

## **BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET**

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

Thursday, 14th November, 2024

Present:- **Councillors** Andy Wait, Grant Johnson, Alex Beaumont, Anna Box, Jess David, John Leach, Deborah Collins, June Player and Joanna Wright (in place of Saskia Heijltjes)

#### **98 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **99 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

#### **100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies from Councillor Saskia Heijltjes who was substituted by Councillor Joanna Wright.

#### **101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Johnson declared an (other/non-pecuniary) interest regarding item 9 due to his work area.

Councillor Leach declared an (other/non-pecuniary) interest in item 8 as a resident of Sydney Road.

#### **102 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There was none.

#### **103 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING**

Councillor Saskia Heijltjes made a statement regarding Vision Zero. The statement is attached to these minutes.

#### **104 MINUTES**

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

#### **105 CABINET MEMBER UPDATE**

The Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel, Councillor Sarah Warren gave an update that covered the following (the full statement is attached to these minutes):

#### Climate & Engagement

- Climate and nature conversations across the Bath and North East Somerset area.
- The launch event for Climate Hub BANES in the Old Ticket Office of Bath Bus Station – the Hub will open to the public on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Energy

- Green Open Homes
- Retrofit West
- Net Zero Council

#### Nature

- The West of England Local Nature Recovery Strategy launched on the 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- BNG Pathfinder Project
- Landscape City Project
- Somer Valley Rediscovered. Nextdoor Nature project and Active Way project
- The Chew Valley Reconnected Partnership
- The WaterSpace program

#### Green Infrastructure

- Green infrastructure delivery partnership programs – Somer Valley Rediscovered, Bathscape and Chew Valley Reconnected
- Green infrastructure mapping tools
- Providing evidence to support new and revised Local Plan policy
- GI training program

#### Additional Info - Energy

- Green Heritage Homes project
- Mission Net Zero
- Heat from mines

#### Panel member questions:

Councillor Johnson asked about the true figure in terms of carbon reduction. The Cabinet Member stated that she would check and provide the answer.

Councillor David asked if the Cabinet Member would support a site visit to the Charlcombe biodiversity site. The Cabinet Member agreed.

Councillor Leach asked if there were any other areas in local planning policy that can drive us forward in terms of biodiversity. The Cabinet Member stated that we are looking to raise our target on biodiversity net gain from 10% to 20% and to update the policy and bring in more rigor on sustainable drainage systems.

Councillor Box asked how biodiversity net gain funding is being used to support community groups. The Cabinet Member stated that we look at developments onsite or close by, we are also hoping we can use the funding elsewhere.

Councillor Box asked if the West of England could be brought in in terms of regional planning. The Cabinet Member stated that yes, there is space for the Mayor (West of England/WECA) to step in the special strategy area.

Councillor Collins asked how officers are working with community groups in terms of retrofitting (groups such as Go Green Widcombe). The Cabinet Member stated that support from groups such as Go Green Widcombe is appreciated and officers work with them. Councillor Wright stated that there is no written document for this, so it is difficult for residents to access.

Councillor Wright asked about social prescribing. The Cabinet Member stated she would circulate an update on this. She explained that it is an area led jointly with public health and that she could bring a full update to a future meeting of the Panel. Councillor Wait confirmed that he is in contact with the Chair of the Panel (Children, Adult Health and Wellbeing PDS Panel) that covers this area.

Councillor Wait stated that he is a River Advocate and the area is extremely complicated. He asked if the Water Space Project extends to a wider area. The Cabinet Member stated that a lot of work is being done and she will get a full update from the officer and circulate.

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The Cabinet Member for Highways, Councillor Manda Rigby gave an update that covered the following (the full statement is attached to these minutes):

- **General update**
  - **Local Active Travel & Safety Programme**
  - **City Centre Security**
  - **Highway Maintenance**
  - **Parking**
  - **Liveable Neighbourhoods programme delivery**
    - **Future Timeline**
    - **Lansdown ETRO (experimental traffic regulation order)**
    - **Sydney Road ETRO**

- **Safe Systems**
  - Winter Maintenance Program.
- Forward plan of work for next period
  - Traffic Management, Network Management, Road Safety
  - Highway Maintenance Program
  - Parking
  - Livable Neighborhoods Program
  - Park and Ride

Panel member questions:

Councillor Wright spoke about the pavements in Lambridge and the criteria for improvements. She asked what data the Council has on walking routes in BANES. The Cabinet Member stated that she would find out and circulate the information.

In response to a question from Councillor Collins, the Cabinet Member explained that the Western Gateway Structure is a regional body that sits above WECA (West of England Combined Authority). She is Chair of the Transport section.

Councillor Box stated that she had had positive feedback regarding the drainage in her area which had improved flooding issues. She asked what will be done to continue consideration of rural areas. The Cabinet Member explained that the scoring for prioritization is authority wide, all areas are equally as important.

Councillor Beaumont asked if a cycling officer would meet with him to walk around the area in Keynsham. The Cabinet Member agreed.

Councillor Leach asked about LED street lights and how often we replace them. The Cabinet Member explained that there is 20 year replacement cycle, she acknowledged the point about the rapid development in standards.

Councillor David asked what the best way is to report issues with road markings. She also asked if road markings updates could be tied in with new street layouts. The Cabinet Member explained that 'Fix My Street' app is a good way to report or an email to the team. In terms of tying this in with the TRO process, she stated that this is not always the case but work is being done to achieve this. Councillor Player stated that pavements and roads in Westmoreland ward can get overlooked if they are not on a bus route. She explained that it is not just pot holes in terms of damage but gravel and dips as well. She asked if the Cabinet Member would walk around the ward. The Cabinet Member stated that it would be more appropriate for officers to walk around but explained that the work has to be on the prioritization matrix.

Councillor Johnson stated that, during the resurfacing work in Paulton, the drains were covered and it took some time to rectify. He also mentioned the solar lighting

project at the memorial park and asked what the Council costs are with regarding to improving bus stops. He reminded the Panel that the Mayor did ask about taking over the bus stops. The Cabinet Member stated that it was not the case that handing things over to WECA means more money will be spent.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet Members.

## 106 WASTE UPDATE

The Panel viewed a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Tim Ball and Waste Services officers which covered the following:

- Keynsham Recycling Hub – Waste and Recycling Update
- Fleet
- Fleet transition plan
- Climate emergency highlights
- Current key workstreams
- Waste reforms – legislation changes
- Bath Recycling Centre (maps)
- Bath Recycling Centre Update
- Bath Recycling Centre – example of a similar construction
- Bath Recycling Centre – next steps

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

Councillor Johnson commented that there are no waste statistics in the report and no idea of the tonnage going to landfill. He stated that it would also be useful to know the numbers on recycling rates and also on vehicles/EV (electric vehicles). The officer stated that she could circulate full details.

Councillor Johnson asked about behavioural initiatives regarding the existing fleet eg. Driving styles/anti idling etc. The Cabinet Member stated that the aim is to have the fleet electrified by 2027. Some diesel trucks will be retained to ensure continuation of service.

Councillor Player stated that she had viewed the application online but it was difficult to access. She asked why the Fullers Earth works site was not suitable and also why is the proposed new site so near to the Keynsham facility. The officer explained that there is a statement on this with the planning application. The Cabinet Member stated that the site mentioned above was not suitable due to excess traffic. The proposed new site will have a booking system so traffic will not be queuing so there will be no more traffic than there is now. Councillor Player asked if this response could be sent to her.

Councillor David asked what the Council can do to reduce the amount of waste in black bin bags. The officer stated that food waste is a key target, she will send a full

written response. The Cabinet Member stated that there will be a trial of recycling bags and a push to make sure all resident properties have a food waste recycling option.

Councillor Box stated that food waste recycling is not high in her area and asked about the scope for providing waste bags. The officer explained that in the new contract, any containers/bags can be used. In response to a question from Councillor Collins, the officer explained that bags (compostable or otherwise) are pulled out anyway, the liners go to energy from waste.

Councillor Wright stated that recycling is a two way process, residents want to take part. Community visits to waste sites helps. She asked what engagement there had been with the Environment Agency to date. The officer explained that the Environment Agency response is on the website, the Council is working with them and this is separate from the planning application.

Councillor Johnson asked when clothes recycling will be available again. The officer explained that they are looking at a new provider for this service. The officer also agreed to let the Panel know the figure on the regulations.

Councillor Player asked if 3 staff would be adequate for all of the responsibilities such as administration, gull control and helping people with access. The officer stated that she would get a written statement to members.

Councillor David asked about planning in terms of 16 homes being given approval in her ward which would mean bins on the pavement. The officer confirmed that the departments works closely with highways.

Councillor Wright asked about plans for recycling material such as batteries/computer monitors etc. The officer stated that these items are taken at Welton and Pixash Lane.

Councillor Player asked how the Council ensures that residents are recycling as much as they can and in the right way. The officer stated that they can give a further detailed response. She explained that there are two waste education officers covering the district. The Cabinet Member added that there is a door knocking scheme.

Councillor Wait stated that Bristol (City Council) and others are moving to monthly black bag collections. Do we have plans for this? The Cabinet Member stated that there were no plans here.

Councillor Box asked if the Cabinet Member will put the department forward for any awards as they are outstanding. The Cabinet Member stated that this was a good idea.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet Member and officers.

## **107 PANEL WORKPLAN**

The Panel noted the future workplan and also noted further suggested items below:

- Housing Plan Update
- Biodiversity Net Gain
- Progress on renewables – Council Estate
- Water quality/river system
- Annual Homelessness Update
- Movement Strategy
- School Streets
- Vision Zero

The meeting ended at 12.00 pm

Chair(person) .....

Date Confirmed and Signed .....

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## Statement – Councillor Saskia Heijltjes

I registered to speak at today's meeting because I wanted to speak on Vision Zero, but I was told this wasn't allowed because I am a member of this body. I was asked to share my statement with the Chair and they would then decide if I was allowed to give my statement or not. Hence why Cllr Joanna Wright is now subbing for me so I can give my statement today.

This panel was expecting Vision Zero to be on the agenda for this meeting, as discussed as part of the workplan, and it is very disappointing to see that it isn't on the agenda for today.

When I queried this, I was told that it was being covered as part of the Cabinet Member update because officers weren't ready with the required papers. The Vision Zero motion was passed unanimously 12 months ago and in the motion, it was requested for the administration to report back to the relevant Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on progress towards these steps in 12 months' time.

Covering this as part of a Cabinet Member Update doesn't give it the same attention as an agenda item. It also means members of the public aren't aware it is being discussed today, which means they haven't been given the opportunity to speak on the topic.

As part of the Vision Zero motion, several steps were identified to be looked into in the short term, without having major cost implications. There were also further steps identified that would need to be costed.

Without having been provided with a paper on this topic, it is very hard to scrutinise the work that has undoubtedly taken place in this area, as BANES had already adopted a Vision Zero approach much earlier than when the motion to eliminate road deaths by 2030 was adopted a year ago.

In addition to the update from the Cabinet Member that we'll hear in this meeting, I would like to request that Vision Zero is brought back to this meeting in January or March, to allow us to give it the full attention it deserves.

I would like to close with the terrible news of a teenager being hit and seriously injured on Newbridge Road and a woman seriously injured in a collision on Mount Road, both in September of this year.

When Vision Zero gets discussed at this panel, today or at a future meeting, I hope we will hear from the cabinet member how we are making progress in gaining up-to-date data on the numbers and locations of people killed or seriously injured, to inform our decision-making on highway projects.

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## Climate, Energy, Nature & GI Highlights

### PDS

#### Climate & Engagement

- Following the success of our pilot event in Batheaston on 8th October, we are continuing to roll out climate and nature conversations across the Bath and North East Somerset area. Our next conversation will take place on 20th November in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church, arrivals from 5:30pm for a 6pm welcome talk.
- I am looking forward to attending the launch event for Climate Hub BANES in the Old Ticket Office of Bath Bus Station – the Hub will open to the public on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Energy

- Green Open Homes- We were pleased to support another very successful series of Green Open Homes events in BANES this year. This year we saw more Open Homes across BANES including events in Radstock, Pensford, Peasedown and East Harptree.
- Retrofit West – In September 2024, calls to the Retrofit West advice line from BANES residents made up 24% of the overall share, which is higher than the expected 21% based on area proportion, and applications from BANES residents for the 70% off surveys/home energy assessments voucher made up 40% of total applications.
- Net Zero Council - We are continuing our work to decarbonise our own estate and operations. To date, we have delivered 1.6MW solar generation across our estate, and have installed heat pumps in three of our care homes via the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. We are currently preparing bids for the next round of PSDS.

#### Nature

- The West of England Local Nature Recovery Strategy launched on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, the first in the country to be published; B&NES played a leading role in its development. It sets local priorities for nature recovery and maps ‘focus areas’ where action for nature will have the biggest impact.
- Our **BNG Pathfinder Project** is now identifying Council-owned land where habitats can be created or improved to provide off-site BNG units; we are already working with the local community at Charlcombe to improve the site for wildlife and enhance access.
- Our **Landscape City Project** is delivering nature recovery on key council owned sites around the city of Bath and providing evidence for investment in greening of

the city. This will include bringing more woodlands into management, working with local communities to improve sites for wildlife, and developing proposals for an 'Ecology Hub' in the city.

- Our **Somer Valley Rediscovered** project continues to work in partnership to improve the management of 34ha of green space in the Somer Valley for nature, as well as improving access. The **Nextdoor Nature** project in the area, which is led by Avon Wildlife Trust and supported by the Council, is empowering local communities to manage spaces on their doorstep for nature, and the **Active Way** project is getting people out in nature to improve their health and wellbeing.
- The **Chew Valley Reconnected Partnership** continues to strengthen, demonstrating the benefits of working in partnership with a wide range of organisations across the catchment. We have provided key support to the coordination of this Partnership and are currently supporting the development of a programme of work to enable partners to collectively unlock investment to deliver nature recovery targets and continue to connect people with nature.
- The **WaterSpace programme** is continuing to develop along the River Avon corridor. The **WaterSpace Connected** Project is being further developed and funding is being sought to improve connections at the Somerdale site, helping to link Keynsham to the wider River Avon Corridor, and deliver nature recovery benefits in the coming years.

## Green Infrastructure

- The Council is leading on area wide **green infrastructure delivery partnership programmes – Somer Valley Rediscovered, Bathscape and Chew Valley Reconnected** – each improving management of habitat, increasing access to green space and nature through wide range of activities and events including walking festivals, practical conservation tasks, and citizen science projects.
- The Council is developing **green infrastructure mapping tools** to provide information on current GI provision and highlight deficiencies to support decision making to help meet climate and ecological targets, address inequalities in provision of green space to ensure communities who are most impacted by climate events- drought, heat and flood are more resilient.
- **Providing evidence to support new and revised Local Plan policy** to ensure new development meets B&NES Green Infrastructure Standards that are currently being aligned with new national GI Standards, and that development contributes positively towards nature recovery.
- Developing internal **GI training programme** to ensure new policy, evidence and tools are understood and used to embed GI in projects and decision making to deliver benefits for people, place and nature and meet councils targets and outcomes.

## Additional Info - Energy

- Over the past year we have been proud to work with Bath and West Community Energy, Bath Preservation Trust and other partners on the Green Heritage Homes project, which provides support to owners and landlords of listed buildings to understand how to retrofit for reduced carbon and energy costs. This has included the launch of a “Level 0” pre-planning application service, to support homeowners to choose appropriate measures, the message being- yes, you can retrofit listed buildings.
- Mission Net Zero - We are working with Bristol City Council and the other Unitary Authorities on the creation of a Regional Climate Investment Plan, funded via the Mission Net Zero project led by Bristol.
- Heat from mines- we are working with the West of England Combined Authority and Coal Authority to look at opportunities to recover heat from disused mines in the Radstock/Peasedown area.

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## **Cabinet Member Briefing Note**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Climate Transport and Environment PDS</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Manda Rigby</b>
<b>Sponsor Director</b>	<b>Chris Major</b>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>

### **Update from last meeting:**

- **General update**

- Delivery of the extended highway improvement scheme and highway maintenance programme has made good progress. The carriageway and footway surfacing programme 90% complete for current year.
- Schemes on the Local Active Travel Safety Programme are progressing well.
- Traffic Management, Network Management, Road Safety
  - The Road Safety team continues to work on initiatives and campaigns, working with schools and partner contractors Volker Highways and Yunex Traffic.
  - Invitation to tender documentation for the procurement of a new bus stop maintenance contract has been published.
- **Local Active Travel & Safety Programme**
  - Significant programme to deliver. Consultants have been appointed to support the delivery of specific schemes to the required programme. Remaining schemes are progressing well.
    - Zebra crossing, A36 Warminster Road completed September/ October 2024.
    - Zebra crossing, Fiveways junction, Batheaston completed September/ October 2024.
    - Puffin crossing, The Batch, Batheaston completed September/ October 2024.
    - Aids to Mobility: New drop kerbs/ tactiles completed at 18 locations. Barriers removed at Peasedown St John, new pedestrian barrier at Timsbury.
    - Cycle stands implemented at Alexandra Park and Keynsham High

Street.

○ **City Centre Security**

- HVM sliding bollards at Lower Borough Walls completed and operational October 2024.
- Trial excavation works at Beau Street being carried out October/ November 2024.

○ **CRSTS Technical Approvals: Co-ordinating Technical Approval programme for CRSTS schemes/ carrying out Technical Approvals for Scholars Way, Bath Quays Links, Liveable Neighbourhoods, Bath City Centre, Bristol to Bath Strategic Corridor, BSWCL, Somer Valley Links, Midsomer Norton Cycling and Walking Links .**

○ **Highway Maintenance**

- Highway Structures – River Chew Bridge, Keynsham Parapet refurbishment completed, railing repairs on raised footway in Pulteney Road now progressing. Upper Stanton Bank Stabilisation works awaiting specialist contractor quotations
- Highway Resurfacing – Resurfacing programme completed for calendar this year, Micro Asphalt Surface Treatment schemes now all completed.
- Footway Improvements – Asphalt Concrete Programme now completed; Footway Paving progressing well, current improvements Bathwick Hill Ph 1 due to be completed early November, works at the top of Milsom Street/George Street being planned in for January 2025 .
- Machine Laid Patching Programme completed and second phase of spray injection patching completed. Road Marking Refresh Programme now completed; Street Lighting Column Replacement Programme 66% completed with remaining sites programmed for completion by end of December 24.
- Highway Drainage Programme progressing to plan, Fosse Lane completed with further works on A368 Hunstrete/Chelwood planned early November 2024..

○ **Parking**

- The new charges took effect across Bath (10p per hour) and Keynsham (10p per hour and emissions-based) car parks from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- MSN, Radstock and Bath on street charges will remain as they are until January 2025. The Shallows, Saltford is free of charge until 1<sup>st</sup> April and not affected at this time.

○ **Liveable Neighbourhoods programme delivery**

- LNs aim to reduce the impacts associated with excessive traffic in residential areas (including congestion, speeding, noise, and air pollution), and to create fairer access to residential roads for those that wish to walk, wheel or cycle – making easier, safer and more attractive to travel actively.
- The Full Business Case for the LN Programme was approved by the Mayoral Combined Authority (WECA) in September. This has unlocked funding of £5.2m to deliver measures which have been developed with communities since



- **Future Timeline**

- Work is underway to confirm the timeline for future schemes with high level technical works being undertaken through the end of 2024 and the start of 2025. At this time, due to the technical assessments being incomplete no decisions have been made on the detailed programme for implementation. It is anticipated that the public engagement for the next round of schemes will be scheduled to commence in the spring of 2025.

- **Lansdown ETRO**

- Following the rectification of minor procedural issues, the Lower Lansdown ETRO relating to interventions in Winifred's Lane, Catharine Place and Gay Street will be implemented from 1 November 2024.

- **Sydney Road ETRO**

- The Sydney Road Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) is delivered, and the statutory public consultation ended on 3 October 2024. The data being collected as part of the trial is now being considered.
- As previously stated, when assessing the options for a Liveable Neighbourhood within the Sydney Road/Sydney Place area, we gathered information from Ward Councillors, a full public consultation and a co-design workshop. These processes provided a range of concerns, opportunities and potential solutions. Then the suggestions and options are assessed by our consultant using the recommended Multi Criteria Assessment Framework (MCAF) process. This is a means of using a standard scoring system that assesses items against an agreed set of criteria that can be applied consistently across a series of interventions to enable comparison.
- Traffic calming measures were assessed using this process and whilst these could have been taken forward, they did not score as highly within the assessment as the use of a modal filter. Therefore, this option was discounted and not included within the recommended shortlisting.
- When we do consider traffic management schemes as the preferred solution and particularly road humps or speed tables, we consider the location very carefully, including whether there are any specific constraints within the locale due to previous complaints of noise and vibration.
- Loose manhole and statutory undertakers covers, poor road surface and pot-holes contribute to ground-borne vibrations. This has resulted in a measured approach to using such interventions as the problems can be significant and long lasting, resulting in continued complaint and frustration from our communities.

- **Safe Systems**

- The council has adopted an aim that no one should be killed or seriously injured whilst using a road in B&NES, otherwise known as "Vision Zero". It's an ambitious target and whilst it at first seem impossible, nearly all collisions on our roads are preventable. Crashes are not something that just happen and

they shouldn't be accepted as something we tolerate.

- In order to head towards this target, we will be beginning to use the “Safe Systems” approach to road safety. It means that road safety is no longer just a byproduct of our work, but we actively look and become responsible within our roles for the opportunity to decrease the chances of serious or fatal injuries occurring on our network.
  - The Safe Systems approach means a shared responsibility across society for:
    - Safer roads & roadside
    - Safe road users
    - Safe speeds
    - Safe vehicles
    - And suitable Post-crash response
  - The West of England Joint Local Transport Plan already includes an aim of eliminating fatal and serious injuries on our roads. We will be working with partner organisations such as neighbouring authorities and the police to progress this.
- **Winter Maintenance Programme.**
- The Highway Service working with Volker all prepare for coming winter season commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> November to the end of March. Although this can be extended either at the start or the end dependent on weather conditions. This keeps Bath & North East Somerset Council's highway network moving during the winter with stocks of road salt, grit bins and gritting lorries prepared.
  - Almost 2,000 Tonnes of road salt are already in dry storage in the council's two salt barns and work to check and refill the 434 grit bins across Bath & North East Somerset is underway. The spreading of road salt helps prevent ice forming on road surfaces and makes them safer for road users.
  - A dry gritting run took place making sure the council's nine gritting lorries were ready and working after their summer services. The council has split its gritting fleet this year for the first time and will operate three gritting lorries from the Keynsham Recycling Hub, providing quicker access to gritting routes nearby and increasing the council's operational resilience.
  - On average the council carries out 57 gritting runs each year, using around 2,500 Tonnes of road salt as it maintains 1,102km of highway. Each gritting run sees gritting vehicles deployed to prioritised highways like A roads, B roads, bus routes and roads which provide access to schools and hospitals.
  - You can see a map of the council's gritting routes and grit bin locations on the council web site. [here](#).
  - The Highways team will provide a 24/7 service keeping our road network safe and running.”
  - The council will use the colder months to focus on maintaining the highway and undertaking reactive works like pothole repairs, gully cleansing and gritting. Highway patching and resurfacing works pause until the warmer, drier and more suitable weather of spring.

- As temperatures drop, the Highways team will closely monitor specialist forecasts and data from its own weather stations to identify when low temperatures and weather conditions pose a threat to road users. Gritting runs are needed whenever road temperatures near freezing. There are 18 specially trained drivers on stand-by to respond when required.
- In times of snow the gritter fleet are fitted with snow ploughs and resources from across Place Directorate are redirected to assist in clearing snow from pedestrian routes.

• **Forward plan of work for next period**

○ **Traffic Management, Network Management, Road Safety**

- Evaluation of new bus stop maintenance contract tenders. –
- Action plan for Vision Zero – continuing internal launch of Safe Systems approach in Highways.
- Completion of upgrade to traffic signals remote fault monitoring system, replacing existing system which will soon be obsolete.
- Continue delivery of the ambitious and challenging Local Highways Improvement programme - £2.8m of work (compared to usual £1.1m)

○ **Highway Maintenance**

- Upper Stanton Bank Stabilisation site works planned for October/November 24 -weather permitting.
- Bathwick Hill Footway Paving Improvements to end of November 24. Asphalt Concrete Footway Improvements to end of October 24.
- Street Lighting Column Replacement Programme to be completed by end December 24

○ **Parking**

- New Parking charges Implementation,
- Currently 28 CEO post are filled and 2 are vacant, recruitment continues to ensure full establishment

○ **Liveable Neighbourhoods programme**

- Following approval of the Full Business Case, confirm the project plan to deliver of the identified measures and interventions in various communities across B&NES.
- Implementation of the ETRO schemes in Lower Lansdown from 1 November (specifically in Winifred's Lane, Catharine Place and Gay Street) following the re-issue of a new ETRO.
- Data analysis and monitoring of Sydney Road ETRO scheme to continue
- Subject to the approval of the Full Business Case, planning will continue to deliver of the identified measures and interventions in various communities across B&NES.
- Re-programming of the implementation of the ETRO schemes in Lower Lansdown (specifically in Winifred's Lane, Catharine Place and Gay Street) following the re-issue of a new ETRO.
- Monitoring of Sydney Road ETRO scheme to continue.

○ **Park and Ride**

- Work currently underway with consultancy support to complete the P&R Action Plan
- New fare structure in place as per budget requirement

