

Cabinet

Date: Thursday, 12th September, 2024

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

Agenda

To: All Members of the Cabinet

Councillor Kevin Guy (Leader of the Council, LD Group Leader, Member Advocate for Armed Forces and Veterans), Councillor Tim Ball (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services), Councillor Alison Born (Cabinet Member for Adult Services), Councillor Mark Elliott (Cabinet Member for Resources), Councillor Paul May (Cabinet Member for Children's Services), Councillor Matt McCabe (Cabinet Member for Built Environment, Housing and Sustainable Development), Councillor Manda Rigby (Cabinet Member for Highways), Councillor Paul Roper (Cabinet Member for Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development), Councillor Sarah Warren (Deputy Council Leader (statutory) and Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel) and Councillor David Wood (Deputy Council Leader (non-statutory) and Cabinet Member for Council Priorities & Delivery)

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

The agenda is set out overleaf.



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NOTES:

1. **Inspection of Papers:** Papers are available for inspection as follows:

Council's website: <https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>

2. **Details of decisions taken at this meeting** can be found in the minutes which will be circulated with the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime, details can be obtained by contacting as above.

3. **Recording at Meetings**

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 now allows filming and recording by anyone attending a meeting. This is not within the Council's control. Some of our meetings are webcast. At the start of the meeting, the Chair will confirm if all or part of the meeting is to be filmed. If you would prefer not to be filmed for the webcast, please make yourself known to the camera operators. We request that those filming/recording meetings avoid filming public seating areas, children, vulnerable people etc; however, the Council cannot guarantee this will happen.

The Council will broadcast the images and sounds live via the internet www.bathnes.gov.uk/webcast. The Council may also use the images/sound recordings on its social media site or share with other organisations, such as broadcasters.

4. **Public Speaking at Meetings**

The Council has a scheme to encourage the public to make their views known at meetings. They may make a statement relevant to what the meeting has power to do. They may also present a petition on behalf of a group.

Advance notice is required not less than two full working days before the meeting. This means that for meetings held on Thursdays notice must be received in Democratic Services by 5.00pm the previous Monday.

Further details of the scheme can be found at:

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=12942>

5. **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

When the continuous alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building by one of the designated exits and proceed to the named assembly point. The designated exits are signposted. Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

6. **Supplementary information for meetings**

Additional information and Protocols and procedures relating to meetings

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AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Democratic Services Officer will read out the emergency evacuation procedure as set out in the notes.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

- (a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.
- (b) The nature of their interest.
- (c) Whether their interest is **a disclosable pecuniary interest** or an **other interest**, (as defined in Part 4.4 Appendix 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.

5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

6. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

Questions submitted before the deadline will receive a reply from an appropriate Cabinet member or an undertaking to respond within 5 working days of the meeting. Councillors may ask one supplementary question for each question they submit, up to a maximum of two per Councillor.

7. STATEMENTS 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.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING - 11TH JULY 2024 (Pages 7 - 18)

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

9. 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.

10. MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

This is a standing agenda item (Constitution rule 3.3.14) for matters referred by Policy Development and Scrutiny bodies. The Chair of the relevant Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel will have the right to attend and to introduce the Panel's recommendations to Cabinet.

11. SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING (Pages 19 - 22)

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

12. ANNUAL CLIMATE AND NATURE PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 23 - 94)

The report sets out the Council's progress on tackling the climate and ecological emergencies over the last financial year (2023-24).

13. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) RENEWAL (Pages 95 - 142)

The report invites the Cabinet to determine whether to renew the Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) and restrictions on street drinking in Bath City and Midsomer Norton, following a consultation as required by the legislation.

14. REVISED NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE LOCAL PLAN (Pages 143 - 156)

The government recently published for consultation the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other changes to the planning system. The Council needs to respond to this consultation and the report sets out the recommended key elements of the response. The revised NPPF will also have significant implications for the Council's Local Plan and the report outlines some of the main implications and the recommended next steps in respect of Local Plan preparation.

15. B&NES PROCUREMENT STRATEGY (Pages 157 - 172)

The Cabinet is asked to approve the revised Procurement Strategy for publication.

16. 2025/26 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (Pages 173 - 208)

The Medium Term Financial Strategy sets out the strategic direction and priorities for the Council as well as outlining the financial context and challenges the Council faces over the next five years and the strategy that will be used to inform its annual budget process.

17. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH JUNE 2024 (Pages 209 - 230)

The report gives details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for the first three months of 2024/25.

The Democratic Services Officer for this meeting is Marie Todd who can be contacted on 01225 394414.