

Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Date: Thursday, 11th January, 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Community Space, Keynsham - Market Walk,
Keynsham

Councillors: Andy Wait, Michael Auton, Anna Box, Jess David, John Leach,
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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:-**

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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 or a deputation on behalf of a group.

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

7. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 14)

8. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

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

9. DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25 - PROPOSALS WITHIN PUBLIC CONSULTATION (RELEVANT TO THE PANEL REMIT) (Pages 15 - 30)

In preparation for the Draft Budget Proposals 2024/2025 – the savings and income

proposals (currently subject to public consultation) are linked below:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2024-2025>

The Panel will be looking at the proposed savings and income proposals within its remit. The full Draft Budget Proposals 2024/2025 will be considered by the Corporate PDS Panel on 23rd January.

10. LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS UPDATE (Pages 31 - 36)

11. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 37 - 40)

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.

Local Food Growing Task Group update

Membership - Cllr Sam Ross (Chair), Cllr Michael Auton, Cllr Jess David, Cllr Eleanor Jackson, Cllr John Leach, Cllr Ruth Malloy, Cllr Lesley Mansell, Cllr June Player

The Task Group on 24 November to scope the review. Following discussions members approved the following terms of reference:

To support the development of a new Local Food Strategy for B&NES Council through the consideration of:

- Allotment provision current and future within Bath and North East Somerset;
- Community approaches in local food growing
- The impact of planning policy on local food growing
- Community engagement and the role of the council in promoting local food growing
- Local food insecurity and opportunities to promote food security locally.

The Task Group commenced its formal evidence gathering on 15 December, when members met with officers from Public Health and Parks Teams to discuss food insecurity and allotment provision.

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 January 2024, where the Task Group will welcome representatives from the Allotment Association.

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