

Cabinet

Date: Thursday 13th November 2025

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 Alison Born (Cabinet Member for Adult Services), Councillor Mark Elliott (Deputy Council Leader (non-statutory) and Cabinet Member for Resources), Councillor Joel Hirst (Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Strategy), Councillor Lucy Hodge (Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery), 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 Communications and Community), Councillor Paul Roper (Cabinet Member for Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development) and Councillor Sarah Warren (Deputy Council Leader (statutory) and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Bath and North East Somerset)

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

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13505>

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A G E N D A

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 MEETINGS (Pages 7 - 16)

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

Cabinet Meeting held on 11th September 2025

Special Cabinet Meeting held on 25th September 2025

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. SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING (Pages 17 - 22)

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

11. 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.

12. GREENER PLACES PLAN FOR BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET 2025-2035 (Pages 23 - 120)

The new Greener Places Plan for Bath and North East Somerset sets a framework for action and investment to ensure we make the most of our green spaces, both on Council land and across the wider district. It promotes understanding of what Green Infrastructure is, the multiple benefits it provides and how to deliver it where it is needed most, for people and nature.

13. ANNUAL CLIMATE AND NATURE PROGRESS REPORT 2025 (Pages 121 - 242)

The report updates Cabinet on the progress made in tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergencies in 2024/25, both as a Council and as a wider district.

14. ESTABLISH A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP (LLP) FOR THE REGENERATION OF THE BATH QUAYS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PLOTS (Pages 243 - 304)

The report proposes the establishment of a Limited Liability Partnership delivery vehicle for the delivery of housing development to further the Bath Quays regeneration.

15. CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSESSMENT - ADULT SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE (Pages 305 - 322)

The report outlines the progress that has been made towards the Adult Social Care Improvement Plan alongside key activity that the Adult Social Care Leadership Team is undertaking to enable sustainable improvement since the publication of the B&NES CQC inspection report in January 2025.

16. ADOPTION WEST CONTRACT (Pages 323 - 348)

To consider options for the delivery of adoption services beyond the expiry of the current arrangements with Adoption West which expires 28 February 2027. This is a Teckal Company, wholly owned by the participating Local Authorities.

17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE ACTION PLAN (Pages 349 - 384)

To consider the draft action plan, reflecting the feedback and recommendations from the Local Government Association's Corporate Peer Challenge that took place in July 2025.

18. QUARTER 2 CORPORATE STRATEGY PERFORMANCE REPORT (Pages 385 - 388)

The report provides information and background on performance metrics collected as part of the Council's monitoring of Corporate Strategy priorities.

19. 2026/27 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (Pages 389 - 422)

The Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 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.

20. REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, CASH LIMITS AND VIREMENTS – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2025 (Pages 423 - 466)

The report presents the financial monitoring information for the Authority for the 2025/26 financial year, using information available up to the end of September 2025.

21. TREASURY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025 (Pages 467 - 488)

The report gives details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for the first six months of 2025/26.

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