there will be further increases in the number of people who claim and are entitled to council tax support during the remainder of 2020/21, so a high degree of flexibility is currently required as to how and when any potential residual funding is used.

Business Rates

- 3.31 The initial forecast for the potential adverse impact on the income from Business Rates due to the impacts of Covid-19 affecting businesses ability to pay is £1.5m. This represents a reduction of c5% on collectible income of £31.5m which allows for the 100% business rate relief holiday which has been granted for Retail, Leisure & Hospitality businesses during 2020/21. The 100% relief is funded by government through a s31 compensation grant.
- 3.32 Business Rates income can be very volatile and with the increase in the retail business rate relief which as at the end of June totalled £42.8m for 2020/21, prior year like for like comparisons on income collection are difficult. The forecast income impact will be reviewed during the second quarter, although there is likely to be a lag until impacts on income such as through increases in empty property relief start to feed through the system.
- 3.33 As set out in the Budget Report, any surplus or deficit on the Business Rate Collection Fund and associated income will be transferred to or from the Business Rates Reserve for consideration as part of the Business Rates calculations for future years and this position will be reflected in the 2021/22 budget. The balance on the Business Rate Reserve as at 31/3/2020 is £3.568m, with a further £2.3m budgeted to be transferred to the reserve in 2020/21 to provide additional resilience.

Business Support Grants

- 3.34 The Government announced support for small businesses, and businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors in the form of two grant funding schemes in 2020/21, these were to be administrated by each local authority:
- a) Small Business Grant Fund - all businesses in England in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief will be eligible for a payment of £10,000.
 - b) Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund - all businesses in England that would have been in receipt of the Expanded Retail Discount (which covers retail, hospitality and leisure) with a rateable value of less than £51,000 will be eligible for the a cash grant of either £10,000 or £25,000 dependent on the rateable value of the property.
- 3.35 The number of grants processed is 3,021 which is the total of all those currently estimated to be eligible. The following table shows numbers and value of grants processed.

Type of Grant	Amount of Grant	Eligible Cases (estimate)	Grants Processed for Payment	Percentage of Grants Processed	Amount Paid
Small Business Grant	£10,000	2,089	2,089	100%	£20,890,000
Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant (RV<£15k)	£10,000	323	323	100%	£3,230,000
Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant (RV >£15k but <£51k)	£25,000	609	609	100%	£15,225,000
Overall Totals	-	3,021	3,021	100%	£39,345,000

3.36 The government has also announced an additional discretionary fund aimed at providing support for some small and micro businesses who were not eligible for the Small Business Grant Fund or the Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Fund.

3.37 The government will provide funding equivalent to 5% of the grants fund allocation for the Small Business Grants Fund and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants Fund using data returns submitted on 4th May 2020. This equates to a funding cap for the council's scheme of £2.143m.

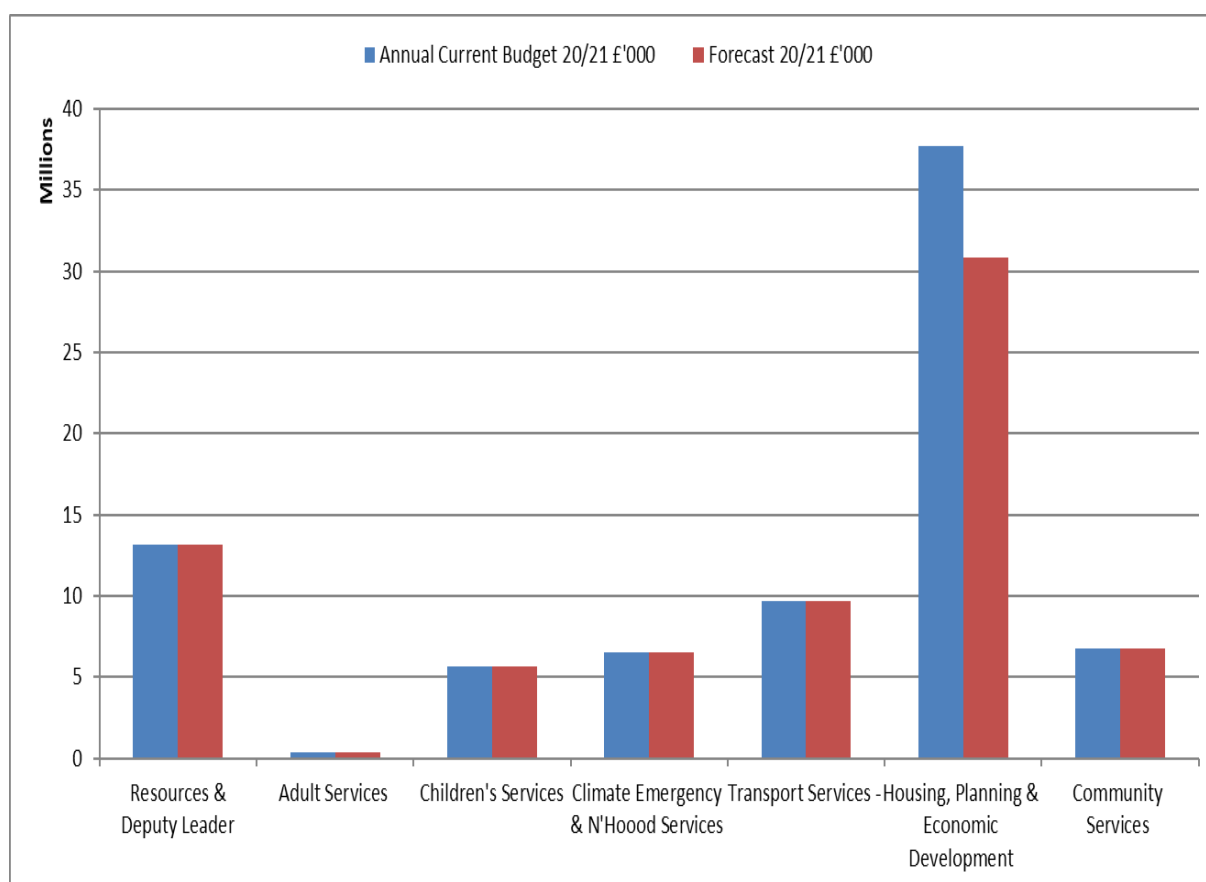
3.38 The first two-week application window for businesses to apply for support closed on the 10th June. The total number of grant payments made in relation to this application window was 243 totalling £0.725m. A further two-week application window was opened on 29th June closing on 13th July.

CAPITAL BUDGET

3.39 The current position of the 2020/21 Capital Programme is a forecast of £73.0m against a budget of £79.9m. The variance of £6.9m reflects anticipated carry forward requests into future years, mainly from large Economic Development Projects. The full breakdown of the Capital Programme by Portfolio can be found in Appendix 4(ii) with key scheme commentary in Appendix 2. Appendix 4(ii) sets out budget changes actioned since the February Budget setting, including the rephasing required by the Covid-19 2020/21 Financial Recovery Plan to reduce in-year borrowing following the review of the capital programme and also illustrates the rephasing from 2019/20 reported for approval in the Revenue & Capital Outturn 2019/20 report which is also on this meeting's agenda.

Portfolio Summary Monitor	Annual Current Budget 2019/20	Forecast 2019/20	In-Year Variance 2019/20	Forecast Re-phasing to 2020/21	Other Variance 2019/20
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Resources & Deputy Leader	13,171	13,128	43	43	0
Adult Services	388	388	0	0	0
Children's Services	5,690	5,690	0	0	0
Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	6,540	6,540	0	0	0
Transport Services -	9,643	9,643	0	0	0
Housing, Planning & Economic Development	37,682	30,829	6,853	6,853	0
Community Services	6,787	6,787	0	0	0
Grand Total	79,901	73,005	6,896	6,896	0

The graph below illustrates the value and forecast against budget for all in year capital budgets by Cabinet Portfolio:



Capital Commentary

3.40 The key in year variances on the programme by portfolio include:

- **Resources and Deputy Leader** - £43K from revised cashflow projection on Agresso Developments.
- **Housing, Planning & Economic Development** - £6.853m less than budget due to programme re-phasing expected on the developments at Bath Quays North, Bath Quays South and Bath Western Riverside as outlined in Appendix 2. The tender for Radstock Health Living centre also identified rephasing requirements.

RISKS

The key risks to the budget were outlined in the Councils 2020/21 Budget Report, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance. These have been reviewed with the additional risks added below, including risks that specifically relate to the Covid-19 pandemic:

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Update
Further government restrictions in the event of a second wave virus spread.	Possible	High	This is certainly a material risk, whilst not one the Council has direct control over, every step is being put in place to follow government guidance following the recommendations of our Director of Public Health.
Long term impacts on the Councils Commercial Estate over and above anticipated levels.	Possible	High	Current modelling has been prudent anticipating a material impact in 2020/21 if this continues into future years a full assessment will be required of the Commercial Estate asset base for setting the 2021/22 budget.
The income from Heritage Services may not recover in the short term.	Possible	High	Continue to monitor income levels and impact on business plan once the service is re-opened. Pre Covid-19 performance has exceeded business plan targets; performance will be closely monitored for the rest of the financial year. We anticipate income will not fully recover in 2021/22, this will be risk will be reflected in the emerging Medium Term Financial Strategy with planning revisions to the Councils income budgets.
Impact on Reserves	Possible	High	Without additional government grant there is the risk that Council reserve levels are not enough to manage future years risk. To manage this the full delivery of recovery plans will help minimise use of reserves.
Interest rates increase	Possible	Medium	A reserve is available for borrowing to manage market risk and long-term borrowing costs have been factored into the longer-term MTFS. The current forecast from our treasury management advisors is that borrowing rates will remain at current low levels in the medium term until economic growth prospects improve. The Council will continue to consider shorter term borrowing options alongside the PWLB.
Volatility and uncertainty around business rates	Likely	High	<p>The impacts of Covid-19 will increase the volatility and uncertainty around business rate income. In 2020/21 this risk will be partly offset by the 100% business rate relief the government has announced for all Retail, Leisure and Hospitality businesses.</p> <p>We continue to monitor arrears, CVAs, and liquidations with a specific reserve held to manage in-</p>

			year volatility.
Capital projects not delivered resulting in revenue reversion costs or liabilities from underwriting agreements	Possible	High	The Council has a number of projects within this category. These risks will continue to be monitored and reported. An assessment is made as part of the budget process to ensure that revenue reserves are sufficient to meet these risks. The capital programme methodology looks to de-risk projects wherever possible.
Changes to Government Policy that affects future funding	Likely	High	Need to monitor and continue to highlight impact
Brexit risks	Likely	Medium	During the Brexit transition period from the 31 st January 2020 to the 31 st December 2020 there will be a period of uncertainty whilst a Trade Deal is negotiated. Impacts on the Councils supply chain will need close monitoring.
Funding pressures through WECA, CCG and other partners	Possible	Medium	Ensure good communication links with partner organisations.
Capital receipts in the areas identified are insufficient to meet target	Possible	Medium	There is a risk that a depressed market will impact on current values, in the short to medium term the Council should not rely on capital receipts as a key funding source.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The annual medium-term financial planning process allocates resources across services with alignment of these resources towards the Council's corporate priorities. This report monitors how the Council is performing against the financial targets set in February 2020 through the Budget setting process.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 The financial implications are contained within the body of the report.

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.
- 6.2 The substance of this report is part of the Council's risk management process. The key risks in the Council's budget are assessed annually by each Strategic Director, with these risks re-assessed on a monthly basis as part of the budget monitoring process.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 With the exception of any virements for approval listed in Appendix 3(i), this is an information only report about the Council's financial performance against budgets set for financial year 2020/21, and therefore does not include any decisions that have a direct impact on Climate Change.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 None

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Strategic Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.

9.2 Consultation was carried out at meetings and via e-mail.

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								Director Narrative	
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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for the Leader									
P04	Leader	1112	Housing Delivery Vehicle	(1,000)	1	(1,000)	0	Dividend from Aequus expected to be received in full.	Not applicable
P04	Leader	1126	Visit Bath	367	366	367	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P04	Leader Total			(633)	367	(633)	0		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Resources and Deputy Leader									
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1032	Information Technology	4,867	2,519	4,978	111	Information Technology spend under pressure with additional IT demands due to Covid 19. Will review during year against other priorities.	Much of the additional spend will eventually be covered from the Covid 19 grant,
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1037	Property Services	672	200	587	(85)	Staffing underspends (delay in recruitment and reduced hours) and a reduction on supplies and services expenditure.	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1038	Corporate Estate Including R&M	3,467	2,405	3,468	1	Accommodation savings target of £600k is being forecast as 50% achieved due to plans being developed by Recovery Board. The unachieved portion of the saving is offset with Financial Recovery Plan reductions on spend on repairs and maintenance, reduction in staffing levels and reductions in office costs.	Active conversations are on-going with potential tenants, which will be brought to a conclusion on completion of the office requirement review
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1039	Traded Services	24	2	24	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1040	Finance	3,033	714	2,930	(102)	Vacancy management	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1041	Revenues & Benefits	899	841	989	90	Due to CV19, anticipated impact on Court Fee income as a result of grace period.	New government Sales, Fees and Charges scheme will be considered for reimbursement of lost income.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1042	Risk & Assurance Services	1,061	504	1,036	(26)	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1045	Strategy & Performance	1,787	610	2,010	223	Procurement savings of £388k held within the cash limit are now forecast as achieved, while 50% of the £750k Digital savings are being considered achievable with ongoing Recovery Board work. Unbudgeted costs associated with the Recovery Board are also being forecast here.	Work is ongoing to focus on delivery of savings, whilst costs associated with the Recovery Board will eventually be funded from the Covid 19 grant.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1047	Human Resources	1,486	477	(1,442)	(2,928)	£2.8m staffing saving agreed as part of the Finance Recovery Plans is being forecast in this cash limit at the moment. Underspend also includes reduction in training budgets by 20% and staff vacancies (included in financial recovery plan savings) and Sirona transfer	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1053	Council Solicitor & Democratic Services	2,547	774	2,784	238	£100k saving for Shared Service which in the current climate is parked pending negotiations with neighbouring authorities £83k reduction in s106 income based on previous run rates. £50k savings target Members support - no current Political will for this saving to be achieved at this stage	Recruitment to 30 hour post will recover some of this. The historic loss of income will be offset to some extent by increased income elsewhere in the Directorate, while alternative savings are being pursued.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1054	Hsg / Council Tax Benefits Subsidy	(195)	1,391	(195)	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1055	Capital Financing / Interest	7,650	2,034	5,650	(2,000)	There is a £2m underspend forecast for interest payments due to the rephasing of Capital Spend. This is in addition to the £1m saving from Corporate Supported Borrowing included in the separate Corporate Budgets Cash Limit.	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1056	Unfunded Pensions	1,588	388	1,588	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1057	Corporate Budgets including Capital, Audit and Bank Charges	(2,679)	(19,161)	(16,696)	(14,017)	This forecast underspend includes the £10m MHCLG grant for Covid-19 received, a £1m underspend forecast in Corporate Supported Borrowing due to review & rephasing of Capital Programme and the release of budgets for Revenue Contingency (£1m), Mental Capacity Act Implementation (£445k) and One-Off Headroom (£250k). There is a £680k shortfall of income forecast from Bath Spa Profit Share due to the Covid-19 closure. A further £1m forecast underspend is anticipated from the release of provisions.	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1058	Magistrates	12	3	12	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1059	Coroners	335	(72)	381	46	Additional spend forecast due to Covid-19.	This is a one-off unavoidable cost. Any increase in costs that go beyond 20/21 would be known and factored into the 21/22 budget.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1060	Environment Agency	244	122	244	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable

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P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1061	West of England Combined Authority Levy	4,994	1,998	4,767	(227)	There is a £227k rebate due back from the West of England Combined Authority for the levy paid to them, following the underspend on concessionary fares in 2019/20.	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1081	Commercial Estate	(15,221)	(3,801)	(8,648)	6,573	Covid 19 has adversely affected tenants cash flow. A £3m pressure has been forecast based upon the assumptions that during 20/21 there will be no rental growth, all lease events result in an estimated rental value 30% below the passing rent, that all voids remain. This forecast does not take account of any business failures. It is too early to make any an accurate prediction of how this will materialise, however an additional £3.6m risk of income loss has been modelled and included in the forecast . This is offset slightly by reduction in spend on supplies and services as per our financial recovery plan.	In addition to the temporary arrangements, to support tenants through this period that enabled them to defer their March quarter rent by paying this in equal instalments over future agreed periods and permitting those that requested it to move onto monthly rents, the Council is continuing to look at further mitigating measures that could be implemented in the immediate to medium term to provide assistance with the recovery process.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1118	Procurement & Commissioning	223	1,498	242	18	Minor overspend.	Not applicable
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader	1125	Improving The Way we work	(360)	23	(180)	180	Savings were part of an invest to save programme which has slowed down. Refocussing of time and effort for the remainder of the year reflect 50% achievement in 20/21.	Ongoing work from the Recovery Board will aim to increase the saving to budgeted levels.
P19	Resources and Deputy Leader Total			16,432	(6,530)	4,529	(11,904)		

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Adult Care Health and Wellbeing									
P20	Adult Services	1036	Adults Substance Misuse (DAT)	513	(166)	427	(86)	The underspend reflects the planned savings from this area	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1073	Adults & Older People- Mental Health Commissioning	10,652	2,890	9,513	(1,139)	The underbudget position remains constant due to attrition during the COVID period and Hospital Discharge packages being funded by the NHS funding route. Adjustments are reflected in the outturn forecast to account for the packages currently being funded in this way to transfer to Adult Social Care and we are now starting to see an increase in placements with 13 authorised in June.	The position remains relatively constant due to the reduced activity during the COVID period, although new placements are now being added. Pressure is still being seen in high cost placements but this continues to be reviewed by commissioners through the panel process and through contract monitoring
P20	Adult Services	1086	Adult Care Commissioning	2,053	250	1,909	(144)	Vacancies are being held and planned recruitment of new posts has been stopped .	Underspend will be used to offset pressures in other areas within Adult Social Care
P20	Adult Services	1088	Older People & Physically Disabled Purchasing	12,908	1,707	13,514	605	People being discharged from hospital are being charged directly against the Health funded Covid budget and as a result we are seeing a gradual reduction in care home placements recorded against Older People budget. Older People care home placements funded from Older People budget is now 27 below Feb-20 activity levels. The number of people being supported at home with Homecare support has also reduced (6).	The position reflects adjustments for the transfer back of packages currently funded against the Health funding. Work has commenced on recovery plans to bring the spend in balance by the end of the year.
P20	Adult Services	1091	Learning Disabilities Commissioning	18,067	2,240	18,116	49	Continued pressure on placement costs is being seen and this is being reviewed by commissioners regularly. Work to review contracts is underway to ensure that they are being delivered in the most efficient way. This, together with additional in year plans, will be monitored to ensure progress is being achieved.	Pressure is still being seen in high cost placements. This continues to be reviewed by commissioners through the panel process and through contract monitoring. Work on recovery plans has commenced to bring the spend in balance by the end of the year.
P20	Adult Services	1093	Physical Disability, Hearing & Vision	4,366	698	3,925	(441)	The underbudget position remains constant due to attrition during the COVID period and Hospital Discharge packages being funded by the NHS funding route. Adjustments are reflected in the outturn forecast to account for the packages currently being funded in this way to transfer to Adult Social Care.	This budget continues to be reviewed by commissioners through the panel process and through contract monitoring. Budget underspend will offset overspends in other areas of Adult Social Care.
P20	Adult Services	1094	Public Health	(250)	(1,638)	(250)	(0)	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1110	Better Care Fund	15,225	43,321	16,320	1,095	This reflects the value of and forecast value of support to providers during the COVID period, by additional payment and payment for visits cancelled due to COVID. This amount may reduce if the 10% advance made is clawed back from providers but too early to predict if and to what extent this will apply.	Underspends elsewhere in Adults Social Care will be used to offset any additional spend plus a release funding from the fund for the protection of social care
P20	Adult Services	1113	CCG B&NES CHC and FNC Payments	0	824	0	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1114	Community Equipment	203	471	203	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P20	Adult Services	1123	Safeguarding Adults	1,641	386	1,576	(65)	All Vacancies are being held and planned recruitment of new posts has been stopped .	Underspend will be used to offset pressures in other areas within Adult Social Care
P20	Adult Services	1124	Community Resource Centres & Extra Care Income	(1,824)	(395)	(1,785)	39	The restrictions around COVID-19 have made it more difficult for people to move into extra care apartments and residential placements. As restrictions are eased, it should be easier to fill vacancies and occupancy levels should rise again.	Occupancy levels will be monitored and should rise after the COVID 19 period has ended. The Community Resource Centres & Extra Care Units are scheduled to return to transfer back into the Council later in the year and occupancy levels will be reviewed to ensure optimum levels are achieved.
P20	Adult Services Total			63,554	50,586	63,468	(86)		

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Childrens Services										
P21	Childrens Services	1076	Children, Young People & Families	15,857	10,072	15,955	98	£545k forecast pressure arising from Covid-19 Children's Social Care costs, with anticipated additional expenditure being incurred mainly on care packages. This pressure is substantially mitigated by the Recovery Plan savings that have been proposed. The net position is a £98k over budget position, before allocation of the Covid-19 Government grant to the service.	It is expected that the costs associated with Covid-19 will be covered from the Government Covid-19 grant, and thus this cash limit will be £447k under budget at Outturn.	
P21	Childrens Services	1077	Learning & Inclusion	4,174	(1,582)	3,142	(1,032)	£123k of the forecast under budget position is primarily due to the Recovery Plan savings that have been agreed. A further £909k under budget position is as a result of corporate contingency budget being held in this cash limit, which will be vired from this cash limit in due course.	Not applicable	
P21	Childrens Services	1078	Health, Commissioning & Planning	6,104	(179)	7,021	917	£700k Covid-19 pressure relating to Home To School Transport (HTST) service; primarily due to the forecast cost of current social distancing protocols when schools return more fully in September. Also Additional £225k Covid-19 costs arising from payments to Early Years providers, to ensure provision was available for key workers, and £55k potential loss of income for the Music Service. A small number of forecast savings have been identified with service managers.	The pressures shown have been identified as Covid-19 pressures. Work on the exact transport pressures is being developed following guidance from the DFE. It is expected that the there will be a significant reduction in the Transport pressures once our action plan is developed. It is assumed all Covid-19 costs will be mitigated from the Covid-19 Government grant, and thus this cash limit will show a £63k under budget position at Outturn.	
P21	Childrens Services	1079	Schools Budgets	(3,273)	(1,521)	(3,273)	0	A pressure of £3.153m is forecast on the various Statutory SEN provision services. This amount is fully balanced as it will be fully funded via the DSG	Not applicable	
P21	Childrens Services	1116	Integrated Commissioning - CYP	2,823	1,928	2,823	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable	
P21	Childrens Services	1117	Safeguarding - CYP	645	138	645	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable	
P21	Childrens Services Total			26,330	8,856	26,313	(17)			
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services										
P22	Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	1101	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services	16,110	3,868	16,308	197	Increased costs for additional staff required in the collections service, a loss of income in our trade waste service, and a fall in the worldwide market values for recyclate. There is a risk that the income for recyclate will drop further in future forecasts but at the moment we anticipate markets recovering by Christmas as industries recover and stockpiles of material reduce.	Significant savings in fuel, vehicle maintenance and waste treatment costs are offsetting additional staffing costs along with Recovery Plan savings for 20/21 now being implemented.	
P22	Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	1120	Sustainability	673	137	373	(300)	Additional funding announced for active travel across the region has created an opportunity to fund existing budgeted activity from the new grant allocation.	Not applicable	
P22	Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	1127	Air Pollution	209	67	200	(8)	Small staffing underspends.	Not applicable	
P22	Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services Total			16,992	4,071	16,881	(111)			

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Housing, Planning & Economic Development									
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	1029	Housing	1,411	462	810	(601)	Housing are experiencing a number of CV19 related cost pressures. These arise from: MCHCLG instructing all councils to source accommodation for all known Rough Sleepers, a drop in income from the allocation of social housing through Homesearch; and the call on temporary accommodation void guarantees. It has therefore been agreed as part of the Financial Recovery Plan to draw down £664k from Housing Reserves as an in year saving.	Not applicable
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	1052	Regeneration	325	87	220	(106)	Salary underspends along with a proposed reduction in agency spend. The Financial Recovery Plan element of recharging staff costs to capital and reduction in hours / buy back of leave has also now been forecast. This will not affect the departments ability to meet the income targets on project recharges.	Not applicable
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	1106	Development Management	1,409	273	1,660	251	Unprecedented impact of Covid-19 restrictions has adversely affected all planning fee income streams therefore forecasting a reduction in these for the rest of 2020. This should change if the economic situation improves and will closely monitored. This is being partially offset by temporary salary savings - reduction in hours / buy back of leave / holding vacancies.	New government Sales, Fees and Charges scheme will be considered for reimbursement of lost income.
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	1128	Business & Skills	444	270	431	(12)	Manager on 6mth secondment to WECA creating a temporary staff saving and a non-financial impact of less capacity to extend service reach.	Not applicable
P23	Housing, Planning & Economic Development Total			3,588	1,092	3,121	(467)		
Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Community Services									
P24	Community Services	1005	Building Control & Land Charges	865	310	1,137	272	Income levels in Building Control, Land Charges and Licensing are under threat due to dramatically reduced economic activity in the early part of year. Forecast based on 15% reduction in income levels. Casino operator has entered liquidation and so all related annual income from Schedule 9 payment at risk	Savings programme drawn up to mitigate some of these adverse forecasts which includes staff savings through vacancy management and some service redesign. Also reduction in budgeted expenditure where possible. Income levels for the remaining year are very dependent on economic conditions.
P24	Community Services	1018	Heritage	(9,682)	2,544	4,684	14,366	The forecast has improved following the decision to reopen the Roman Baths, staff savings associated with furlough and the redeployment of staff to the Roman Baths from the Fashion Museum and Victoria Art Gallery.	Cost mitigations totalling £2.7m have been identified. Work is ongoing to ensure that a COVID secure visit can be delivered at the Roman Baths and revenue generation can start as soon as it is safe.
P24	Community Services	1019	Public Protection & Health Improvement - Leisure	701	737	1,213	512	Financial Support for GLL from March-July 2020 due to Covid-19.	Implementing savings for Golf this financial year.
P24	Community Services	1089	Community Safety	193	37	193	0	No current forecast pressures identified	Not applicable
P24	Community Services	1102	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	1,205	349	1,096	(109)	Loss of income at Parade Gardens and Royal Victoria Park from entrance fees and bookings. Recovery Plan Savings being actioned	Recovery Plan Savings being implemented across Parks. £100k Recovery Plan Saving from Environmental Services
P24	Community Services	1109	World Heritage	153	22	115	(38)	Savings identified as part of Council recovery plan	Savings identified as part of Council recovery plan
P24	Community Services	1115	Registrars Service	(80)	13	72	153	Lost Ceremony Income and Certificates due to Covid 19.	New government Sales, Fees and Charges scheme will be considered for reimbursement of lost income.
P24	Community Services	1121	Events & Active Lifestyles	161	(30)	306	145	Loss of income for Events and Weddings for 20/21.	Recovery Plan Savings have been implemented. Depending on government advice may be able to re-introduce some events / wedding later this year. The majority of bookings are deferring to next financial year.
P24	Community Services	1122	Customer Services (Including Libraries)	2,242	510	2,278	36	Loss of Library income due to Covid 19 and general downturn in take up	New government Sales, Fees and Charges scheme will be considered for reimbursement of lost income.
P24	Community Services Total			(4,242)	4,492	11,094	15,336		

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Detailed Analysis of Budgets for Transport Services									
P25	Transport Services	1006	Highways & Traffic Management	7,677	1,610	7,425	(251)	Reduction in Permit and Developer income. Recovery Plan Savings being actioned.	Savings currently being implemented to achieve budgeted savings targets and Recovery Plan Savings, this includes a reduction in expenditure and vacancy management.
P25	Transport Services	1103	Transport & Parking Services - Parking	(7,719)	360	(634)	7,085	Car Park and Parking Charge Notice income significantly reduced, No income from parking charges during April, charges reinstated from 4th May, but usage is at very low levels but starting to increase and is being closely monitored. Staff Savings have been implemented during the first quarter.	Implementing savings as part of the Recovery plan.
P25	Transport Services	1104	Transport & Parking Services - Public & Passenger Transport	(471)	369	(269)	202	Reduction in contract payment to us from First Bus for the Park and Ride Contract - currently being negotiated. Partially offset by staff savings within Passenger Transport	New government Sales, Fees and Charges scheme will be considered for reimbursement of lost income.
P25	Transport Services	1119	Emergency Planning	426	1,124	1,416	990	£1m overspend on council response to covid, includes PPE and work on Temporary Resting Place at Haycombe Crematorium. Incurred as part of the council wide response to Covid-19.	These costs will be covered by the Government Grant
P25	Transport Services Total			(88)	3,463	7,938	8,025		
	Council Total			121,933	66,397	132,710	10,776		

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2020/21 Revenue Virements for APPROVAL

Appendix 3 (i)

<u>REF NO</u>	<u>REASON / EXPLANATION</u>	<u>CABINET MEMBER</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>CABINET MEMBER</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ONGOING EFFECTS</u>
			<u>CASHLIM</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>		<u>CASHLIM</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>		
The following virements are reported for approval under the Budget Management Scheme rules.											
LOG 20#01	Environmental Services Savings Target Allocation	Transport Services	Highways & Traffic Management		100,000	Community Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services		100,000	Realignment of savings target held centrally within Director of Environmental Services budget. This savings target has now been identified to be distributed to Highways following the management restructure & staff savings across the Environmental Services cash limits, as requested by Director.	Budget virement is ongoing.
OVERALL TOTALS				0	100,000			0	100,000		
					100,000				100,000		

2020/21 Revenue Virements for INFORMATION

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	CABINET MEMBER	TRANSFER FROM CASHLIM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	CABINET MEMBER	TRANSFER TO CASHLIM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	DESCRIPTION	ONGOING EFFECTS
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The following virements have either been previously approved, are technical in nature or are below limits within BMS that require approval, and therefore are reported for information only.

INFO 20#01	Savings Targets Mis-Allocation	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		228,000	Resources	Finance		70,000	Correction to Cash Limits for mis-allocation of savings targets within the 2020/21 Budget Report.	Budget virement is ongoing.
							Strategy & Performance		16,000		
			Unfunded Pensions		10,000	Community Services	Community Safety		152,000		
INFO 20#02	Revenue Grants Unapplied	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		4,931,714	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Housing		120,233	Technical accounting adjustment to fully recognise unconditional revenue grants fully in year of receipt, which were transferred into the reserve at 2019/20 year-end.	Budget virement is one-off.
						Resources	Human Resources		143,307		
							Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		4,643,684		
						Community Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services		24,490		
INFO 20#03	Waste Service Redesign	Resources	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges		449,519	Climate Emergency & Environmental Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services		449,519	Transfer of corporately held budget for Waste Service Redesign to match 2019/20 spend in service.	Budget virement is ongoing.
INFO 20#04	DSG Reserve Overspend	Children's Services	Schools' Budget		1,249,664	Resources	Balances (Earmarked Reserve)		1,249,664	Automatic carry forward of 2019/20 DSG overspend into 2020/21.	Budget virement is one-off.
INFO 20#05	Centralisation of IT budgets	Children's Services	Education Transformation		1,200	Resources	Information Technology		1,200	Centralisation of budget for Digital Algorithms, which was mistakenly omitted from previous IT centralisation exercises.	Budget virement is ongoing.
INFO 20#06	Bikeability	Community Services	Building Control & Public Protection		3,410	Climate Emergency & Environmental Services	Air Pollution (Environmental Monitoring)		3,410	Alignment to match expenditure budget and grant income budgets relating to Bikeability.	Budget virement is ongoing.

<u>REF NO</u>	<u>REASON / EXPLANATION</u>	<u>CABINET MEMBER</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>CABINET MEMBER</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ONGOING EFFECTS</u>
			<u>CASHLIM</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>		<u>CASHLIM</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>	<u>(£'s)</u>		
INFO 20#07	Adult Social Care Training	Children's Services	Safeguarding - CYP		5,000	Adult Services	Adult Services		20,000	Establishment of funding stream within Business Intelligence relating to specific Adult Social Care training resource.	Budget virement is ongoing.
		Resources	Human Resources		15,000						
INFO 20#08	Centralisation of Training budgets	Children's Services	Safeguarding - CYP		63,384	Resources	Human Resources		63,384	Transfer of salary costs relating to two safeguarding training posts, which now form part of the centralised training team.	Budget virement is ongoing.
INFO 20#09	Skills & Employment Mentor	Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Business & Skills		2,000	Children's Services	Children, Young People & Families		2,000	Transfer of budget responsibility for Skills & Employment Mentor's discretionary budget, following the transfer of the mentor post to Children's Services.	Budget virement is ongoing.
INFO 20#10	Bath Children's & Family Centre Premises Budgets	Children's Services	Children, Young People & Families		16,589	Children's Services	Inclusion & Prevention		16,589	Realignment of premises budgets following relocation of Bath Children's Centre & Family Intervention Team into one shared premises.	Budget virement is ongoing.
INFO 20#11	Youth Connect	Children's Services	Inclusion & Prevention		517,000	Children's Services	Integrated Commissioning - CYP		517,000	Transfer of the management of the Youth Connect contract within Children's Services, as approved by Director of Children & Young People 23/06/2020.	Budget virement is ongoing.
INFO 20#12	Corporate Complaints Team centralisation to One West.	Resources	Revenues & Benefits		62,438	Resources	Risk & Assurance Services		62,438	Transfer of budgets for posts in Corporate Complaints Team to the One West budget.	Budget virement is ongoing.
OVERALL TOTALS				0	7,554,918			0	7,554,918		
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Portfolio Cash Limits 2020/21 - Revenue Budget

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CABINET PORTFOLIO	Service	2020/21 Approved Budget	Technical Adjustments, below BMS limits or already agreed - shown for information	Total Virements for Approval	Jul'20 Cash Limits
		£'000			£'000
Leader	Housing Delivery Vehicle	(1,000)			(1,000)
	Visit Bath	367			367
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(633)			(633)
Resources	Finance	2,963	70		3,033
	Risk & Assurance Services	999	62		1,061
	Procurement & Commissioning	223			223
	Revenues & Benefits	962	(62)		899
	Council Solicitor & Democratic Services	2,547			2,547
	Information Technology	4,866	1		4,867
	Strategy & Performance	1,628	159		1,787
	Human Resources	1,438	48		1,486
	Improving The Way We Work	(360)			(360)
	Property Services	672			672
	Corporate Estate Including R&M	3,467			3,467
	Commercial Estate	(15,221)			(15,221)
	Traded Services	24			24
	Hsg / Council Tax Benefits Subsidy	(195)			(195)
	Capital Financing / Interest	7,650			7,650
	Unfunded Pensions	1,598	(10)		1,588
	Corporate Budgets incl. Capital, Audit & Bank Charges	(957)	3,966		3,009
	New Homes Bonus Grant	(5,688)			(5,688)
	Magistrates	12			12
	Coroners	335			335
	Environment Agency	244			244
	West of England Combined Authority Levy	4,994			4,994
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	12,197	4,235		16,432
Adult Services	Adult Services	63,270	20		63,290
	Adult Substance Misuse (Drug Action Team)	513			513
	Public Health	(250)			(250)
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	63,534	20		63,554
Children's Services	Children, Young People & Families	15,871	(15)		15,857
	Integrated Commissioning - CYP	2,306	517		2,823
	Safeguarding - CYP	713	(68)		645
	Inclusion & Prevention	4,492	(500)		3,991
	Education Transformation	6,316	(1)		6,314
	Schools Budget	(2,051)	(1,250)		(3,301)
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	27,647	(1,317)		26,330
Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Waste & Fleet Services	15,661	450		16,110
	Sustainability	673			673
	Environmental Monitoring (Air Pollution)	205	3		209
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	16,539	453		16,992

CABINET PORTFOLIO	Service	2020/21 Approved Budget	Technical Adjustments, below BMS limits or already agreed - shown for information	Total Virements for Approval	Jul'20 Cash Limits
		£'000			
Transport Services	Highways & Traffic Management	7,677		(100)	7,577
	Transport & Parking Services - Parking	(7,719)			(7,719)
	Transport & Parking Services - Public & Passenger Transport	(471)			(471)
	Emergency Planning	426			426
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(88)		(100)	(188)
Housing, Planning & Economic Development	Housing	1,290	120		1,411
	Regeneration	325			325
	Development Management	1,409			1,409
	Business & Skills	446	(2)		444
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	3,470	118		3,588
Community Services	Building Control & Public Protection	868	(3)		865
	Heritage	(9,682)			(9,682)
	Health Improvement - Leisure	701			701
	Community Safety	41	152		193
	Neighbourhoods & Environment - Parks & Bereavement Services	1,181	24	100	1,305
	World Heritage	153			153
	Registrars Service	(80)			(80)
	Events & Active Lifestyles	161			161
	Customer Services (including Libraries)	2,242			2,242
	PORTFOLIO SUB TOTAL	(4,415)	173	100	(4,142)
	NET BUDGET	118,251	3,682		121,933

Sources of Funding

Council Tax	97,436			97,436
Retained Business Rates*	23,209			23,209
Collection Fund Deficit (-) or Surplus (+)	2,225			2,225
Balances	(4,619)	3,682		(937)
Total	118,251	3,682		121,933

Capital Virements Apr - June - Additions & Reductions 2020/2021

Appendix 4 (i)

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	TRANSFER / FUNDING FROM	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	TRANSFER TO	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	Notes
CAP20#001-2020	Cameley Primary expansion	Grant/CIL	1,631,118		Children's Services		1,631,118	ODD 1356 14/4/20 - To fully approve programme to accommodate a further 70 pupils
CAP20#002-2020	Oldfield School mainstream SEND education placements	Grant	392,000		Children's Services		392,000	ODD 1387 14/4/20- To approve budget for education placements by developing a Resource Base for children with Autism
CAP20#003-2020	Midsomer Norton Public Realm	3rd Party Contribution	1,410		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		1,410	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. To reflect a contribution to contribute to costs of wayfinding
CAP20#004-2020	Clutton Depot Refurbishment	Grant	70,000		Transport Services		70,000	Technical Adjustment -agreed by Director of Finance. To move remaining budget under TIP to Clutton
CAP20#005-2020	Transport Improvement Programme	Grant	-70,000		Transport Services		-70,000	Technical Adjustment -agreed by Director of Finance. To move remaining budget under TIP to Clutton
CAP20#006-2020	Disabled Facilities Grants	3rd Party	-150,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		-150,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Curo contribution to DFG reduced to reflect their direct support to tenants from 2020/21.
CAP20#007-2020	Disabled Facilities Grants	Grant	270,789		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		270,789	Technical Adjustment -agreed by Director of Finance. Increase in grant funding from Government from 2021/22
CAP20#008-2020	Vehicle Replacement: Neighbourhoods.	Grant	8,000		Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services		8,000	Technical Adjustment -agreed by Director of Finance. Agreed funding of £8,000 from the GULW grant for Fleet vehicles.
CAP20#009-2020	WP4 - Fleet Vehicles.	Grant	-8,000		Transport Services		-8,000	Technical Adjustment -agreed by Director of Finance. Increase in grant funding from Government from 2021/22
sub-total Apr to Jun			2,145,317	sub-total Apr to Jun			2,145,317	
CAP20#010-2020	Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	CSB	-2,110,500		Resources & Deputy Leader		-2,110,500	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#011-2020	Property Company Investment	CSB	-7,931,000		Resources & Deputy Leader		-7,931,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.

CAP20#012-2020	Capital Contingency	CSB	-225,000		Resources & Deputy Leader		-225,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#013-2020	Neighbourhood Services Asset & Vehicle Replacement	SSB	-45,000		Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services		-45,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#014-2020	Environmental Protection Vehicles	SSB	-18,150		Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services		-18,150	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#015-2020	City Centre Security	CSB	-385,000		Transport Services		-385,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#016-2020	Clutton Depot Refurbishment	CSB	-115,000		Transport Services		-115,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#017-2020	Parking Vehicle Replacement Programme	SSB	-33,401		Transport Services		-33,401	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#018-2020	Street Lighting LED Replacement Programme	CSB	-350,000		Transport Services		-350,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#019-2020	London Road Modification	CSB	-52,978		Transport Services		-52,978	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#020-2020	Bath Streetspace	CSB/Capital Receipts/CIL	-490,407		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		-490,407	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#021-2020	Waterspace	CSB	-153,642		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		-153,642	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#02022020	Bath Quays North	CSB/SSB	-26,241,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		-26,241,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
Capital Review sub-total			-38,151,078	Capital Review sub-total			-38,151,078	
OVERALL TOTALS			-36,005,761	0		0	-36,005,761	
			-36,005,683				-36,005,683	

Capital Virements - Additions & Reductions Future Years

Appendix 4 (i)

REF NO	REASON / EXPLANATION	TRANSFER / FUNDING SRC	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	TRANSFER TO	Income (£'s)	Expenditure (£'s)	Notes
CAP20#001-FY	Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	Grant/CIL	1,021,499		Children's Services		1,021,499	ODD 1356 14/4/20 - To fully approve programme for Cameley Primary expansion (further 70 pupils)
CAP20#002-FY	Disabled Facilities Grants	Grant	3,353,945		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		3,353,945	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. New basis from increase in grant funding from Government also reflects approved status of future years' budget
CAP20#003-FY	Disabled Facilities Grants	3rd Party	-450,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		-450,000	Technical Adjustment - agreed by Director of Finance. Curo contribution to DFG reduced to reflect their direct support to tenants from 2020/21.
sub- total			3,925,444		sub- total			3,925,444
CAP20#004-FY	Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	CSB	2,110,500		Resources & Deputy Leader		2,110,500	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#005-FY	Property Company Investment	CSB	7,931,000		Resources & Deputy Leader		7,931,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#006-FY	Capital Contingency	CSB	225,000		Resources & Deputy Leader		225,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#007-FY	Neighbourhood Services Asset & Vehicle Replacement	SSB	45,000		Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services		45,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#008-FY	Environmental Protection Vehicles	SSB	18,150		Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services		18,150	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#009-FY	City Centre Security	CSB	385,000		Transport Services		385,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#010-FY	Clutton Depot Refurbishment	CSB	115,000		Transport Services		115,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#011-FY	Parking Vehicle Replacement Programme	SSB	33,401		Transport Services		33,401	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#012-FY	Street Lighting LED Replacement Programme	CSB	350,000		Transport Services		350,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#013-FY	London Road Modification	CSB	52,978		Transport Services		52,978	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#014-FY	Bath Streetspace	CSB/Capital Receipts/CIL	490,407		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		490,407	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.

CAP20#015-FY	Waterspace	CSB	153,642		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		153,642	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
CAP20#016-FY	Bath Quays North	CSB/SSB	26,241,000		Housing, Planning and Economic Dev		26,241,000	E3210 2/7/20 Re-phasing from Recovery Plan. Reduce 2020/21 and transfer to 2021/22.
sub- total			38,151,078	sub- total			38,151,078	
OVERALL TOTALS			42,076,522	0		0	42,076,522	
				42,076,522		42,076,522		

Capital Scheme	Cap Prog Number	Budget at February Budget Report	Reported Approvals to Outturn	Reported Approvals to July Cabinet - see 4(i)	Recovery Plan Rephasing	Budget at July 2020 Cabinet	Memo : Outturn Rephasing Request	Memo : Budget after July 2020 Cabinet
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Resources and Deputy Leader								
Agresso System Development & Upgrade	Cap1415125	63	0	0	0	63	17	80
Bath Area Forum - CIL Funded Schemes - Approved	Cap1718068	196	0	0	0	196	-182	14
Capital Contingency	Cap1415131	900	0	0	-225	675	1,511	2,186
Cleveland Pools	Cap1415130	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Commercial Estate Investment Fund	Cap1415100	0	0	0	0	0	401	401
Commercial Estate Refurbishment Programme	Cap1920022	0	0	0	0	0	-303	-303
Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance	Cap1415097	3,150	0	0	-2,111	1,039	2,691	3,730
Customer Payments Security and Channel Shift	Cap1920021	73	0	0	0	73	10	83
Digital Programme	Cap1718059	0	-9	9	0	0	24	24
Equality Act Works	Cap1415104	0	0	0	0	0	175	175
Flexible Use of Capital Receipts	Cap1819080	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	662	3,662
Grand Parade & Undercroft	Cap1415103	0	0	0	0	0	138	138
Housing Delivery Vehicle	Cap1516042	0	0	0	0	0	1,217	1,217
IT Asset Refresh	Cap1819061	125	0	0	0	125	79	204
Keynsham Regeneration & New Build	Cap1415094	0	0	0	0	0	68	68
Property Company Investment	Cap1617027	14,931	0	0	-7,931	7,000	1,338	8,338
Property Disposals	Cap1415098	100	0	0	0	100	731	831
York Street Vaults Phase 2	Cap1819059	900	0	0	0	900	71	971
Workplaces Programme Delivery	Cap1415093	0	9	-9	0	0	0	0
Subtotal Full Approval - Resources and Deputy Leader		23,438	0	0	-10,267	13,171	8,658	21,829
Adult Services								
Adult Social Care Database Replacement	Cap1516005	115	0	0	0	115	25	140
Community Resource Centre Capital Investment	Cap1718076	245	0	0	0	245	0	246

Capital Scheme	Cap Prog Number	Budget at February Budget Report	Reported Approvals to Outturn	Reported Approvals to July Cabinet - see 4(i)	Recovery Plan Rephasing	Budget at July 2020 Cabinet	Memo : Outturn Rephasing Request	Memo : Budget after July 2020 Cabinet
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Drugs and Alcohol Recovery House Public Health Grant	Cap1718074	28	0	0	0	28	-28	0
Subtotal Full Approval - Adult Services		388	0	0	0	388	-2	386
Children's Services						0		
Basic Needs - School Improvement / Expansion	Cap1415135	3,044	0	1,631	0	4,675	2,776	7,452
Building Adaptations to Provide Short Breaks for Disabled Children	Cap1415078	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
Children's Education Management System	Cap1516009	36	0	0	0	36	-1	35
Children's Centre Capital Schemes	Cap1415196	0	0	0	0	0	58	58
SEND Provision - Oldfield School	Cap1920044	0	0	392	0	392	0	392
Schools' Capital Maintenance Schemes	Cap1415073	500	0	0	0	500	1,130	1,630
Schools Devolved Capital	Cap1920028	0	0	0	0	0	-153	-153
Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND) Education Provision Loan	Cap1718071	86	0	0	0	86	86	172
Youth Service Capital Schemes	Cap1415167	0	0	0	0	0	38	38
Subtotal Full Approval - Children's Services		3,667	0	2,023	0	5,690	3,954	9,644
Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services								
Air Quality Management Area	Cap1819028	0	0	0	0	0	-0.4	-0.4
Clean Air Zone	Cap1920031	3,818	0	0	0	3,818	864	4,682
Environmental Protection Vehicles	Cap1516028	36	0	0	-18	18	-8	10
Neighbourhood Services - Asset & Vehicle Replacement Programme	Cap1718036	1,129	0	8	-45	1,092	756	1,848
Neighbourhoods Bin & Bench Replacement	Cap1415029	0	0	0	0	0	13	13
Waste Collection Vehicles In Cab Technology	Cap1920025	0	0	0	0	0	200	200
Waste Service Redesign	Cap1617032	121	0	0	0	121	280	401
Waste Depot Relocation	Cap1516011	1,491	0	0	0	1,491	382	1,873
Subtotal Full Approval - Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services		6,595	0	8	-63	6,540	2,487	9,026

Capital Scheme	Cap Prog Number	Budget at February Budget Report	Reported Approvals to Outturn	Reported Approvals to July Cabinet - see 4(i)	Recovery Plan Rephasing	Budget at July 2020 Cabinet	Memo : Outturn Rephasing Request	Memo : Budget after July 2020 Cabinet
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Transport Services								
A37 to A362 Improvements to Access Somer Valley Enterprise Zone	Cap1718084	10	0	0	0	10	49	59
Bath Transport Package Main Scheme	Cap1415001	0	0	0	0	0	1,702	1,702
City Centre Security	Cap1920027	550	0	0	-385	165	-47	118
Clutton Depot Refurbishment	Cap1920032	230	0	70	-115	185	-1	184
Chew Valley Recreational Trail	Cap1819090	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Hicks Gate Roundabout Improvement	Cap1718085	113	0	0	0	113	43	156
Highways & Traffic Fleet Vehicle Renewal	Cap1920015	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
Highways Maintenance Programme	Cap1415184	5,826	0	0	0	5,826	5	5,831
London Road Modification	Cap1718022	53	0	0	-53	-0	3	3
Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Bid	Cap1617008	481	0	-8	0	473	130	604
Parking Vehicle Replacement Programme	Cap1415023	67	0	0	-33	34	0	34
Passenger Transport Vehicles	Cap1516007	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Somerdale Bridge, Keynsham – Initial Options Study	Cap1718016	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Street Lighting LED Replacement Programme	Cap1617011	350	0	0	-350	0	0	0
Transport Improvement Programme	Cap1415009	2,868	38	-70	0	2,836	502	3,338
Subtotal Full Approval - Transport Services		10,548	38	-8	-936	9,642	2,418	12,060

Capital Scheme	Cap Prog Number	Budget at February Budget Report	Reported Approvals to Outturn	Reported Approvals to July Cabinet - see 4(i)	Recovery Plan Rephasing	Budget at July 2020 Cabinet	Memo : Outturn Rephasing Request	Memo : Budget after July 2020 Cabinet
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Housing, Planning and Economic Development								
Affordable Housing	Cap1415091	692	0	0	0	692	187	879
Bath Quays Bridge & Linking Infrastructure	Cap1617037	2,867	0	0	0	2,867	5	2,872
Bath Quays North	Cap1415114	31,241	3,519	0	-26,241	8,519	346	8,865
Bath Quays South	Cap1415138	14,466	-32	0	0	14,434	1,210	15,644
Bath Streetspace	Cap1920026	490	0	0	-490	0	19	19
BWR - Council Project Team	Cap1415057	0	0	0	0	0	-58	-58
BWR - Infrastructure	Cap1415059	0	0	0	0	0	-91	-91
BWR - Relocation of Gas Holders	Cap1415065	0	0	0	0	0	1,536	1,536
BWR Phase 2	Cap1920012	3,025	2,750	0	0	5,775	2,283	8,058
Digital B&NES	Cap1415069	0	0	0	0	0	38	38
Disabled Facilities Grant	Cap1415089	1,150	0	121	0	1,271	239	1,510
Innovation Quay - Strategic Flooding Solution	Cap1415064	167	0	0	0	167	141	308
Keynsham High Street Public Realm Implementation	Cap1718011	1,493	0	0	0	1,493	-3	1,490
Midsomer Norton Public Realm	Cap1819050	169	0	1	0	171	9	180
North Keynsham SDL	Cap1819091	0	0	0	0	0	92	92
NRR Infrastructure	Cap1415062	0	0	0	0	0	115	115
Radstock & Westfield Implementation Plan	Cap1516014	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Radstock Healthy Living Centre	Cap1718061	1,250	0	0	0	1,250	86	1,336
Saw Close Works	Cap1516008	0	0	0	0	0	315	315
Sladebrook Road: Energy Efficiency Measures	Cap1920033	0	0	0	0	0	128	128
Somer Valley Enterprise Zone - Infrastructure	Cap1718067	1,043	0	0	0	1,043	131	1,174
Waterspace	Cap1920029	154	0	0	-154	-0	5	5
Subtotal Full Approval - Housing, Planning and Economic Development		58,208	6,237	122	-26,885	37,682	6,741	44,423

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		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Community Services								
Alice Park - Skate Park	Cap1415035	87	0	0	0	87	36	123
Bath Leisure Centre Refurbishment	Cap1516006	0	0	0	0	0	420	420
Bathscape	Cap1819011	143	0	0	0	143	116	259
Beechen Cliff Woodland & Other Open Spaces Improvements	Cap1415017	0	0	0	0	0	22	22
Haycombe Crematorium	Cap1819029	0	125	0	0	125	0	125
Heritage Infrastructure Development	Cap1415052	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heritage Services Energy Capture Scheme	Cap1819030	300	0	0	0	300	43	343
Leisure - Council Client / Contingency	Cap1516049	0	0	0	0	0	156	156
Leisure Bath - Car Park	Cap1718043	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Leisure Facility Modernisation - Keynsham Sports Centre	Cap1516051	0	0	0	0	0	394	394
Modern Libraries & Workplaces	Cap1718058	0	0	0	0	0	28	28
Parade Gardens Café Acquisition	Cap1819085	10	0	0	0	10	0	10
Parade Gardens Infrastructure for Business Development	Cap1617015	5	0	0	0	5	-7	-2
Parks and Bereavement Infrastructure	Cap1819051	50	0	0	0	50	22	72
Parks Equipment	Cap1718029	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
Parks S106 Projects	Cap1718037	292	0	0	0	292	33	325
Play Area Refurbishment / Equipment	Cap1415039	15	0	0	0	15	344	359
Roman Baths Archway Centre	Cap1617021	3,002	0	0	0	3,002	417	3,419
Sydney Gardens	Cap1415030	2,758	0	0	0	2,758	85	2,842
Subtotal Full Approval - Community Services		6,662	125	0	0	6,787	2,130	8,918
TOTAL CAPITAL SCHEME BUDGET		109,507	6,400	2,145	-38,151	79,901	26,386	106,287

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		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sources of Funding								
Grant		32,420	3,481	1,994	1,491	39,386	9,846	49,232
Revenue		109	38	0	0	147	145	292
Other Council Support including Borrowing & Capital Receipts		73,609	2,675	0	-39,392	36,892	15,655	52,548
S106		671	193	0	0	864	653	1,517
CIL Contribution		1,886	13	300	-250	1,949	-68	1,881
Other 3rd Party		810	0	-149	0	661	155	816
Total Sources of Funding		109,507	6,400	2,145	-38,151	79,901	26,386	106,287