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Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Date: **Monday, 25th July, 2022 (postponed from 18th July 2022)**
Time: **4.00 pm**
Venue: **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath**

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at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

   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.

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

   At the time of publication no notifications had been received.

7. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 12)

8. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

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

9. ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETRO-FITTING (Pages 13 - 20)

There will be a presentation on this item. Presentation slides are attached.

10. LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE (Pages 21 - 30)

There will be a presentation on this item at the meeting. Presentation slides are attached.

11. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 31 - 36)

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

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

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

MINUTES OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING

Monday, 27th June, 2022

Present:- **Councillors** Karen Walker, Ruth Malloy, Paul May (in place of Lisa O'Brien), Duncan Hounsell (in place of Shelley Bromley), Rob Appleyard (in place of Joel Hirst), Hal MacFie (in place of Ryan Wills) and Sarah Moore (in place of Paul Crossley)

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies from Councillor Lisa O Brien who was substituted by Councillor Paul May.

Apologies from Councillor Shelley Bromley who was substituted by Councillor Duncan Hounsell

Apologies from Councillor Paul Crossley who was substituted by Councillor Sarah Moore

Apologies from Councillor Ryan Wills who was substituted by Councillor Hal MacFie

Apologies from Councillor Joel Hirst who was substituted by Councillor Rob Appleyard

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There was none.

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

Sylvia Sinclair made a statement on High Common/Approach Golf Course Procurement Process. *A copy of the statement is attached to the minutes.*

The Panel agreed to refer the statement to the relevant Cabinet Member – Councillor Sarah Warren.

Councillor Joanna Wright made a statement regarding Cleveland Bridge. *A copy of the statement is attached to the minutes.*
Note: this statement was referred from the Corporate Panel meeting on 9th May 2022.

The Panel agreed to refer the statement to the relevant Cabinet Member – Councillor Manda Rigby.

Note: Statements are now included on an action list to follow up with the relevant cabinet member.

7 MINUTES

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

8 CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

Councillor Sarah Warren, Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainability sent an update to the Panel on her portfolio areas. *The update is attached to these minutes.*

9 CITY CENTRE SECURITY PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Lynda Deane – Head of Service, City & Town Centre Management introduced the report.

Councillor Manda Rigby, Cabinet Member for Transport, thanked Lynda and her team for the huge amount of work done including that for the public enquiry. She noted that the authority was praised for its proportionate response and it's consultation.

<u>Panel members made the following points and asked the following questions:</u>

Councillor Appleyard asked the following questions. *Officer response shown in italics:*

- Do we co-operate with other utilities for 'planned' work? *Yes we work with the utilities to programme work as best we can.*
- Is there a note on the type of access that was needed for Blue Badge holders during the manned entry period? *I can let you know the number. There have been no complaints and a couple of emails of thanks from Blue Badge holders.*

Councillor May asked about the times of operation and safety implications after 6pm. The officer explained that times of operation are planned (in consultation with the police) when the streets are most crowded. Safety has to be balanced with access. This is part of the layered approach to prevent terrorism.

Councillor May asked if TRO's allow flexibility. The officer responded that if the threat level increases, the TRO allows us to respond accordingly, and this would be based on police advice. The terror level has only reached critical twice (for a short time) in the last few years.

Councillor Walker asked if the video entry management system allowed cars out of the area after 10am. The officer explained that if a car is parked in the area at that time, CCTV or marshals will contact parking services and eventually the police. Yes, you can get out.

Councillor Rigby (Cabinet Member for Transport) added that, now other traffic is banned, parking for Blue Badge holders is easier.

Councillor Johnson asked if Blue Badge holders' access would be stopped if the threat level was raised to critical. The officer explained that a decision would be made at the time, in line with police advice.

Councillor Johnson asked if the barriers are left open outside of hours. The officer explained that at the moment this is manually operated, and emergency vehicles get through automatically.

Councillor Dr Kumar asked if there would be any changes if the threat level changed as the report is six years old. The officer explained that the report referred to was that by the National Association Counter Terrorism Office (2016) and that the threat level remains the same as when the report was written. She added that the police would not be actively working with us on this if they felt there was no need for protection.

The officer introduced the second part of the report and explained Protect Duty and Martin's Law. She explained the proposal to set up a BANES Protect and Prepare Board.

Councillor May agreed that we should prepare and asked if this covered all areas of BANES. The officer explained that the whole of BANES is covered.

Councillor Johnson asked if the cuts to CCTV in recent years have impacted on the service. The officer explained that there would be a review of CCTV and this will hopefully meet the budget cycle for next year. She explained that there would be a Cabinet report on this in the Autumn. She added that there may be joint funding bids with the police.

In response to a question by Councillor MacFie, the officer explained that all CCTV cameras are working in Keynsham High Street. Councillor Rigby added that there are plans for a mobile CCTV units which could be moved to hotspots and events.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to note the report.

10 RECYCLING HUB PLANS - UPDATE

Kate Hobson, Project Development and Delivery Manager, introduced the report

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

Councillor Appleyard asked about the plans for the volume of vehicles likely at the recycling hub. The officer explained that a sustainable staff travel plan was a condition of the planning permission.

In response to a question from Councillor Appleyard, the officer explained that there would be solar panels on as much of the roof space as possible.

Councillor Appleyard asked about the potential for a mini hub on the East side of Bath. The officer explained that much work has gone into finding sites in Bath and the Oddown area is the most deliverable site.

Councillor May asked if the black bags taken to Avonmouth would be reduced. The officer explained that if there is increased recycling – this would usually come from black bags but there will still be unrecyclable materials. She explained that there will not be a treatment plant at Pixash Lane. The officer confirmed that the Welcome Centre would not be shutting.

Councillor May asked about the possibility of electric dustcarts. The officer explained that the technology is developing.

Councillor Johnson stated that it was a fantastic project. He asked about reduction to landfill and if this has led to a higher level of waste being recovered ie incinerated. He asked if there should be targets to increase recycling as the next step to reduce waste going to recovery and stated that this project should support that move. The officer explained that a Waste Strategy report will be published soon which will contain targets.

Councillor Johnson asked about the look of recycling banks in the Heritage setting. The officer explained that the visual impact is part of the consideration. The officer stated that she would get back to Councillor Johnson about HHO systems. She explained that Pixash Lane was being future proofed with appropriate ducting and charging points.

Councillor Malloy stated that she was pleased to see that recycling for plastic wrappers and film was being investigated. She asked if community engagement with schools was carried out. The officer explained that this was organised by the Waste Strategy team. She added that when a new service, such as films and wrapper recycling, was introduced, there would be a public campaign.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to note the report.

11 CLEAN AIR ZONE UPDATE

Cathryn Brown, Team Manager Clean Air Zone, introduced the item and gave a presentation which covered the following:

- What was the CAZ designed to achieve?
- Our achievements in the first year
- Monitoring of potential traffic displacement
- How revenue from the zone is spent
- Government's view of performance in 2021
- Next Steps…

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

Councillor Johnson asked about delivery hubs/e-cargo deliveries. The officer explained that it is hoped that the pilot will develop into a sustainable system.

Councillor Appleyard stated that this was a challenging project and he recognised the work done on it. He asked about next steps and about people being educated in terms of gradually replacing cars. The officer agreed that it would be great to evolve the scheme but not yet sure how it would look. She added that every opportunity is taken to talk to people about the use of cars and whether journeys are necessary. The team is supporting the Liveable Neighbourhoods Projects and beginning to spread our knowledge and learning in terms of behaviour change.

Councillor Appleyard asked about surpluses – he stated that the pain has been felt in the local area so hoped any surpluses would be spent in the local area. The officer explained that surpluses must be reinvested in transport schemes, some of which will be local. She confirmed that the surplus will benefit local schemes.

In response to a question from Councillor May, the officer explained that the figures show the average NO2 levels, it is hoped that the figures continue to come down and the team are focussing on particular areas.

Councillor May asked about targets for 2030/35. The officer stated that there are discussions about local targets to demonstrate the Council's commitment to go further.

Councillor Appleyard asked about areas of concern and also about areas outside of Bath such as Keynsham High Street. The officer explained areas of concern are Wells Road, Walcot Parade and Dorchester Street. She added that areas across the whole of BANES are included in monitoring, Keynsham is part of an Air Quality Management area as well as Temple Cloud and Farrington Gurney. Councillor Walker stated that Ward Councillors can request to have their area monitored.

Councillor Hounsell stated that the presentation was excellent, thorough, and clear.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to note the presentation and report.

12 PANEL WORKPLAN

The Panel noted the future work plan.

The meeting ended at 5.55 pm

Chair(person) .....

Date Confirmed and Signed .....

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Climate Emergency & Sustainability PDS Panel
18 July 2022

Policy Development: Approach to 'able to pay' home energy efficiency retrofitting

Introduction from Cllr Warren

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Officers will provide:

- Update on current action and public advice service and support
- WECA Retrofit Accelerator Hub development and what it means for B&NES
- Exploration of B&NES level approaches and timing
- Discussion to gain Panel input to the exploration

Update on current action

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Low income/vulnerable households:

- LAD – 33 private and 65 social housing upgrades
- HUG – consortium with BCC and NS just launched, see www.energyathome.org.uk for details
- Grant funded measures dependent on scheme for low income households living in low energy efficiency homes (EPC D or less)
- Supply chain problems encountered

Energy @ Home – advice service

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- Current online advice service; email, phone, website
- Includes information on types of energy efficiency measures; planning information and how to find installers
- Includes HUG funding advice (aka Bright Green Homes)
- *Energy@Home*

Sharing householder experience

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- Exploring potential for a new Bath Green Homes initiative with Transition Bath and Bath Preservation Trust and for other areas
- Bath and North East Somerset homes were included in the recent Online Retrofit Stories sessions (recordings via link).
- Climate and Biodiversity Festival, September 2022; platform for sharing local experience; energy efficiency advice in cost of living crisis context (CSE)
- Monthly Library Home Energy information pop-up (seeking to reinstate)

WECA Retrofit Accelerator Hub

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- Initial three year programme (subject to Committee approval)
- Stage One from September 2022
- One Stop Shop for retrofitting advice in the West of England
- Intended to develop beyond co-ordination of advice services to:
  - Assessors and retrofit co-ordinators
  - Supply chain and market development
  - Skills and job development
  - Drawing in funding
- Linked to local initiatives, such as community and social marketing; local suppliers

Exploration of B&NES level approach

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- Thinking so far
- Data and analysis
- Increasing capacity and timing
- Convening key delivery stakeholders in the community
- Linking WECA Hub to B&NES
- Enabling access to advice, technical expertise, funding sources
- Linking with and supporting enablers in communities: parishes, Forums, specialist community groups

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The Panel is asked to consider:

- What role or roles should or could the Council play?
  - Promotion and sign-posting
  - Community and stakeholder engagement, social marketing
  - Local property data analysis and targeting
  - Household surveys
  - Advice on local installers and suppliers
  - Coordination service
- What partners or stakeholders should we work with?
  - Social landlords
  - Community organisations
  - Parishes

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Local Plan Partial Update

Background

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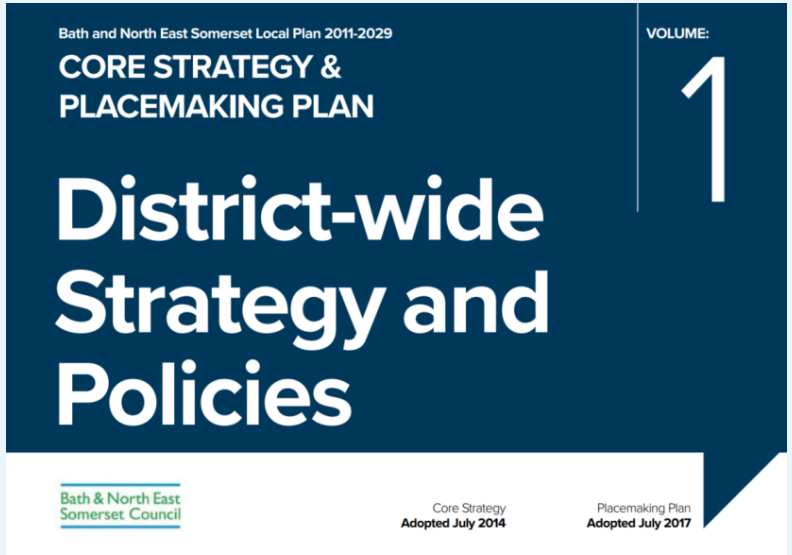
- The role of the Local Plan
- Why the Council is doing a partial update to the existing plan, and not a new Local Plan?
- Constrained scope of the partial update
- A full review of all planning policies will be undertaken via the new Local Plan (launch scheduled for Autumn 2022)



Progress so far

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- Options consultation (Feb 2021)
- Draft Local Plan consultation (Sept 2021)
- Draft Plan submitted for Examination (Dec 2021)
- Examination hearings (June/July 2022)

Key changes 1

- **Climate emergency** – updating and amending policies so that they facilitate addressing the climate emergency (pushing the boundaries) e.g. zero carbon construction, renewable energy

- **Housing supply** – replenishing housing supply, including through the allocation of new sites, in order to meet the District's housing requirement and maintain a 5 year land supply

- **Nature emergency** – revising / updating policies on ecological enhancement (biodiversity net gain) and green infrastructure

- Reviewing **parking standards**

- Better enabling delivery of **affordable housing & meeting other specific housing needs** e.g. older persons **through accessibility standards**

Key changes 2

- **Student accommodation** – Revisiting the policy approach in addressing the future development of both Universities and the impact of student accommodation within the city

- Removing the **Park & Ride** sites from the Green Belt to provide **Multi-modal Transport Interchanges**

- Clarifying the policy on **housing infill in Green Belt Villages**

- **Other place-based issues** e.g. reviewing existing allocations; the approach to hotel provision; and employment supply

Accompanying Supplementary Planning Documents

(both new and updated)

- Energy Efficiency, Retrofitting and Sustainable Construction SPD
- Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD
- Draft Sustainable Construction Checklist SPD
- Draft Transport & Development SPD
- Draft Biodiversity Net Gain SPD
- Draft Planning Obligations SPD

Key Issues arising at the Examination in week 1

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- **Positive response overall to key policies.**

- **Strategic policies** - Council to identify whether LPPU policy changes are strategic or non-strategic, and provide justification for approach.

- **Housing land supply** – Positive discussion overall. Council to provide some additional details relating to student numbers and housing supply surplus. Liaison required with participants relating to areas of agreement / disagreement of the housing trajectory and delivery proformas.

- **Site allocations in Bath, Keynsham and the Somer Valley** – Overall capacities and majority of site requirements broadly agreed. Various main modifications required for some allocations relating to effectiveness and clarity. Liaison required with participants prior to submitting main modifications to the inspector for consideration.

Key Issues arising at the Examination in week 2

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Positive responses overall for policies relating to key corporate issues, with some main modifications required for effectiveness and clarity:

- **Sustainable Construction**
- **Renewable Energy**
- **Biodiversity Net Gain**
- **Sustainable Transport**

Inspector to review and recommend approach relating to:

- **Purpose Built Student Accommodation** – Overall demand-based approach agreed. Some additional flexibility in evidencing need to be considered.
- **Accessible Housing** – Inspector to reflect on percentage requirement for accessible housing.
- **Overheating** - Inspector to reflect on overheating policy wording.
- **Green Belt Village Infill** - Inspector to reflect on relationship of policy GB2 with national policy.

Next Steps

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Task	Timeframe
Council to draft relevant main modifications in liaison with key participants	Ongoing
Main modifications submitted to the Inspector	August 2022
Inspector to formally issue recommended main modifications	Late Summer 2022
Public consultation on main modifications	Autumn 2022
LPPU adopted (Full Council)	Winter 2022

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CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

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

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

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

Should you wish to make representations, please contact the report author or, Democratic Services (). A formal agenda will be issued 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Agenda papers can be inspected on the Council's website.

Ref Date	Decision Maker/s	Title	Report Author Contact	Director Lead
25TH JULY 2022 (POSTPONED FROM 18TH JULY)				
18 Jul 2022	**Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**	**Retrofitting**	Jane Wildblood Tel: 01225 477685	Director of Sustainable Communities
18 Jul 2022	**Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**	**Local Plan Partial Update**	Simon De Beer Tel: 01225 477616	Director of Sustainable Communities
19TH SEPTEMBER 2022				
19 Sep 2022	**Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**	**Gulls Strategy**	Aled Williams Tel: 01225 396625	Chief Operating Officer
19 Sep 2022	**Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**	**Renewables**	Jane Wildblood Tel: 01225 477685	Director of Sustainable Communities

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19 Sep 2022	**Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**	**Heritage Services Strategic Approach**	Robert Campbell	Director of Sustainable Communities
14TH NOVEMBER 2022				
14 Nov 2022	**Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**	**Council House Building Programme**	Graham Sabourn Tel: 01225 477949	Director of Sustainable Communities
14 Nov 2022	**Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**	**Annual Homelessness Update**	Graham Sabourn Tel: 01225 477949	Director of Sustainable Communities
14 Nov 2022	**Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**	**Planning Performance**	Simon De Beer Tel: 01225 477616	Director of Sustainable Communities
ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED:				

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	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	**Electric Vehicle Charging Points**	Chris Major Tel: 01225 39 4231	Director of Sustainable Communities
	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	**WECA Spatial Development Strategy**	Simon De Beer Tel: 01225 477616	Director of Sustainable Communities
	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	**Littering Review (progress report)**	Carol Maclellan Tel: 01225 394106	Director of Sustainable Communities
	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	**Bath Quays North Regeneration**		Chief Operating Officer

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