

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

CABINET

Wednesday, 8th February, 2012

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Present:

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| Councillor Paul Crossley | Leader of the Council |
| Councillor Nathan Hartley | Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Youth |
| Councillor David Bellotti | Cabinet Member for Community Resources |
| Councillor Simon Allen | Cabinet Member for Wellbeing |
| Councillor Tim Ball | Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning |
| Councillor Cherry Beath | Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development |
| Councillor Roger Symonds | Cabinet Member for Transport |

142 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair was taken by Councillor Paul Crossley, Leader of the Council.
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

143 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair drew attention to the evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda.

144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor David Dixon

145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

There were none.

146 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was none.

147 QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

There were 3 questions from the following people: Councillors Michael Evans, Alan Hale, Geoff Ward.

[Copies of the questions and response, including supplementary questions and responses if any, have been placed on the Minute book as Appendix 1 and are available on the Council's website.]

148 STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

George Bailey read a statement on behalf of David Redgewell (South West Transport Network) relating to Planning and Transport Development. *[The statement is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2 and on the Council's website]*

Amanda Leon (Radstock Action Group) made a statement relating to the Radstock road scheme. *[The statement is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3 and on the Council's website]*

Cllr Eleanor Jackson made a statement relating to Victoria Hall and Radstock Development Funding, after which she presented a petition to Cabinet signed by over 400 residents asking that the Victoria Hall be kept open for community use. *[The statement is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 4 and on the Council's website]*

The Chair referred the statement and petition to Councillor David Bellotti for his consideration and response in due course.

Pamela Galloway (Save Our 6/7 Buses) made a statement. *[The statement is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 5 and on the Council's website]*

149 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Nathan Hartley, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

150 CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

There were none.

151 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

There were none.

152 SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

The Cabinet agreed to note the report.

153 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT TO 31ST DECEMBER 2011

Councillor David Bellotti, in proposing the item, said that by 2015, instead of a borrowing requirement of £205M which had been the case previously, the Cabinet would have reduced this by more than £30M.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) TO NOTE the Treasury Management Report to 31st December 2011, prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Code of Practice; and

(2) To NOTE the Treasury Management Indicators to 31st December 2011.

154 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, CASH LIMITS AND VIREMENTS - APRIL 2011 TO DECEMBER 2011

Councillor David Bellotti, in proposing the item, said that most budgets had underspent in the financial year, and the one overspent service (transportation) had extenuating circumstances. He was pleased with the progress made by Strategic Directors to keep spending under control.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To ASK Strategic Directors to continue to work with Portfolio Holders towards managing within budgets in the current year for their respective service areas, and to manage below budget where possible by not committing unnecessary expenditure, through tight budgetary control;

(2) To NOTE this year's revenue budget position as shown in the report;

(3) To NOTE the capital expenditure position for the Council in the financial year to the end of December, and the year-end projections detailed in the report;

(4) To AGREE the revenue virements listed for approval in the report; and

(5) To NOTE the changes in the capital programme listed in the report.

155 FINANCIAL PLAN 2012/13 - 2014/15, BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2012/13

The Chair introduced Councillor John Bull, Chair of the Resources PDS Panel, who referred to the Summary of the Panel's Budget Recommendations to Cabinet *[a copy of which had been placed in the public gallery before the meeting, and is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 9 and on the Council's website]*. Councillor Bull drew the Cabinet's attention to each point in turn. He called in particular for the Cabinet to ensure rigorous monitoring of the effects of the Budget on vulnerable young people, because the Panel had been concerned that the Equalities Impact Assessment for Adult Social Care and Housing, People and Communities had not properly considered this.

Councillor Charles Gerrish made an *ad hoc* statement in which he expressed concern that the Heritage Services business plan had been based on the depressed visitor figures from the bad winter of 2010. He also asked Cabinet to delay any decision on the mobile library service until the consultation period had completed. He emphasised the Council's responsibility to isolated communities and vulnerable people. He suggested that the Council's recycling facilities should open and close

an hour later on Sundays, because more people would be likely to use it later in the day.

Councillor John Bull made an *ad hoc* statement in which he welcomed the allocation of extra funds for affordable homes and the funding for transferring Paulton Library to a community-run facility in a vacant shop. He expressed big doubts, however, about the proposed reduction in the social care budget.

Councillor Eleanor Jackson made an *ad hoc* statement in which she agreed that the quality of the equality impact assessments was a cause for concern. She referred to the cuts to the Equality Team and to the Policy and Partnerships Team, who were responsible for monitoring.

Councillor David Bellotti, in moving the recommendations, emphasised that the proposals would ensure a reduction in borrowing; a zero increase in Council Tax; improved services; and more local projects. He was grateful to Councillor Bull for the Resource Panel's contribution to the debate. He confirmed that the Cabinet recognised the need for regular scrutiny of all the higher risk savings in the Proposed Budget for 2012/2013 including the £825K for the residential care costs of adults with learning difficulties. The Cabinet would ask officers to ensure that the progress and delivery of all such high risk savings was included within the quarterly Budget Outturn Monitoring reports.

He felt that the observation made by Councillor Gerrish about the winter visitor figures was a fair comment, although the November figures had also shown the same picture so he was confident about the outcome. He promised to pass the idea about Sunday Recycling Opening times to the Divisional Director, Environmental Services, for his consideration because he agreed it was a good idea. He emphasised that the cuts being proposed for libraries was a quarter of the cut being made by central government to the Council's library funding. The Budget would protect libraries better than neighbouring authorities had been able to do.

He referred to Councillor Jenkins' comments about responsibility for equalities. He felt that all Council officers must take ownership of the equalities agenda, and that this must not be left to be a centralised team.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal and thanked all who had worked so hard to prepare the budget, particularly the Finance Department. He observed that all the surrounding Councils had needed to make cuts, but this Council had been able to make a balanced budget based almost entirely on efficiency savings. He was particularly pleased about the proposals to increase affordable housing; slowing traffic in built-up areas; improving local facilities; supporting young care-leavers; and supporting elderly independent living.

Councillor Roger Symonds expressed his delight that the grant to support the Bath Transportation Package had been confirmed late in 2011; the Budget proposals would allocate £1.6M to a reviewed Rossiter Road scheme; and that there was a continuing commitment to support community transport, particularly in vulnerable areas.

Councillor Cherry Beath said that the Heritage Business Plan showed how the increased profit will be achieved and sustained. She was delighted that there were significant regeneration investments in Radstock, Keynsham and London Road. She had also been delighted that the Cabinet's intention to get the best deal for Broadband Delivery had been achieved, which would be of most benefit in the rural areas.

Councillor Nathan Hartley welcomed the increasing number of apprentices and the decline in young people Not In Education, Employment or Training. He observed that the overall cuts in the budget had been less than 0.5%. In his own portfolio he referred to increases of £100K for children in care and £100K for young people leaving care. The proposals would protect targeted youth services and youth democracy. The dedicated schools grant had been about the same as last year.

Councillor Simon Allen observed that the proposal was for a balanced budget. Cuts had been made where necessary, so as to improve services where necessary. The cuts to Learning Disability Residential funding would be challenging, but were counterbalanced by increases in personal budgets.

Councillor Tim Ball observed that the whole framework of nationally funded local services was changing. He welcomed that appointment of a planning enforcement officer, which would enable planning officers to deal with planning applications more effectively. He referred to the £500K allocation for social housing, and money to bring unused housing back into use.

Councillor David Bellotti summed up by referring to the update document *[a copy of which had been placed in the public gallery before the meeting and is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 10 and on the Council's website]*. He was pleased to say that Cabinet had been able to clarify in that document that £32K would be allocated to support the 6/7 Bus Service. He talked the Cabinet through the document, including three typographical amendments to the budget proposals document.

He confirmed that, as required in the Localism Act, the Council would be asked as part of the Budget to confirm the authority's Pay Policy.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To RECOMMEND that the Council approve:

(a) The General Fund net revenue budget for 2012/13 of £120.106m with no increase in Council Tax;

(b) That no Special Expenses be charged other than Town and Parish Council precepts for 2012/13;

(c) The adequacy of reserves, with a risk-assessed level of £10.5m;

(d) The individual service cash limits for 2012/13 as detailed in the report;

(e) That the specific arrangements for the governance and release of reserves, including invest to save proposals, be delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Resources and the Chief Executive;

(2) To RECOMMEND that the Council include the precepts set and approved by other bodies including the Local Precepts of Town Councils, Parish Councils and the Charter Trustees of the City of Bath, and those of the Fire and Police Authorities in its Council Tax setting;

(3) To RECOMMEND that the Council acknowledges the Section 151 officer's report on the robustness of the proposed budget and the adequacy of the Council's reserves and approves the conditions upon which the recommendations are made as set out in the report;

(4) To RECOMMEND that in relation to the capital budget the Council:

(a) approves a capital programme of £37.471m for 2012/13 and notes items for provisional approval in 2012/13 and the programme for 2013/14 to 2016/17 as shown in the report, including the planned sources of funding;

(b) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy;

(c) approves the Capital Prudential Indicators;

(5) To RECOMMEND to Council that the Council notes the Policy Development & Scrutiny review of Medium Term Service and Resource Plans and 2012/13 Service Action Plans and instructs the relevant officers to finalise and publish their Medium Term Service and Resource Plans and Service Action Plans by end of March 2012, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and in light of feedback from the PD&S reviews, and in line with the approved cash limits; and

(6) To AUTHORISE the Divisional Director – Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Resources, to make any necessary presentational improvements to the draft budget proposal for submission to Council.

156 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT & ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2012/13

Councillor David Bellotti, in proposing the item, emphasised that the council was very fortunate to have such high quality finance officers. He reminded Cabinet that proper Treasury Management underpinned the whole budget.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti, seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To RECOMMEND that Council approves the actions proposed within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement;

(2) To RECOMMEND that Council approves the Investment Strategy;

(3) To RECOMMEND that Council approves the changes to the authorised lending lists;

(4) To RECOMMEND that Council approves the adoption of CIPFA's revised Code of Practice on Treasury Management;

(5) To RECOMMEND that Council approves the revised Treasury Management Policy Statement;

(6) To NOTE the Treasury Management Indicators;

(7) To DELEGATE authority for updating the indicators prior to approval at Full Council on 14th February 2012 to the Divisional Director - Finance and Cabinet Member for Community Resources, in light of any changes to the recommended budget as set out in the Budget Report elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

157 THE COUNCIL'S VISION AND VALUES

Councillor Paul Crossley, in proposing the item, referred to the wide consultation which had fed into the new vision and values. All Councillors and middle Managers were invited to contribute and the Cabinet had taken on board a significant number of suggestions and observations from that consultation.

Councillor Nathan Hartley seconded the proposal and said that putting people first was a fine principle on which to base the Council's service decisions.

Councillor Cherry Beath endorsed the proposals.

Councillor Crossley, in summing up, referred to paragraph 5 of the report and observed that the list of partners should be amended by adding "town and parish councils", so that it would now read, "the police, schools, the health service, town and parish councils, community organisations, local businesses, local people and communities".

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Nathan Hartley, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- (1) To AGREE the refresh of the Council's Vision;
- (2) To REPLACE the Council's previous eight priorities with three objectives that describe what it is trying to achieve and enable it to focus resources;
- (3) To UPDATE its values to reflect how the Council will operate and the kind of organisation it will be; and
- (4) To COMMUNICATE these developments to the public and staff.

158 QUALITY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME FOR CORRIDOR 6 OF THE GREATER BRISTOL BUS NETWORK

Councillor John Bull made an *ad hoc* statement expressing his concern that the recommendation in paragraph 2.2 of the report did not specify that the Divisional Director in making any changes must consult with the Cabinet member. He asked for this to be amended.

Councillor Paul Moss in an *ad hoc* statement brought the Cabinet's attention to the fact that the Midsomer Norton to Bristol bus service was listed in Schedule 1 of the report as being only one bus a day in each direction. He emphasised that this would be an ideal opportunity to improve the service.

Councillor Charles Gerrish made an *ad hoc* statement encouraging the Cabinet member to be robust in his negotiations with First. He felt that the Council should, as before, insist on a "maximum fare" clause in future agreements with First.

Councillor Roger Symonds introduced the item. He referred to the point made by Councillor Moss, and promised that he would address the issue of the frequency of services between Bristol and Midsomer Norton. He referred to the point made by Councillor Bull, and agreed that recommendation 2.2 should read "in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport". As a result, he moved a proposal which differed from the published recommendations.

Councillor Tim Ball said that he was delighted, to second the proposal.

On a motion from Councillor Roger Symonds, seconded by Councillor Tim Ball, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- (1) To AGREE that a quality partnership scheme be made covering the bus route corridor between Midsomer Norton and Bristol via Whitchurch;

(2) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director for Planning & Transport Development to determine in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport the appropriate standard of services in the quality partnership scheme; and

(3) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director for Planning & Transport Development to decide in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport on any revisions to the standards of services in the quality partnership scheme arising from the formal review process.

159 VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT 2012/3

Councillor Roger Symonds, in moving the recommendations, said that the proposals would increase or maintain all the awarded grants.

Councillor Simon Allen seconded the proposal and observed that the criteria and the grants being recommended fitted well with the Council's new vision of putting people first and encouraging independence.

Councillor David Bellotti supported the proposal. He referred to paragraph 3.5 of the report, which identified an amount of £42,500 grant from the government to assist with community transport services. He asked the Cabinet member to agree to bring any proposals on spending this grant back to Cabinet for approval.

Councillor Paul Crossley was delighted with the proposals and felt that they delivered an inclusive agenda.

Councillor Roger Symonds summed up. He assured Councillor David Bellotti that he would indeed bring back to Cabinet any proposals for spending the £42,500 community transport funding. He reminded Cabinet however that the funding was specifically given by government to be used for community transport development.

On a motion from Councillor Roger Symonds, seconded by Councillor Simon Allen, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To APPROVE funding proposals laid out in appendix 2 of the report;

(2) To AGREE that new two-year service level agreements be entered into with the three dial-a-ride schemes in the Council's area;

(3) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director for Planning and Transport Development to reallocate funds, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, from approved projects that become unviable owing to the level of funding allocated or to a change in circumstances of the applicant group, should such situations arise during the year.

160 FOSTERING ALLOWANCES ANNUAL REVIEW

Councillor Nathan Hartley proposed the recommendations. He explained that it was never easy to recruit good foster parents; but that he was delighted that the Family Placements Team had been working so hard to attract new fosterers. He reminded Cabinet that Children and Young People were a key priority for the Council.

Councillor Cherry Beath seconded the proposal by saying how impressed she had been by the commitment shown by foster carers. The proposed rises were in line with the recommendations of the Fostering Network.

[Councillor Tim Ball in a personal statement explained that he had no interest to declare on this matter, because he and his wife claimed no allowances from this authority.]

On a motion from Councillor Nathan Hartley, seconded by Councillor Cherry Beath, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- (1) To INCREASE fostering age related allowances and permanence allowances in line with Fostering Network recommendations as set out in the report;
- (2) To AGREE that there will be no change in fostering fees, savings rates for children in care, or supported lodgings as set out in the report; and
- (3) To NOTE the current level of care leavers maintenance which is linked to Job Seekers Allowance as set out in the report.

161 RESPONSE TO SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL MINERALS PLANNING OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Councillor Charles Gerrish in an *ad hoc* statement welcomed the report. He explained his concerns about the approach of the Mendip Council, particularly the impact on the Council's highways of any increase in extraction in the Mendip area as a result of HGV movements.

Councillor Tim Ball, in proposing the item, acknowledged the comments made by Councillor Gerrish. He also referred to reported seismic events caused by hydraulic fracking in the north of England. His biggest concern was that extraction in the Mendip Hills might have an unforeseen impact on the source of Bath's spa waters.

Councillor Paul Crossley seconded the proposal. He said that he had asked the two local MPs to sign an Early Day Motion to stop any extraction in Mendip, and that one had so far agreed. He emphasised the importance of preventing anything which might put at risk the exceptionally high quality of Bath's waters.

Councillor Roger Symonds referred to Councillor Gerrish's comments about Heavy Goods Vehicles. He explained that he was already speaking to Somerset County Council about this matter. He proposed an amendment which would add the words "Cabinet agrees that the Council will monitor the traffic of Heavy Goods Vehicles passing from Somerset into North East Somerset".

Councillors Tim Ball and Cherry Beath both accepted the amendment.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Ball, seconded by Councillor Cherry Beath, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- (1) To AGREE that the assessment as set out at Appendix 1 of the report will form the basis of the response to the consultation on the Minerals Core Strategy Options Paper to be forwarded to Somerset County Council by 12th February 2012 to help inform the preparation of Somerset County Council's draft Minerals Core Strategy; and
- (2) To AGREE that the Council will monitor the traffic of Heavy Goods Vehicles passing from Somerset into North East Somerset.

[Clause 2 above was added as a result of an amendment proposed by Councillor Roger Symonds and accepted by the proposer and seconder of the primary motion.]

162 HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - RECOMMISSION

Phil Gait (Chairman, Care and Repair) made a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 6 and on the Council's website*] asking Cabinet to reject the proposals because he felt they were unworkable and because of the impact they would have on vulnerable people.

Councillor Simon Allen, in proposing the item, said that the role of the Home Improvement Agency had developed, and was now seen as pivotal in helping older and vulnerable people to remain independent. The need would continue to grow, and the HIA must develop to meet that need. He stressed that the proposed contract would deliver flexibility and local expertise right to the point where it was needed.

Councillor Tim Ball seconded the proposal. He stressed that there was a local aspect to the proposals, which was essential.

Councillor David Bellotti referred to paragraph 3.2 of the report, in which estimated savings of 12% had been identified. He explained that any savings achieved might not necessarily be invested back into the same service.

Councillor Allen acknowledged the point made by Councillor Bellotti.

On a motion from Councillor Simon Allen, seconded by Councillor Tim Ball, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To AGREE that Bath & North East Somerset continues to participate in the joint competitive procurement process to secure a new West of England Home Improvement Agency contractor; and

(2) To CONFIRM the delegated authority of the Programme Director for Non-Acute Health, Social Care and Housing, in her capacity as chair of the Supporting People & Communities Board, to exercise her judgement in concluding the contractual processes associated with this commission.

163 VARIOUS ROADS, KEYNSHAM TRO

Councillor Charles Gerrish read a statement by Councillor Alan Hale [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 7 and on the Council's website*]. In the statement, Councillor Hale explained that residents of Dapps Hill had not responded in great numbers to the consultation about the proposed residents parking because they felt that they had made their feelings known in previous consultations and by means of an earlier petition. He asked Cabinet to bear this in mind when considering the Dapps Hill proposals.

Councillor Charles Gerrish made a statement on his own behalf in which he welcomed the proposals, particularly those relating to his own ward. He was concerned about enforcement on Saturdays and Sundays.

Roger Busby (Resident, Dapps Hill) made a statement [*a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 8 and on the Council's website*] appealing to the Cabinet to proceed with the Dapps Hill Residents Parking Zone, despite the low response to the public consultation.

Councillor Roger Symonds, in proposing the item, referred to the 5-year backlog of traffic orders. The proposals before Cabinet showed a determination to deal with this. He explained that the Council had a statutory duty to consult on the proposals, and said that in the case of Dapps Hill, the statutory response had been

inconclusive. He did agree however that he would look again at that proposal in a year's time.

In response to Councillor Gerrish's comment, he confirmed that the Council did issue tickets on Saturdays and Sundays. Local Councillors could also ring, to express concern, if they felt it necessary.

Councillor Cherry Beath seconded the proposals which she felt were reasonable. She welcomed the commitment to look again at Dapps Hill in a year's time.

On a motion from Councillor Roger Symonds, seconded by Councillor Cherry Beath, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To IMPLEMENT the following Traffic Regulation Orders because no objections were received by the statutory deadlines:

(a) No Waiting at Any Time in Access Road to Tesco from Bristol Road, Access Road to Chandag Junior School, Chandag Road, Cranmore Avenue, Courtlands, Charlton Park, Charlton Road, Caernarvon Road, Caernarvon Close, Derwent Grove, Durley Hill, Dapps Hill, Holmoak Road, Kennet Road, Access Road to Tintagel Close (Kelston Road), Lambourn Road, Lockingwell Road, Northern Access Road to Wellsway School, Oak Tree Walk, Old Bristol Road, Queen's Road, Severn Way, St Ladoc Road.

(b) No Loading in Chandag Road

(c) No Waiting Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm in Chandag Road

(d) Limited Waiting Mon-Sat, 8am-6pm (2 hours) in Chandag Road

(e) Loading Bays in Chandag Road, High Street

(f) Disabled Bay in West View Road Mon – Fri, 8am – 6pm

(2) To MODIFY the School Keep Clears Chandag Road TRO so that the times are 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday only

(3) To ABANDON the schemes for Residents Permit Parking (Mon-Sat, 8am-6pm) in Chandos Road, Dryleaze, Summerleaze, Priory Road, Dapps Hill, St Clements Road.

164 GREEN INVESTMENT BANK

Councillor Paul Crossley proposed the item. He was delighted that the local area had thriving green, silicon and environmental industries. There were a number of very good reasons why the Green Investment Bank should be located in Bristol.

Councillor Cherry Bath seconded the proposal.

Councillor Roger Symonds was delighted, because this had been in his Party's manifesto commitment.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Cherry Beath, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

(1) To SUPPORT the bid for the Green Investment Bank to be located in Bristol

(2) To WORK with the Local Enterprise Partnership, the business community and Bristol City Council to promote the opportunities afforded by locating the Bank in Bristol

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm

Chair _____

Date Confirmed and Signed _____

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